

**South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting**  
**Minutes of Meeting November 5, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm with an introduction and Land Acknowledgement by Erin Renwick, SJNA Vice President. The adoption of September meeting minutes was voted on and approved.

The meeting began with a discussion of possible grant applications for new tents for SJNA activities. Various styles of tents are to be sampled.

**Garden Coordinator Update – River S.**

- The last work party is complete with all garden areas being mulched. River will complete the December 5, 2025 grant report, which will also address drain off from the pergola area.
- River noted that garbage and refuse is left on tables and garden beds, as well as gravel often left on tables.
- Discussion followed about possible micro grants for signage and lighting. Sadly, River is leaving this project. Our thanks and appreciation go to River for outstanding work. Future funding could be in jeopardy due to City cutbacks.

**City Council Liaison Update – Marg Gardiner.**

- The Official Community Plan is now in effect. There are “huge changes in density and in the process of development”. With the new building heights in force there is no obligation by the City or a developer to post signs concerning heights”. As well, Marg continued, there is no public process any longer. There is a delegation bylaw in effect which entitles city staff to carry out work on development without necessarily informing Council.
- Phase 2 and 3 of the new OCP are not known yet.
- Marg pointed out that ‘consumption sites’ are now part of OCP. These sites are currently causing the neighbourhoods of North Park and Cook Street concern.
- The new residential street parking under OCP should be mailed out in the Connect bulletin shortly.
- As well, Marg spoke about City borrowing costs, including costs for the new Crystal Pool, which will be borrowed in stages. These overall expenditures are under scrutiny.

- Previously, Marg pointed out the City debt load has doubled in the past 10 years. New projections say current debt load will double in 4 years.
- There is a 5-7 percent increase expected for property taxes.
- Also mentioned, Provincial Government Bill M- 216 concerning development in municipalities and impacting City Hall.

### **City Neighbourhood Liaison Update – Gary Pemberton.**

Gary Pemberton, our City staff liaison for SJNA spoke about My Great Neighbourhood grants opening again in February, 2026. He also mentioned a free space for neighbourhoods “Neighbour Space” at 708 Douglas Street which is available for booking. Seats 40-45, and 75 standing. Gary stated that there is some talk of 20 per cent cut to My Great Neighbourhood grants. Funds to Garden Coordinators, the grant SJNA has used for Redfern Park will be cut.

### **Treasurer Update – Charlotte G.**

Reported that the budget for SJNA is balanced and all accounts are satisfactory.

### **CALUC Update – Ruan W.**

Development news/ CALUC Land Use for SJNA:

- 1908 Foul Bay Rd: there will be changes to the exterior; Revised plans by developers 3 Shores to Davie Street development, and development on 1513 Amphion St. have been returned to the developer.
- It was moved that we include the Development Tracker link on our website and in our newsletters.

### **VCAN Update – Susan W.**

Report on VCAN, the association of all Neighbourhood Associations by Susan, SJNA representative:

- “VCAN will change its official wording to specify neighbourhood associations that have a neighbourhood centre – and earn funds from that – to neighbourhood associations that do not have a neighbourhood centre or meeting place.”
- Also discussed at the October VCAN meeting was a motion that all CALUC - land use committees ask City Hall for all developments – proposed and approved.

### **Get Growing Update – Susan W.**

Reported that 2 successful plant distributions were in May and August, as well as soil, and mulch were available twice this season. This program is valued and popular with residents, and concerns about budget cuts were expressed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

**The next SJNA Community Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Lai Brothers Lecture Theatre at the Royal Jubilee Hospital (Room S169), and additionally via Zoom.**