



Members of the **Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association** gathered at the Mount Zion Lutheran Church on the evening of January 26th for our **Annual General meeting**.

What transpired:

President Sherry Messenger gave an overview of the activities in 2022:

- Garage Sale in May
- We offered \$100 to any block to host a Block Party
- Mayoral candidates meeting
- Halloween decorating contest
- Remembrance Day wreath
- Holiday cards/ registration forms - hand delivered

Note that our Council liaison is Daniel Fontaine.

Treasurer Deb Thomas gave a [brief financial](#) & membership report:

- 84 members for 2023 as of tonight
- Chief revenues for 2022: John Cook's sponsorship, membership fees (Total revenues \$2760)
- Major expenses for 2022: (Total expenses \$2166)
 - We bought 2 banners for the garage sale that can be reused
 - Website and hosting fees (every 3 years)
 - Holiday greeting/membership renewal/survey – printing

Elections and acclamations:

- No one stepped forward for President (vacant)
- Sid Johnson - Vice President
- Deb Thomas - Treasurer and Membership
- Dani Karlsson - Secretary
- Terry Tomcko - Webmaster
- Directors at large - Chester Kmiec, Sue Johnson
- Past President - Sherry Messenger

Guest Speaker - Alison Silgado, CEO, [Senior Services Society](#)

- Supporting seniors that live on their own
- 24% of the homeless are seniors
 - Most never have been homeless before
 - Most are single women, used to be homemakers
 - Homeless prevention plan = mostly when hospitals discharge seniors after extended stays

- The society works with helping seniors get housing, food, and health care
- 22-member team at the society
- 14,000 - 17,000 calls a year
- Online course to help seniors
- Also assist seniors with taxes and filling out forms
- SHINE = partners all over the province to provide aide
- Outreach = support workers go with seniors to go discuss with landlords, banks, anything they need help with
- Working with new builds to add housing to their affordable housing list
- For their latest newsletter, see <https://conta.cc/3Wv2YwM>

Finally, there were a few concerns expressed from the floor:

- Ensure that the MVH garage sale does not conflict with Queen's Park's sale. [Ours is always the first Saturday of May and theirs is around Mother's Day so they will conflict every 4 or 5 years]
- Concerns about lighting in the neighbourhood. [The MVHRA is in touch with the City regarding this]
- Street signs in New Westminster are too small for aging eyes
- A number of concerns about anticipated traffic congestion once the planned development at 8th Ave and Cumberland is completed. [The MVHRA Executive will look into a general meeting with someone from the City to answer questions about the development]