



Minutes NOCA Board Meeting December 29, 2014

Present

Michele Hillier
Barbara Schreiber
Lawrence Rieper
Joy Adams Bauer
Ian Knipe
Matt Baillie

Regrets

Alexia Penny

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by co-chair Ian Knipe.
2. **Director's reports** – Ian Knipe reported on the removal of two large sequoia trees on the corner of Milton and Wentworth Streets. The trees were cut down in November. Ian spoke with Mike Ciccotelli, the BC Hydro vegetation coordinator for Nanaimo who explained that the trees were cut down (after being “pruned” in the summer of 2014) because they “were not going to come back.” Ian shared a letter he has drafted on NOCA’s behalf to Mr. Ciccotelli expressing our concerns with the removal of what appeared to be two healthy trees. The letter requests that BC Hydro review its pruning practices with its contractors; inform NOCA prior to cutting down any more trees in the old city; inform NOCA about how the site will be cleaned up and when new trees will be planted.

The letter was approved. **Ian will secure Alexia’s signature and send the letter.**

3. **Suggestions for 2015** – Directors brainstormed ideas and activities for NOCA in the coming year. Suggestions included:
 - Hold an event about emergency preparedness
 - Continue to monitor traffic at the corner of Campbell and Pine Streets
 - Add more community bookcases to the neighbourhood
 - Support the Nanaimo Poultry Collective
 - Hold our Urban Farm Faire earlier in May
 - Support movies in Pawson Park

- Invite the RCMP bike unit to one or two meetings a year
- Monitor the impact of the city's new parking bylaw on the old city
- How can we get more people to attend our AGM and become involved in the Association? Maybe we need to invest in display ads in the newspaper? Ask businesses in the Old City Quarter to put up a poster.

4. **Harris House Good Neighbour Meetings** – Lawrence, Michele and Joy volunteered to take turns attending the meetings as a representative of NOCA.
5. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
6. **Next meeting – Monday, January 19 at 7 pm at Harris House Health Clinic.**