

**False Creek South Neighbourhood Association  
Delegates Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday April 1, 2015**

<b>Enclave</b>	<b>Delegate(s)</b>
658 Leg-in-Boot Sq.	-
666 Leg-in-Boot Sq.	-
Alder Bay Co-op	-
Alder Bay Place	Merv Therriault
Creek Village	Richard Marchant
Creekview Co-op	Gordon Watson
Discovery Quay	Norah Hartman, Janice Ninatti
False Creek Co-op	-
Fountain Terrace	Diane Darch, Tineke Hellwig
Greater Van. Floating Home Co-op	David McCann (Treasurer)
Harbour Terrace	Marie-Claude Collins, Gillian Willis
Heather Point	Mats Tholin
Henley Court	Charlie Richmond, Susan Wright
Lagoons	-
Marina Housing Co-op	-
Marine Mews	Sharon Yandle (President), Josef Skala
Mariner Point	-
Market Hill	Kathie Cornes (Secretary), Jim Woodward
Newport Quay	-
Pacific Cove	Marian Hogue
Regatta	-
Sea Village	-
Spruce Village	Beryl Wilson
Stamps Landing	-
Twin Rainbows Co-op	-
<b>Regrets</b>	
Alder Bay Co-op	Sylvia Smallman
Marine Mews	Deborah Brakeley
Newport Quay	Susan Harris
Pacific Cove	Jennifer Greenwood
Regatta	Evan Alderson, Kathleen MacKinnon, Wes Knapp
<b>Guests</b>	
John Nguyen & Tyler Wong	City Studio

**1 Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** That the agenda be approved as circulated

**M/S APPROVED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** That the minutes of the March 4, 2015 Delegates Meeting be approved as circulated  
**M/S APPROVED**

### **3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **a) Mahony's and Seawall Encroachment**

Sharon Yandle reported that she has written to the City asking about the terms of Mahony's lease, i.e. number of years remaining, and reiterating our commitment to continuous seawall access for the public. No response received as yet.

#### **b) Garbage Burning on Boats in the Creek**

David McCann reported that the Greater Vancouver Floating Home Co-op has written a letter to Mayor Robertson regarding noxious smoke from vessels anchored temporarily in False Creek which are burning driftwood and garbage, requesting that this practice be halted. Sharon, on behalf of the FCSNA, has also written in support of the GVFH Co-op's concerns. No significant response as yet.

#### **c) Website**

Sean MacLaren was not in attendance to speak to the progress of the proposed integration of the FCSNA and Re\*plan websites. A committee has been formed to explore ways and means of accomplishing this goal.

### **4. Correspondence**

- None received

### **5. Finance**

David McCann presented the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2015, as well as the 2014 FCSNA Annual Statements submitted by Mahmoud Virani Inc., chartered accountant. David pointed out that FCSNA is fiscally responsible for its Re\*plan committee and that proper financial procedures and oversight are required.

**Motion** To accept the March 31, 2015 FCSNA Treasurer's Report.

**M/S APPROVED**

**Motion** To accept the 2014 Financial Report from our accountant.

**M/S APPROVED**

**Motion** That Vancity continue to be our financial institution for the 2015 fiscal year.

**M/S APPROVED**

**Motion** That Mahmoud Virani Inc. be retained as our accountant for the 2015 fiscal year.

**M/S APPROVED**

**Motion** That the Treasurer be authorized to register FCSNA for the GST rebate program, if it is fiscally to our benefit.

**M/S APPROVED**

### **6. Reports**

#### **a) Seawall Committee**

Mats Tholin reported that we have established contact with members of HUB (cycling organization) who are participating in meetings with the City on the subject of pedestrian/cyclist sharing of the seawall. Mats has also spoken with Councillor Geoff Meggs who conveyed our interests to Councillor Heather Deal, who in turn has referred us to the City's Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Parks & Recreation. Mats is concerned

that improvements be undertaken before the summer season when seawall use is particularly heavy.

Gordon Watson noted that cyclists have a strong lobby with the City. He emphasized that FCSNA should continue to advocate for pedestrians and their rights, so that both groups of users receive equal and fair treatment.

Sharon reminded delegates that the transit referendum is at the top of the City's agenda at present; also that there appear to be conflicts between the Engineering and Parks departments when it comes to seawall issues. She finds Councillor Andrea Reimer to be responsive to our concerns. Following a phone conversation with David Rawsthorne of Engineering, Sharon wrote and asked that he meet with a small group of FCSNA representatives prior to advancing a recommendation regarding expanding the seawall. She also noted that minutes of several FCSNA meetings in previous years record strong support for the retention of the area's trees and gardens.

General discussion followed, with the feeling being that the seawall is our "main street" surrounded by much-valued green space and that FCSNA should persevere in engaging with the City not only to improve safety, traffic flow, and the behavior of both cyclists and pedestrians, but also to preserve the many aspects of this corridor that we value.

#### **b) Re\*Plan Committee**

Jim Woodward reported that the much anticipated letter from Mayor Robertson to the FCSNA, dated March 12, 2015, was successfully distributed to our enclaves. In it, the Mayor reiterates his commitment "to support and uphold key principles Re\*Plan has identified", to deal with end-of-lease issues, to engage with the Province regarding "necessary changes to the Strata Property Act and its accompanying regulations", and to have "the City engage with the FCS neighbourhood in a collaborative planning exercise". The document also promises an update in early May on the work outlined in the letter.

Jim advised the meeting that Re\*Plan has struck a working group which will respond to the Mayor's letter and ask for clarifications. This group will also request a meeting with the City Manager.

Discussion:

- Josef Skala found the Mayor's letter disappointing; he'd like to see a Council motion committing to lease renewal.
- Mats Tholin would like to know how much money, and for what specific purposes, has been budgeted by the City in 2015 to address FCS lease renewal and planning issues.
- Marie-Claude Collins encouraged all delegates and residents to respond to the Mayor's letter (however they wish--with comments, compliments, criticisms, questions—briefly or at length) to show our continuing concern and interest. Emails can be sent to [info@RePlanFCS.ca](mailto:info@RePlanFCS.ca).
- Sharon stated that although we need more information and action from the City, the Mayor's letter is a positive step forward. She added that working with the City is complicated in that numerous City departments are involved and that they are not necessarily all on the same page when it comes to dealing with our issues.

#### **7. Unfinished Business**

**a) Keep Vancouver Spectacular**

Diane Darch asked the meeting to choose a day in May for this community clean-up activity: Saturday, May 23 was agreed upon. She stated that Sean MacLaren will liaise with the City regarding pick-up of collected material. Diane has contacted the False Creek Community Centre for posters and Starbucks for refreshments. In past years Choices Market has also donated refreshments. David McCann suggested that Terra Breads, Rogers Chocolates and the Pacific Culinary Institute have also been most supportive to community activities in the past. When asked, Diane felt that it wasn't necessary to budget any FCSNA funds to this activity: our labour would be enough. She asked for volunteers and circulated a sign-up sheet.

**b) Tabled Motion: False Creek Elementary School Donation Request**

**Motion** That FCSNA increase its grant to the Kids Dragonboat program from \$500 to \$1000 for 2015.

The motion was amended to read:

**Motion** That FCSNA increase its grant to the Kids Dragonboat program from \$500 to \$750 for 2015.

**M/S APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**c) Tabled Motion: Traffic Safety – Commodore Intersection**

**Motion** That FCSNA request that City Engineering re-examine traffic control measures in the Commodore/Moberly/Charleston/Lamey's Mill corridor from Wiley Street to Anderson Street, with special attention to the intersection of Commodore Road and Spyglass Place, with appropriate consultation with the neighbourhood.

**M/S APPROVED**

**8. New Business**

**a) Transit and Transportation Referendum: Proposed Community Meeting**

Sharon received a request from the City asking FCSNA to help facilitate a neighbourhood information meeting in mid-April to discuss the referendum. The City will assume the costs of room rental and publicity, including posters, and has asked the FCSNA to display these posters in our enclaves. Delegates were in favour, David suggesting that the Granville Island community and Emily Carr University students be invited to participate; also that the City provide voter registration at the event.

**Motion** That the FCSNA accept the City's request to help facilitate a community meeting on the Transit and Transportation Referendum

**M/S APPROVED**

**b) CityStudio Proposal re Leg-In-Boot Square**

John Nguyen and Tyler Wong of City Studio ("an experimentation and innovation hub for the City of Vancouver where staff, students and community members design and execute projects on the ground.") presented the results of their recent community project re Leg-in-Boot Square. The students partnered with Stanley King (of Co-Design Group) and an artist to work with local residents and business people in imagining new purposes in the

Square. They held a 3-hour public session where ideas and drawings were produced. Three areas were seen to be priorities: the greening/softening of the space, improving the quality of seating and making general repairs (e.g. stone and brick work).

Discussion: Mats suggested that the scope of improvements be expanded to include more amenities such as a covered area with water and electrical connections which could be used as a gathering place. Jim reminded the meeting that the overall False Creek planning process is imminent and that changes to the Square may well be included, so that any improvements undertaken at present might, of necessity, be temporary.

**Motion** That FCSNA endorse the City's plan to replace the benches in Leg-In-Boot Square, and engage in an on-going process for further improvements.

**M/S APPROVED**

**c) Second Annual "Grill and Chill"**

Diane Darch reported that a committee has met to plan this family-friendly picnic/BBQ event, to be held August 8 in Charleson Park, near the school. We have already set a budget of \$1000 which she believes will be sufficient. She circulated a flyer setting out areas where volunteers are needed:

- Ideas: such as face painting, games, workshops, crafts, art
- Planning for: BBQ, clean-up, budget tracking, toilets, recycling, registration, button making, greeters, general support, etc.

To help with this event email to: [art@christinanorberg.com](mailto:art@christinanorberg.com)

**9. Good and Welfare**

Diane asked delegates to take False Creek Community Centre recreation guides for Spring & Summer 2015 home for distribution to their enclaves. She noted, too, that the FCCC will be holding an open house on August 30, and that it will be developing a questionnaire to gather residents' input on future programming at the Centre.

**10. Adjournment – 8:55 p.m.**

**Next Regular Meeting:  
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 7-9 p.m.  
Location: Sitka Square Meeting Room  
WEB: falsecreeksouth.org**