

# Victoria West Community Association

## Board Meeting – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

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**Present:** Diane Carr, Audrey Whittall, Mike Medland, Grant Keddie, Nan Judd, Patti Parkhouse, Bernie Gaudet, Jo-Ann Youmans

**Regrets:** Louise Wood, Carolyn Morris, Jody Watson, Michael Hawkins

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

### 1. City of Victoria Presentation

City of Victoria presented Dundas Street upgrade plans. Plan for later this calendar year, pending budget.

Discussion:

- Parking: there will still be street parking.
  - Traffic calming: suggestion to put bulbs at corners to slow traffic and separate the pedestrian from traffic. This issue was raised as a general point during the transportation planning when road work is considered. City will get back to the Community Association on analysis on that option. Concern was raised on whether the turn was wide enough to accommodate vehicle turning without cutting the curb.
  - Interest in introducing landscaping within the plan. Concern about maintenance of introduced landscaping was raised.
2. Approval of minutes for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 **Moved by Mike Medland. Carried.**
  3. Approval of Agenda, **moved by Nan Judd. Carried.**

### 4....New Business/Business from the Floor

4.1 Jo-Ann provided information relating to the Boards decision to pursue management of the Victoria West Community Centre

Discussion:

- Suggestion to do a formal and fun launch
- Suggestion to have a news release
- Suggestion to leverage the great energy of community members who showed up enthusiastically to the visioning sessions

- Suggestion to expand the programs of the Centre and to ensure the Centre is operated under a grass roots model

4.2 Operation Clean Sweep Program information and invitation offered. No one stepped forward to take on the program.

4.3 Issue raised: Sunset Lodge (Selkirk Rd), approved 30 years ago, is causing parking issues in the immediate surrounding area. Letter requested from the Community Association, asking the City to put pressure on the Salvation Army to manage parking more effectively. CA will not write a letter and directed to Councillor Luton for follow-up

**Action:** Request of Councillor John Luton to follow up with City of Esquimalt to look into the issue of parking and report on remedy.

**5. New Member Applications** received from:

Art Fent  
 Jared Butcher  
 Steve Schmidt  
 Heidi Bada

Motion to approve new member applications. **Moved by Grant Keddie, Carried.**

**6. Bio-solid waste management**

Discussion:

- the Board passed a motion at previous meeting to send ta letter to the CRD requesting a community meeting with residents of Victoria West.
- CRD has been granted an extension until June 30<sup>th</sup> to complete their waste management plan.
- According to John Luton, the City is pushing to include community engagement.
- The Association is requesting to be engaged before decisions are finalized. John indicated that some sites have been optioned in order to make them available, but may not be used once the process is complete.
- Request that specific information about what may happen at the site be divulged.
- CRD should be made aware that it isn't just Burnside Gorge that will be affected.

- Suggestion to John to remind Council that input that looks like a vote between two options does not generally work well.
- Suggestion to provide an opposing critical view at any public meeting for the benefit of residents.
- Suggestion to identify day-to-day impact of the operations.
- Concerns about the ecosystem may not be fully considered.
- Suggestion to request an environmental impact assessment.

**7. Treasurer's report:** Mike Medland presented report. **Moved by Patti Parkhouse to accept the Treasurer's Report Carried**

**8. Report from City Hall – Councillor John Luton**

- John mis-booked the meeting and thought it was for another purpose.
- John committed to bringing the sewage treatment plan issues forward, particularly community engagement needing to be part of the process.
- Provided an update on bridge plans, information about decision by Council to order a level three investigation into the existing bridge. Referendum scheduled in October.
- Update on Galloping Goose, and concern about the stamped cobblestone.

**9. Parks & Environment:** No report available

**10. Land Use:** No land-use meeting held in January or February because no applications received, therefore nothing to report.

**11. Community Gardens:** Rain or shine garden construction – cedar arbour for grapes. Garden is full. Three work parties held at Banfield Commons.

**12. Harbour Report**

- Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Committee board met and discussed the biosolid proposal.
- Air quality and noise quality study done by James Bay provided and it appears the air and noise quality issues are primarily originating from the cruise ships.
- Request made to get details of meetings. Action: Audrey to circulate VEHC board meeting minutes to VWCA board.

13. Announcements: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, open house with the Mayor. 7:00pm at the Y.

**Other Issues Raised:**

- Suggestion to send note to Park enquiring about funds owing, and to notify when trees will be coming down.
- Graffiti issue seems to be rampant. May be a backfire for the beige brigade. Request to Councillor Luton to look into it.
- Ship breaking activities at Point Hope – John has looked into it. It happens at other shipyard. Legislative services are looking into the legitimacy of ship breaking at the site. Concern raised about the chemicals used to strip the boats.

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm. Carried.**