

NOCA Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2026

In attendance: Joy Adams Bauer, Barbara Schreiber, Twila Konynenbelt, Shelley Serebrin, Basia Henoch, Mayta Ryn, Jamie Molloy

Regrets: Alan Drexhage, Brian Booth

President Joy Adams Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed Jamie to the Board and Sandra and Terre as our guests.

The **Agenda**, as circulated, was approved on a motion by Mayta and seconded by Barb.

The minutes of the November 17, 2025 meeting as circulated, were approved on a motion by Basia and seconded by Jamie.

Treasurer's Report – We have \$4,493.47 in the bank. No activity since the last Board meeting.

Alley beside The Willston (388 Machleary Street) – Joy reported that the working group has shared the letter they wrote to Caleb Horn, city planner. They have also corresponded with Madeleine Koch, Active Transportation Specialist in the transportation department. Joy will invite Terre and Sandra to attend our next Board meeting. Mayta will drop off an article from The Tyee to Sandra which contains useful information for the working group.

Machleary and Campbell intersection – We talked about the survey the city created for folks who could not attend the neighbourhood meeting with the artist in November. Joy will check with Jamie Brett about the number of responses.

Overnight Shelter at St. Peter's Catholic Church – The NFLA (who operates the shelter) informed us that more Community Safety Officers are checking the ground in the morning when residents leave the shelter and trying to connect them with the services they need. There are still some issues for people living close to the church (BH and EL). We will continue to monitor. Joy checked and here's how to contact the CSOs: Call **250-268-7440** 7 am to 11 p.m. 7 days a week (**except** statutory holidays).

Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network meeting with city staff – Mayta and Shelly will attend the meeting on January 19 in person, Joy will join online. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the annual engagement event between NA's and City Councillors is working. NOCA is pleased with the process. We will listen to the comments of the other NA's.

Priorities for 2026 – Joy will send an e-blast to all of our members (over 80) by the end of the month asking for input. Depending on the response received, we might create a survey using Google Docs. Jamie can assist with this.

Home-based businesses in the old city – Joy checked with the OCQ Business Association. They serve businesses within their catchment area which is Milton to Wallace; Wentworth to Franklyn. Jamie suggests we approach home-based businesses in our catchment area. Perhaps we can have a different membership fee for them? Jamie recently spoke to Amy Ferris of Black/White Rabbit about “perks” at local businesses for NOCA members. Perhaps we create stickers for businesses who join NOCA to post on their doors? Jamie will continue reaching out to businesses. **More discussion at the next meeting.**

New apartment blocks in our neighbourhood – Basia mentioned the hundreds of people who will be moving into the new apartment building on Wallace Street. How can we let them know about NOCA? **More discussion at the next meeting.**

For the good of our community – Joy reported on additional funding for Nanaimo’s Community Safety Officers (\$444,000 from Health Canada); new babies in the neighbourhood and fantastic bread at the Old City Cheese and Market!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 23, 2026