



**Minutes NOCA Annual General Meeting
October 16, 2017**

Board Members Present

Barbara Schreiber (Treasurer)	Michele Hillier (Director)
Bruno Bodnar (Director)	Janet Wright (Director)
Joy Adams Bauer (Secretary)	Ian Knipe (President)

Board Members Absent

Matt Baillie (Vice President)	Helena Green (Director)
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In addition to the above members of the Board, 33 individuals were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ian Knipe who offered words of welcome.

1. **Approval of agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Joy Adams Bauer, Seconded by Barbara Schreiber. CARRIED.
2. **Approval of minutes from October 17, 2016** – Motion to approve the minutes from the 2016 AGM held on October 17, 2016. Moved by Alexia Penny, Seconded by Paulette McCarthy. CARRIED.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Barbara Schreiber presented her report for 2016/2017.
Opening balance = \$1,410.28
Closing balance = \$ 1,064.15
Motion to approve the treasurer's report. Moved by Lawrence Reiper, Seconded by Crystal Carson. CARRIED.
4. **President's Report –Ian Knipe**

The Board has done a lot of work on 388 Machleary Street (the site of the former Malaspina Gardens facility, which re-opened in a brand new location this past spring). A working group has been keeping an eye on the property which will become the single

largest development with NOCA's boundaries. NOCA is acting as a conduit to collect and distribute information to the community about potential plans for the site. NOCA organized a public event in the spring facilitated by Chris Sholberg, City Heritage Planner, and Mark Holland, old city resident and consulting planner. A report was generated at the meeting attended by over 50 people, and was shared with City Council and Chartwell Residences (the owner of the land and operator of Malaspina Gardens). The property is currently on the market. Within the past week NOCA was approached by The Molnar Group, a development company from Vancouver, holding a community engagement meeting on October 17 with preliminary plans for the property. All residents of the old city are invited.

Ian read a brief report from the Pawson Park Committee. Pawson Park representatives provide a twice yearly update to the Board about happenings in the park.

The Board was contacted by the city over the past year asking for our comments on various variances and development permits within our area. Some we were in favour of, some we were not.

Ian concluded his comments by thanking outgoing board members Michele Hillier, Bruno Bodnar, Matt Baillie, Katarina Livtva and Helena Green for their service.

5. **Board member reports**

Michele Hillier reported on "Feel Good Movies" to be shown at St. Andrew's United Church on Fitzwilliam Street on Friday nights. Two movies this fall (Oct and Nov) and four in the spring (Jan, Feb, April, May). Thanks to Alexia Penny, Eve Reinartz and Deborah Marshall of St. Andrew's, for all of your work. Kinky Boots is the first movie. Admission is by donation.

Janet Wright reported on the Malaspina Gardens Working Group which has been working over the past number of months informing the neighbourhood about developments on the 388 Machleary Street site. The working group is a forum for members to provide input into the future of the site. Thanks to working group members Barb Coady, Janet Wright, Paulette McCarthy, Todd Trimble, Ian Knipe, Chris Sholberg and Mark Holland. A visioning workshop was held in May 2017 and a workbook developed out of the feedback received. The workbook was shared with City Council and Chartwell Residences (the owner of the property). The City granted a demolition permit to Clearview Demolition Ltd of Surrey in August. Demolition has begun and will be completed before Christmas. NOCA has asked that three elements of the former hospital be worked into any new development (staircase on Kennedy Street, cornice at the top of the old hospital and the cornerstone. Asbestos within the building was removed according to Worksafe BC protocol. The contractor for

Clearview is very responsive to community questions. His contact information is posted on the fence by the opening on Machleary Street. The work group will continue to meet and serve as a forum for residents' concerns as development of the site moves forward. Notice of any public meetings, and progress of the group will be posted on the NOCA website. The work group will also stay in contact with The Molnar Group.

Bruno Bodnar reported on his attendance at the waterfront walkway open house. The walkway is a great asset for Nanaimo.

Joy Adams Bauer reported on the work of the NOCA website working group (Joy Adams Bauer, Janet Wright, Brian Booth) over the past several months. A new website will be launched in March 2018 with a new domain name – www.nanaimoldcityassociation.ca The new site will be hosted in Nanaimo. The current site is hosted in the USA. Our purpose is to refresh our 6 year old website and make it more relevant and interesting for the neighbourhood and our members.

We see the vision/purpose of our website as:

- A place to promote the old city neighbourhood identity/belonging/community spirit
- A way to inform those who live in the old city about NOCA and our activities. (increase membership/show value for membership)
- A forum for residents' interest, involvement, engagement
- A place to showcase the unique character of the old city with photos

The Board will put out a call in the next few weeks asking for people to help write content for the site and submit photos.

6. Amendment to the NOCA Constitution – Janet Wright gave a brief history of the request to amend our constitution to include both sides of Elizabeth Street. Nine residents are affected. In early 2016 they petitioned NOCA to add the odd side of the street to our boundaries. The Board informed the City of the request and was advised to contact the neighbourhood associations close to the area (Harewood Neighbourhood Association and Western Community Association). Their representatives were contacted and did not object to the change.

Motion to change the wording in the NOCA constitution that defines "neighbourhood" to, "neighbourhood means the area in the City of Nanaimo bounded by Comox Road, Bowen Road, Howard Avenue, Elizabeth Street, Pine Street, Albert Street and Wallace Street. The area extends to the center lines of the border streets, **except for Elizabeth Street, where the area extends to both sides of the street.** Moved by Paulette McCarthy, Seconded by Eve Reinarz. CARRIED.

7. Election of new board members – the following members of the association put their names forward to serve as members of the Board:

Joy Adams Bauer

Barbara Schreiber

Ian Knipe

Janet Wright

Eve Reinarz

Todd Trimble

Ian Easton

John Tallerino.

Motion to accept the following as the NOCA Board of Directors for the 2017/2018 year.

Moved by Lawrence Reiper, Seconded by Bonnie Eaton. CARRIED.

8. Guest Speaker – Charlotte Davis, Manager of Sanitation, Recycling & Public Works

Administration for the City of Nanaimo spoke about the city's new "Sort Toss Roll" program which will be launched in old city area in 2018. Each resident will get three wheelie bins (for garbage, organic waste, recycling) which will be picked up by one of two new automated garbage trucks. The city is launching the program in three stages in order to work out any problems as they go. Questions followed Charlotte's presentation, with a focus on storage of the bins and where they will be picked up by the city.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.