

Mt. View Colquitz Community Assoc. – mountviewcolquitz.ca
Regular Meeting, Nov. 19th, 2024
7:00 – 9:00 pm Pearkes Recreation Center, 3100 Tillicum Road - Owen Room

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: A. Beks, C. Hamill, S. Laming, D. Larose, A. Medari, F. Nelson, D. Oostland, K. Parker Hall, C. Rempel, R. Smith, D. White. guest. Caitlin Bird

3656 Raymond St. S and 307/309 Brunswick Place -Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) project
discussion with Caitlin Bird -- see separate report below

Minutes of previous regular meeting (Sept. 2024) accepted as provided

Reports

Treasurer D. Oostland provided written report

SCAN (Saanich Community Assoc. Network) D. Oostland reported changes to legacy donations to allow broader scope for obtaining tax receipts.

Mt. View Garden - F. Nelson reported fall garden clean up has been delayed.

Correspondence (and news)

According to *Saanich News*, the first Saanich Town Hall meeting was not very well received by those who attended.

Saanich will hold two town halls per year.

Tolmie rental towers were approved by council.

Old Business and business arising from agenda

AGM review - Colin Plant provided a good overview of how the CRD works and what it does. The ad in the Saanich News was useful in learning about the MVCCA.

Uptown transit hub and housing - It is unclear as to how much priority will be given to this site, by the new NDP government due to the slim majority re-election.

New Business

- media interviews (CBC Craigie) C. Hamill agreed to a CBC radio interview about the 760 Tolmie project but the questioning was on "neighbour's concerns", even though the MVCCA has supported the project.
- coffee get-together - Is there any interest in a December informal chat?, out next meeting is not until January.
- new traffic calming 'round about' – Is this a possible traffic calming device in the Raymond area? D. Larose indicated school buses have difficulty navigating them. Discussion of speed limit changes and lack of enforcement.
- aging infrastructure – Mackenzie overpass. K. Parker Hall pointed out one specific issue, that cargo bikes have a difficulty crossing.

Announcements

next meeting Jan. 21 2025

(forgot to mention Lawncert Dec. 23 3800 Raymond St. S)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

3656 Raymond St. S. and 307/309 Brunswick Place Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) project
MVCCA meeting report from November 19th, 2024

Update on rezoning application provided by Caitlin Bird, total of 11 residents in attendance. MNBC has hired a new architect and this site is one of many projects in process in BC.

Background: Property is owned by MNBC and project is in partnership with BC Housing (Indigenous Housing Fund) to construct a mixed-use, six storey, affordable rental building. Applicant will request site-specific zoning. Application includes a 24 spaces, child care facility, with commercial kitchen and publicly accessible space on the first floor. There are 55 units of income-based affordable housing. Commercial space use ideas under consideration have been reduced, since the last meeting, but includes possible public rental use. Project will not include Recyclistas. A new traffic report will be prepared. Project construction to begin winter of 2025 with priority given to the completion of the daycare.

Public Engagement - MNBC will hold an evening Zoom meeting in the new year, just prior to the submission of their application. They will hold the second meeting after they have a clear idea as to the Planning Dep't requirements or changes, to the application. This second meeting could be via Zoom, but they will also hold a in-person open house public meeting. There will be an email address and a website made available, for finding the most current information and for asking questions.

Some residents highlighted the importance of having a daycare on site, to replace the one that was removed by Abstract. With regards to the council decision not to approve the Abstract project, residents who were here at that time, cautioned that that project's height was not a major factor in that council decision.

In my opinion, Saanich Council will consider this project to be an amenity to the community as a whole. There are features (*called Transportation Demand Management TDM*) that MNBC could include that would benefit both their residents and the neighbors. These include: resident transit passes, secure bike storage, shared use cargo bikes, car shares, and unbundled parking. Where rental housing is proposed, Saanich has an obligation to provide community amenities that will mitigate the increased traffic and other impacts.

Concerns raised include:

- need of sidewalks –safety of pedestrians and cyclists
- height, shadow effect
- traffic, parking and general noise
- BC transit may move location of bus stops
- parking related to special events, such as public rental use

Outstanding questions include:

1. noise control of roof top machinery
2. impact of Tillicum pedestrian overpass – (multi-use pathway overpass)
3. that the site-specific zoning retain the characteristics of P-1 Zoning, goal would be ensure daycare facility use
4. total onsite parking stalls to be provided - residents, staff, and visitors

Requests:

- support for our request to Saanich for funding of community amenities.
- support out request that the Saanich bike repair station (Hwy 1 & Tillicum) be kept in working order

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