



Annual General Meeting-Jan 22nd, 2026

7:00pm – 8:27pm

Mount Zion Lutheran Church

Attendance: 27 inclusive of

(7) executive, sponsors – John Cooke, Chester Kmiec, Van Dop Gallery
Councillors – Paul Minhas

Speakers - Annie Sudeyko, Shawn Sheehan, Ria Renouf,

1 **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

MVH Residents Association recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt first nation, and as well all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

2 **Introductions- Executive – Sid Johnson, Lorna Cloutier, Sue Johnson, Directors – Terry Tomcko, Deb Thomas, Chester Kmiec, Silvana Mameli** **Absent:** Dani Karlsson,

3 **MVHRA Previous minutes formal adoption.**

Minutes from last RA meeting HELD Sept 25th be formally adopted as circulated October 2025. This is in regard to our GM held Sept 25th
Moved: Terry Tomcko Seconded: Deb Thomas and unanimously accepted.

4 **Crisis Response Pilot Project (CRPP)**

Annie Sudeyko, Supervisor, Social Planning & Homelessness Prevention
Nicole O'Connor, Manager, Homelessness Services (not in attendance)
Shawn Sheehan, Manager, Street Use Compliance & Liaison
Ria Renouf, Communications Coordinator, Crises Response Pilot Project

- 2-year Pilot has been running for over 1 year (start Sept. 2024)
- Currently being reviewed – goes thru to December 2026
- Video on project - [on Youtube here](#),



- 3 Crises – Substance, Homelessness & Mental Health
 - Between 2020 & 2023 Homeless increased in New West by 65%, 47% with Mental Health issues & 52% with Substance abuse use
- PowerPoint presentation given at meeting as presented found on MVHRA website as attachment
- 3 City Teams collaborating with community groups
 - Crises Response Team – Provides non-clinical outreach and helps to connect people to faith-based, non-profit and provincial organizations. Transition Services planning.
 - Operations Support Team – which includes Community Liaison Officer Program. One phone number 604-527-4502. Operates 24/7
 - Operations Support Team distributes seasonal kits to those experiencing homelessness. Warming kits in winter and cooling kits in summer. They average 450 contacts per month. Youth homelessness is a big problem, due to aging out of care.
 - Policy & Advocacy Team – Focus is on Longer Term Strategic Planning. 5yr & 10 yr plans. Works to obtain funding & resources.
 - City recently awarded \$1.75M from Health Canada's Emergency Treatment Fund and also awarded \$50K from Min of Public Safety & Solicitor General to establish an Adult Situation Table.
- Further Highlights
 - 50 bed shelter at 502 Columbia Street has gone from a 12hr model to eventually 24hr model. Currently 21hr. Renovations are underway to accommodate the changes.
 - With 24/7 shelters clients have a bed and place to store a few belongings.



- Case workers to help transition into permanent housing – Housing with wrap around support.
 - There is success with long term New West people getting housing.
 - 16 other communities in BC doing similar **things** and these have been reviewed by the New West Teams
 - In the discussion was acknowledged Homelessness is a Senior Government Responsibility, however New West has a history of providing for Homelessness and this pilot program intended to be a positive contributor as part of the solution
- CRPP has learned
 - Prevention is Key
 - Programs that currently exist
 - Need more systematic programs from Senior Governments
 - Check out the following links
 - www.newwestcity.ca/crises-response-project
 - www.newwestcity.ca/crises-response-project/fq

5 **MVHRA overview of 2025 activities**

- **Sid reviewed the eblast statistics over the past year** – covering the various events that happened. The highest rate of opening of the eblasts was the Street light changes. Approx 380 recipients of eblasts
- We have 310 followers on MVHRA Facebook page
- Garage Sale – 20 registered participants in 2025, this is slightly lower than previous years.
- MVHRA Block Parties – 2 grants applied for and received. Thank you from one of the Block Participants and how much it was enjoyed
- November 11, 2025 – Wreath laid at Cenotaph
- For those that had followed MVHRA FaceBook post, regarding the campaign to collect 100 Christmas cards for Irv Radatzke , a MHV resident and one of the original veterans who built his home within



MVH who had just turned 100 years old, generated 710 cards as of Dec 25th

- MVHRA – Welcome Flyer – 17 delivered based on Home Sales and one resident immediately joined
- Streetlight Replacement High level over review of series of these events during 2025 summarized.
- 2 workshops held so far, followed with formal presentation by the Heritage Consultants & City engineering staff to Council
- Petition executed during the 2025 New Westminster Heritage home tour and submitted to City generated 156 signatures during this event
- Independent Heritage assessment report completed and full report can be found on our MVHRA website, under the advocacy tab,
- Council's subsequent direction to staff going forward, direct staff to work with the RA in the final selection of replacement low style street lamp post inclusive of a select number (5) of existing heritage lights to be preserved and sited within the neighbourhood.
- In addressing City Council's direction 1st of 2 workshops held on Dec 17th. Date for 2nd workshop to be confirmed, but anticipated sometime in February

6 MVHRA overview finances

o/a 2025 worked with \$3100, Expenses of \$1800 for year (which included meeting room rental, Email service, IT consultant costs, printing costs and Block Party Grants)
Ended year with \$1300 (to be carried forward to 2026)

7 Elections of the 2026 MVHRA Executive

Paul Minhas ran election and all members re-elected for another year.

President: Sid Johnson

Vice President: Remained vacant

Secretary: Lorna Cloutier

Treasurer: Sue Johnson



Directors: Terry Tomcko, Deb Thomas, Dani Karlsson, Chester Kmiec, Silvana Mameli

- 8 **Announcements and General reminders (misc Q&A)**
- **Sponsors:** John Cooke, City NW, **Van Dop Gallery (new Sponsor)**
 - **2026 Active Transportation Network** progression **reminder**. MVH falls within Year 3 of the 2022 Master Plan. Hence consultation should be expected in 2026.
 - **Infill houses changes and formal adoption anticipated 2026** related to SSMUH (small scale multi-unit housing) policy & updates to that policy and guidelines within our zone boundary.
 - **Tax Increases** – Freshnet News article raised concerns. New West is already 2nd highest Tax rate in Lower Mainland. The Budget 2026: 10-year Capital Vision (2026-2035) and Funding Strategy was presented at the November 10, 2025, Council Workshop. Residents can find all the information at links there. If one wishes you can also watch the staff's presentation and discussion with Council.
- 9 Next meeting April 2026 (tentatively April 16th or 23rd)