

**Victoria West Community Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2012  
7pm - Victoria West Community Centre

Board Members in attendance: Mike Medland, Jack Meredith, Nan Judd, Mark Fournier, Bernie Gaudet, and Brittany Gamble-Simms.

Regrets: Joy Illington and Audrey Whittall

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve by Mark F.  
Carried.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of April 24 and Minutes of March 27, 2012.  
Motion to approve both by Mark F.  
Carried.

**3. Reports:**

**a) President's report- Nan Judd**

The President presented 9 new member applications and asked for a motion to approve the memberships of D Fredette of Sherk St., J Reilly of Alderman Road, C. Owens of Russell St, S. Bartman of Skinner St, K Filteau of Skinner St, S. Godfrey of Wilson St, D. Jacklin of Sitkum Road, S. Peak of Craigflower Road, and A. Quinn of Suffolk St,

Motion to approve the memberships by Bernie.  
Carried.

**b) Treasurer's Report- Mike Medland**

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the month of April covering the budget, year to date revenue of the Association and of the Centre and expenses to date.

We are running on a surplus for April. Grant money will resume in July, since our previous year's funding ended in April.

Vic West Fest was financially successful. Motion was proposed putting all revenues above the \$100 cost/budget allowed (to replenish funds) be put into a newly created account exclusively for the kitchen upgrades and certifications.

The issue of how the VWCA set priorities was raised.  
The motion was tabled to be brought forward to the next CoW meeting.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Nan.  
Carried.

**c) Centre Manager's Report- Kate Longpre**

- Great rentals in the last 2 months
- Office space will be rented by Antidote, a support group for at risk First Nations and racial minority girls and women.
- a lot of focus will be put on programming for the fall/winter
- Bernie inquired about mechanisms in place to find out what the community wants; Kate has been using conversation with visitors to the centre as her primary source, but intends to utilize social media more.

**d) Report of City Hall- Councillor Lisa Helps**

Enjoyed the wish line at VWF and requested a hard copy of the wishes be sent to her.

Stated that she is working towards a motion to make city council more transparent, limiting how many things happen behind closed doors.

Three year budgeting cycles will soon be implemented; there will be less fears regarding funding since things will be a little more established

The city is looking into capping property tax increases to 3.25% per year

Announced the workshop regarding the Johnson Street Bridge approaches from 10am-3pm on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Delta Ocean Pointe Hotel.

Stated she was looking into a "revitalization clause" to try to revitalize the downtown core by encouraging more small businesses to open by offering a tax incentive. If there are more businesses, they each end up paying less tax. With the civic investment strategy, funding for community centres will become a little more competitive, but also more stable.

The RCMP have been contacted regarding the boats in the Gorge Waterway

**4. Committee Reports**

**a) Land Use – Bernie Gaudet**

Announced the session/workshop regarding the Johnson Street Bridge again. It is open to all stakeholders, but residents from Vic West and Downtown will be given special consideration. The goal is to collaborate on something meaningful, ensuring the promises made at this workshop will be upheld as much as possible.

The OCP was discussed briefly, with some input and dissent from the floor. It was stated that any opinions or suggestions on it must now be directly put to the city council.

**b) Harbour- Audrey Whittall**

Absent, but her submitted report was read by Nan.

**c) Parks and Environment- Brittany Gamble- Simms**

City has been contacted regarding a couple of holes in the paths behind the centre, leading towards the Galloping Goose trail.

**d) Community Centre Report- Mark Fournier**

Louise took the floor to announce that the calendar on the website that posts upcoming events will soon be changed to a more user friendly version. The menus on the website may also be changing soon.

**e) Community Projects & Events - Jack Meredith**

Presented a slide show of Vic West Fest to showcase the event, and thank all who volunteered.

**f) Transportation - Jack Meredith**

Announced that a workshop to discuss ideas for the bike rack that will be installed on the 400 block of Craigflower would be coming up soon; watch out for dates

**Presentation: Mayor Dean Fortin RE: Point Hope Shipyard lands**

- Stated that Victoria is committed to a working harbour, and values the marine industry.
- Discussed the ship building contract that was awarded to Victoria, and explained that Point Hope Shipyard is on city property, therefore the land is managed and maintained by the city.
- There has been talk about the company running the operations approaching the city to purchase the land. It is currently on a long term lease, being paid less than market value for rents.
- Discussed concerns regarding private enterprise profiting at the city's expense; was explained that IF the city were to sell, it would be for market value (or greater).
- The land is heavily contaminated, making it almost impossible (or at least, financially irresponsible) for zoning of anything besides marine industry.
- If the land was to be sold, and the zoning was proposed to change, it would need to still go through the public hearings and processes to do so.
- Nothing has been set in stone, but the general purpose was to address concerns as listed above, or similar.

5. **Business Carried Forward:** Mike's motion for segregated accounts for future projects.

6. **New Business:** None.

7. **Announcements:** Representatives of Bayview Developments will be joining the next Land Use Committee meeting on June 19 at 7pm to provide an update on the Seniors' Housing rezoning application, and possibly an update on the current thinking regarding next steps on the Roundhouse. The Land Use Committee meetings are open to the community, so please feel free to join the discussion at the Victoria West Community Centre.

8. **Next Meeting Date:**

Monthly Board Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7pm

Termination of Meeting: 9:27pm.