



## Minutes NOCA Board Meeting April 20, 2015

### Present

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

**Guests:** Jeffrey Bell (BC Hydro) and Alan Kemp (City of Nanaimo)

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Alexia Penny at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended. Moved by Matt Baillie, Seconded by Barbara Schreiber, CARRIED.
3. **Minutes from March 16, 2015** – The minutes were approved with two minor changes. Moved by Matt Baillie, Seconded by Ian Knipe, CARRIED.
4. **Director's Reports**
  - Treasurer Barbara reported that our current balance is \$843.54.
  - Director Michele reported that two of the new community bookcases will be located in the old city. One outside Matt's home on Milton Street and one at Delicados on Wesley Street. The end of June is the deadline for a proposal on community bookcases to be made to the Nanaimo Foundation. The Board will discuss further at our May meeting.
  - Secretary Joy reported the new representative from the Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network to the city's Planning and Transportation Advisory Committee is Carey Avender from the "Caring about Townsite Society".

## 5. Discussion Items

- **Malaspina Gardens** – Director Lawrence reported that the city planner to whom he spoke said the building will likely be boarded up and then sold, once the new facility is built.

Secretary Joy reported that she spoke with Hilary who works in Administration at Malaspina Gardens. Hilary confirmed that Chartwell Residences have bought a parcel of land on 12<sup>th</sup> Street (close to the Country Grocer), which is currently being re-zoned. Chartwell anticipates building will start in spring 2017. Once the residents have been relocated and the current building is empty, the land will likely be sold. Hilary did not know what would happen to the building.

This issue will be discussed further at our May board meeting.

- **555 and 575 Milton Street** – Co-President Ian reported that the planning representative from the city has contacted the Friends of Knob Hill about this proposed development. **Lawrence** will follow up with his contact at Knob Hill.

Guests Jeffrey Bell (BC Hydro) and Alan Kemp (City of Nanaimo) joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the pruning and removal of trees in the old city. After a presentation by NOCA, Jeffrey explained the protocol used by BC Hydro whose overall goal is to maintain trees using directional pruning. Safety is also an important consideration. Alan explained the role of the city in consulting with BC Hydro and in planting new trees. The questions posed by NOCA were answered. Jeffrey agreed to share the appendices of the current vegetation management contract for the old city. He also agreed to ask his superior if NOCA could see a copy of the RFP for the contract prior to the contract being reissued in 2016.

**Ian** will send an email “thank you” to both Jeffrey and Alan.

**Alexia** will draft an item for the website, and **Joy** will post.

## 6. Urban Farm Faire final preparation

**Barb** will get the float to Alexia and the veggie starts to Joy.

**Michele** will deliver 10 colour copies of the poster to Joy who will distribute to merchants in the old city.

Set up is 10:30 am on May 9.

7. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

8. **Next meetings – Monday, May 11, 7 pm at Alexia’s House.**

**Monday, June 15, 7 pm at Harris House**