

## **NOCA Board Meeting Minutes**

### **February 24, 2025**

**In attendance:** Joy Adams Bauer, Brian Booth, Alan Drexhage, Basia Henoach, Twila Konynenbelt, Mayta Ryn, Barbara Schreiber

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7pm.

The **Agenda**, as amended, was approved on a motion by Barbara Schreiber and seconded by Twila Konynenbelt, CARRIED.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting** – the minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Barbara Schreiber and seconded by Mayta Ryn. CARRIED.

**Treasurer’s Report** – \$4,393.26 in the bank. We received our City of Nanaimo grant.

**Our priorities for 2025** – Mayta distributed an updated list based on member suggestions and our discussion at last month’s Board meeting. Our priorities for this year are:

**1. Promote safety by using passive safety measures for the Old City that can be introduced at the following “hot spots” to lessen fear and crime in the neighbourhood:**

- (a) Pawson Park
- (b) St. Peter’s Catholic Church overnight winter shelter
- (c) Abandoned house at 268 Machleary Street

**2. Promote community safety and well-being by focusing on the neighbourhood as a model for Active Transportation and Complete Streets.**

**3. Promote community well-being through work on sustainable improvements to the quality of life in our neighbourhood by increasing tree canopy coverage to 33% of the land area and landscaping parkettes like the one at Franklyn and Milton Streets, to look similar to the parkette by the old fire hall on Victoria Road.**

**Baseball fields at Gyro Park** – Joy reported that the Fields Manager for the Nanaimo Minor Baseball Association has been in touch about the condition of these fields. He is asking if NOCA would support the NMBA contacting the city to ask for gates with locks on the dugouts. The Board agreed. Joy will follow up with Shane.

**Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network** – Next meeting is March 4 which Brian and Mayta will attend. Mayta has asked that neighbourhood priorities be added to the agenda.

**Traffic calming measures at Campbell and Machleary Streets** – Joy and Mayta reported on a successful meeting with Jamie Rose (City of Nanaimo Transportation Manager), Chris Sholberg and a number of neighbours. An excellent discussion with Jamie agreeing to a number of staged options to

improve safety and sight lines at this intersection. We will start with plastic bollards and then reevaluate in a few months' time.

**Issues at Pawson Park** – Joy has been in contact with Barry Hornby and Kirsty MacDonald about the concerns raised by Michael Sharratt at our last meeting. Cst. Hornby responded favourably to keeping a closer eye on the building and what happens behind it. Still waiting to hear from Kirsty.

**City of Nanaimo survey on off-street parking** – Brian reported that the City of Nanaimo is updating its off-street parking regulations and management of public on-street parking through a Parking Review and Bylaw Update process. As part of the review, the City is engaging the community to understand parking challenges and help inform potential recommendations. A draft set of changes will be developed between May and July of 2025 with bylaw updates taking place between Aug. and Sept. 2025.

Until April 2025, the City is surveying the community and holding stakeholder discussions. The community survey opens on March 1 and can be found along with more information on the [Parking Review and Bylaw Update webpage](#).

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 17 at 7 pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm.