

QPRA

Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 24, 2024
TIME: 2:00 PM

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE: Gail North, Catherine Hutson, Judy Mulvaney, Ronda Field, Beth McDonald, Victor Jhingan, Bozana Djuric, Kimberly Jansz

REGRETS: Mike Daws, Tera Nicholson

CALLED TO ORDER: 2:08 pm

AGENDA: Adopted 2:11

PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES: Adopted – Approved

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Provincial Legislation – regarding housing and density -what does it mean how will it be rolled out, how does it impact New West

May Garage sale in QP - always a popular event and was well attended

Heritage homes tour - last Sunday in May

Halloween turn out - was over the top as usual

Heritage New West was Invited to look at heritage in the city as well as QP specifically and to that end they hosted a couple of facilitated discussions. They thought the focus would be on HRA's but it was a broader discussion including parks, heritage benefits to the city. Information is available on the HNW web site

Emails from QPRA. Make sure you are on the email list to receive relevant information that gets circulated.

- Emails go out to let you know what's happening in the city – please speak up via emails to the city if you have an opinion or questions.
- Active transportation -7th street corridor – link in email or go to library for pop up, changes are being made to 7th street that you should be aware of. Check out through the link that went out in an email or go to Be Heard to learn about the proposed changes
- Feedback is being sought what we think about the waste system – make sure you add your opinion
- Community feedback and questions submitted for the Mayor today as guest speaker were sent to him in advance so he had an idea of what is top of mind to QP residents

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- \$600 in revenue this year
- Total in bank \$2600.00

Moved, seconded, and approved

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Introduction of current officers

No one came forward for a position, a motion was put forward to accept current slate of directors for the next year.

Moved, seconded and Approved

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Tasha Henderson – Queens Park Council representative

Will be meeting with residents regarding intersection at 2nd and 6th

Available to chat about any concerns with anyone

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION:

Mayor Patrick Johnstone

Year of truth.ca – seeking info regarding heritage of the city for t&c

Thx to armoury for having us today – reach out to them if you are looking for a space for events

Halloween – walked through QP – incredible event

Update – ½ way through term strategic plan 5 pillars – board came back whats good what isn't
Most are making progress with a few still behind
Issue HR – short people – challenge for the last year

Unexpected – provincial legislation – how we are funding infrastructure, challenge is that it took staff time to comply with legislation

Survey results of residents of the city in regards to how we are doing in strategic plan

- showed housing diversity affordability and homelessness are a challenge as a city and province

Hospital building addition

Targets in regional growth strategy for market housing and rental meeting this target but not affordability housing – not enough support from the federal government

3 new pieces of legislation Bill 44

1st part – small single lot multi unit city needs to approve 4-6 plex can't prevent approval – other things may apply - New West was already pretty much compliant

Need to change OCP by end 2025

2nd part – no longer allow some public hearings

Bill 46 – how we pay for growth and infrastructure

- DCC [development cost charges] are expanded to amenities - \$ from developers – provides city with more options for spending
- ACC [amenity cost charges] - need to know what we are building -10 year plan

New West is in good shape as we plan ahead

Bill 47 - transit areas

- must pre-approve density – can't not approve just based on density if within a certain distance from transit ie skytrains
- Queens Park up to 3rd Avenue falls within 800 m of skytrain station
- lower Sapperton / 22nd street

OCP amendment start talks in January/February

Question:

6th and Agnes housing for homeless where are plans for that? Can ACC funds be used for homeless housing?

- No it cannot, we can use density bonus \$\$ from developers – in building permit phase
- 52 units – supportive housing – not transitional – not homeless

Council meetings – working on bring team together

- being in role has been a learning curve – no background in it, we have been getting things done
- 80% of votes over last 2 meetings is unanimous
- 9 motions over last 3 meetings passed – we are doing better now – we need to work together regardless of party opposition which should not play a role in local city gov
- we did have challenges I give credit to all councillors for working through them

Traffic congestion and rat running in NW

- downtown New West density 15% more
- need fewer cars, driving density on to transit
- 1 million moving to an area can't all drive cars – need to invest in alternatives – working with Translink
- priority to keep people safe – not building more roads – emphasize road safety
- small measures put in place – 25 priority intersections working on them.

Pedestrian safety - has the city been working on a plan to slow traffic down where people live?

- Brought in 30 km in many areas of the city, asking province to expand 30 km in our city
- currently its 50 standard unless posted otherwise – asking province to put in a default regulation for neighbourhoods ie no centre line – 30 km
- 2nd / 6th crosswalk concerns – discussion for full light – would create a through route on 2nd street – improved site lines
- staff asked to go back and look at it for other options – conversation is ongoing - bigger conversation for safety around all schools in the city

Motorized vehicles other than cars – issues with ebikes/scooters/2 wheel how are we addressing?

- there are currently no rules in place for these types of motorized vehicles
- can pass bylaws to regulate use – working on integrating with current bylaws, they are not safe on road – not safe on sidewalks, legally have to be on the road
- enforcement is a challenge - conversations around ticketing youth – don't want to do this – needs to be education

We will have mobility lanes in next 5 years in the city

- data is not shared even though it is being collected by many different areas – police, ICBC, Fraser Health - not brought together to determine high risk areas

Land use – why aren't mayors pushing back ?

- we are and have – comes down not to dealing with homelessness/affordability
- people that are under-housed – issue in our city – 4 people in 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom
- multi family buildings – limited in requirement for off street parking for new builds

Do apartment buildings have to have on site parking?

- we don't as a city have the ability to turn it down due to parking however we can for safety reasons make other recommendations

City dump trucks coming through 3rd and 4th every day into QP would like to see them go via McBride

Motion to adjourn 3:57 pm