

APPENDIX 1

False Creek South Neighbourhood Association

2023 President's Report

As the FCSNA takes the initiative more and more with numerous issues affecting our neighbourhood, it may be useful, once again, to anchor our involvement in the Statement of Purpose as set out in our Constitution.

Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to:

- 1. provide a forum for discussion of neighbourhood concerns and interests.*
- 2. promote an economically, socially, and culturally diverse neighbourhood with a friendly, positive, vibrant sense of community.*
- 3. promote a safe and healthy neighbourhood.*
- 4. promote the maintenance and improvement of the physical condition of the neighbourhood.*
- 5. promote and advocate for the collective interests of the residents and property owners of the neighbourhood.*
- 6. encourage civic participation by residents while remaining non-partisan as an association.*
- 7. assist and represent the neighbourhood in obtaining information, services, and improvements from the various levels of government, while maintaining a constructive working relationship with them.*

OUR WORK IN GENERAL

Unlike any other community organization in Vancouver, the members of the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association are the residential enclaves within the boundaries of False Creek South. All of the co-ops and stratas on leasehold land are members, as are several freehold stratas and the single co-op on freehold land. Each enclave is entitled to name up to three delegates (with a single vote) to attend the monthly meetings of the Association. Our constitution also provides for membership from the area's rental enclaves and non-profit facilities.

The FCSNA, while undertaking our own initiatives and activities, continues to provide support for those of others, including the False Creek South Community Centre, False Creek Elementary School, two Community Gardens, and the Margaret Mitchell Place

community. This summer we sponsored our annual summer barbecue, **Grill 'n' Chill**, with an afternoon of music, food, and games. Special thanks to Vincent Pierce who organized this event.

OUR WORK IN 2023

With the exception of July and August, delegate meetings take place monthly and have done so since 1976; this year, 2023, marks the 47th anniversary of the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association. As a result of Covid, our meetings started this year on Zoom and the last few meetings with, the assistance of Replan's community planning assistant Sarah Brown, have been holding physical/online hybrid meetings at 711 Millbank. It's wonderful to have this great delegate participation both on and off the screen.

Most of the FCSNA's work is performed by established committees and by working groups set up from time to time to focus on specific issues. Both committees and working groups are chaired by an Association delegate and can include any resident of False Creek South.

I. COMMITTEES

1. The Community Engagement Committee (CEG) (Chair: Susan Dehnel)

Our Community Engagement Committee has generated numerous ideas and programs that are making Leg-In-Boot Square a hub of activity. The program "**Animation of Leg and Boot Square**", sponsored by the Association and Convivial Café, encourages the participation of other interested parties as well. FCSNA has signed a "Pop Up Plaza" agreement with the City as a key partner along with Convivial Café and its proprietor, Beth Dempster with such responsibilities as the set up and daily maintenance of the square.

Summer events this year included Wednesday afternoon tea where people could drop by, have tea and chat with neighbours. Saturday afternoon welcomed musicians, a swap meet, a craft and art fair, chair yoga, Other activities included a Truth and Reconciliation Day event and the Community Conversation series. These activities center around the Convivial Café that has added the layer of warmth and care that the Square was lacking for years.

2. Between the Bridges (Editorial Committee: Susan Wright, Sharon Yandle)

The Association's publication, *Between the Bridges* is a mainstay of False Creek South, keeping residents informed and involved by initiating, encouraging and promoting activities, discussion and participation that inform and connect neighbours. All issues can be found at falsecreeksouth.org/betweenthebridges.

Many thanks to the editorial and production staff (Robyn Chan, Kathryn Woodward, Susan Wright and Sharon Yandle) who continue to source and deliver local news and perspectives.

3. RePlan Committee (Chair: Richard Evans)

Our RePlan Committee continues its efforts to work with the City on all issues affecting the future of False Creek South. Sadly, Nathan Edelson, Replan's Project Manager since the inception of Replan, passed away in September, leaving a big hole in our hearts. To our very good fortune, Nathan mentored only the best, and Robyn Chan has agreed to take on the role of Project Manager. The RePlan Leadership group meets weekly (currently hybrid meetings) and consists of:

Richard Evans (False Creek Co-op), Nancy Hannum, (Alder Bay Co-op), Graham McGarva, (Alder Bay Co-op), Kathrin McMath (Broadway Lodge and Residents for Independent Living), Robert Renger (Heather Quay), Jim Woodward, (Market Hill), Sharon Yandle, (Marine Mews), Wendy Herdin (Alder Bay Co-op), Robyn Chan (Project Manager), Sarah Brown, (Community Planning Assistant), and Allison Murray, (Communications). Marta Goodwin (False Creek Co-op) continues to act as RePlan treasurer.

RePlan representatives' efforts involve a considerable amount of time analyzing and working through the complexities of the "re-planning" of False Creek South, including preparations for and meeting with local residents, elected representatives and staff of both civic and provincial governments, and the media. Much of RePlan's work is performed through its sub-committees.

i. AWG - All-Co-op Working Group -- RePlan's Co-op Subcommittee -- (Chair: Nancy Hannum) continues to work toward both renewing co-op leases that maintain our co-ops' internal structure and increasing the stock of co-op housing in False Creek South.

ii. Community Planning Working Group - CPG - (Chair: Graham McGarva)

The CPG is developing a proposed preliminary plan to move False Creek South into the future and will work with the City's Planning Department to that end. Its immediate focus is to work with Broadway Lodge in its efforts to create a Campus of Care on the eastern side of False Creek South that could integrate housing, care and services within an Aging In Community model. The CPG is also working on a preliminary draft plan for an Intergenerational Hub to provide workforce housing, especially for essential workers, permanent supportive housing, and a range of community and commercial services required in the neighborhood.

II. WORKING GROUPS

1. Sustainability and Resilience Working Group (Chair: Yael Stav) promotes positive environmental changes in the face of the existing and growing climate crisis. Recent and current projects include:

- A tour of the gardens at Sole Foods Street Farm (<https://solefoodfarms.com/csa/>). Sole Foods Street Farm is part the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project.

-Meetings on issues related to sea level rise and maintaining the value of existing buildings.

-Working with UBC students as part of the EnviroFund project, providing an academic lens toward an objective evidence of the environmental harms that redevelopment may pose. Students will assess the embodied carbon in existing buildings and the carbon impact of redevelopment.

-False Creek Conservation Council: Yael brought forward a presentation by Zaida Schneider, Director of False Creek Friends Society, the mission of which is to restore the False Creek marine environment. In 2022 the Conservation Council demonstrated through underwater photos and graphics that there is a great deal of sea life in the Creek that can be significantly increased through proper conservation.

2. School Liaison – Delegate Roxanne Brooks reports regularly to FCSNA meetings about everything pertaining to False Creek Elementary, including proposals for special projects through which the Association historically provides financial aid.

This year, FCSNA delegates encouraged the school’s participation in HUB Cycling Bike to School Week (May 29-June 4, 2023) (bikehub.ca). Children were also encouraged to design signs, make posters and participate in other creative ways to draw attention to Safety on the Seawall . To further aid in safety, the FCSNA provided 40 bicycles bells to students participating in Bike to School week.

3.Community Engagement Committee- (Chair: Susan Dehnel)

Current projects are:

The Butterfly Project (#3bhc – butterflies, bees, bats, hummingbirds) is creating pollinator gardens throughout FCS with the participation of FCS enclaves and support from the Vancouver Park Board. This initiative is spearheaded by delegate Dolores Bdzal, Butterflyway Ranger.

View Corridors –City Council unanimously passed a motion that may threaten the current View Corridors. In the hopes of preserving the view of the mountains, the committee has taken on a research project and written a report and letters in the spirit of “Promoting Reconciliation through Preserving Mountain Vistas and Views of the Lions (Two Sisters/ Ch’ích’iyúy Elxwíkn)” an initiative by delegate Nancy Kirpatrick

4. Age-Friendly Community Working Group This initiative, was established recently to create communication avenues focused on demographics and the needs of our community. As a result, Between the Bridges is running an ongoing series, ElderShare,

intended to encourage community ideas and discussion, especially for and among community elders.

5.Seawall Safety Working Group-Chair - (Chair Nancy Kirkpatrick). An excellent report to the City recommended maintenance, signage, potential models of enforcement of existing traffic bylaws, and clarification of 'rules of the road'. The group met with staff in the City Transportation & Design department to discuss these recommendations and reports slow going.

6.Community Housing Trust (CHT) (Chair Jim Woodward). The False Creek South Community Housing Trust is a non-profit society and, although its member is the FCSNA, it is an independent entity. The CHT has established a Community Housing Trust Advisory committee and is presently expanding its Board of Directors, refining its mandate and developing strategy toward its first project. Its Board of Directors currently includes Nancy Hannum and Marta Goodwin.

For the Neighbourhood Cleanups, Grill 'n' Chill, Winter Carolling, and so many other community events and projects, many thanks to our liaisons, Working Groups and Committee members who continue our work to *"promote an economically, socially, and culturally diverse neighbourhood with a friendly, positive, vibrant sense of community"*.

All of which is respectfully submitted,



Wendy Herdin, President
False Creek South Neighbourhood Association