



## Minutes NOCA Board Meeting August 4, 2015

### Present

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

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order by Co-President Alexia Penny at 6:20 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended. Moved by Lawrence Rieper, Seconded by Ian Knipe, CARRIED.
3. **Minutes from June 15, 2015** – The minutes were approved as circulated. Moved by Ian Knipe, Seconded by Matt Billie, CARRIED.

### 4. Director's Reports

- Treasurer Barbara reported that our current balance is \$867.44.
- Secretary Joy reported on two emails received via our website from residents of the old city who had questions for NOCA. Joy responded on behalf of the Board.
- Director Lawrence gave a very thorough verbal report on what's been happening in the neighbourhood and his representation at meetings of the *Planning and Transport Advisory Committee*, the *Good Neighbour Forum*, and the *Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network*.

- Co-President Ian agreed to contact Lauren Wright from the City of Nanaimo to ask her to send materials to Ian and Alexia as co-chairs and Joy as secretary.

### 5. Discussion Items

- **Materials received from BC Hydro:** Co-President Ian highlighted some important

information that we should keep our eye on including: the environmental requirements in Appendix D; the notation in Appendix E that not more than 1/3 of the tree canopy will be removed in one operation; and the fact the contractor is one year into a three year contract.

- **Community Bookcases** – Director Michele reported that Play Nanaimo’s second phase of community bookcases will be launched in the spring of 2016 with 15 more bookcases going to those folks who requested a bookcase in the first round, but did not get one due to overwhelming interest in the program. Along with residents in the neighbourhood, the books are being donated by the Rotary Club of Saskatoon and Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Director Matt has installed the bookcase (made by Ed Poli) in front of his home on the 400 block of Milton Street. Michele will take a photo and make a thank you card for Ed.

- **Nanaimo Fiddle Society Event in Pawson Park** – The Board agreed to support the event. Lawrence, Matt and Alexia agreed to help flyer the neighbourhood. Alexia will contact Doug Creba.

- **Development at Prideaux and Selby Streets** – It was noted that a number of homes in a row are for sale by the same realtor. Let’s keep our eyes on what happens. Alexia will contact Rob Nicol on behalf of NOCA.

- **Parking on Wentworth Street** – It was noted that a couple of signs on the 800 block of Wentworth have recently had a plastic sign with the word “Read” added to them. This is the block across from Gyro Park. After discussion Alexia volunteered to write a letter to the city parking manager raising the following issues: parking in the bowl is not being enforced consistently; why not add to the “2 hour resident exempt signs”, “9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday”?; why are there signs in front of the Smith house on the 800 block of Wentworth? What are the rules for a resident of the old city to request such a sign be erected in front of their property?

- **Annual General Meeting** – Monday, October 19 at 7 pm. Alexia will contact Gord Fuller about who we book the 7-10 club space with. **Board members** to think about any suggestions for guest speakers at the AGM and email Alexia with suggestions before our September meeting.

6. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

7. **Next meeting – Monday, September 21 at 7 pm at Harris House Health Clinic** to finalize the AGM flyer and the AGM.