



TROPICA The Residents Of Pleasantside loco Community Association

ALDERSIDE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

NOTICE 6

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Your Waterfront License with Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

Thanks to all who attended The Alderside Residents Committee (ARC) Town Hall last Thursday July 27th at Old Orchard Hall. Please find a summary of points reviewed and discussed:

Meeting started at 7:30 PM sharp and there were approximately 40 attendees, as NOT all people signed in. We had representation from Alderside Rd., Belcarra and some Indian Arm residents.

The ARC Committee provided an overview of where we have been, where we are and where we are heading with respect to pushing back on Vancouver Port Authority (VPA) on the egregious terms that have been introduced into the proposed waterfront recreational dock license renewals that have been sent to some waterfront property owners .

Jennifer Natland, the VP of Real Estate for the Port had been invited to attend and declined via phone call to our committee .

Port Moody Mayor – Meghan Lahti, Deputy Mayor of Belcarra – Janet Ruzycki and Port Moody councilor – Haven Lurbiecki were in attendance.

Mayor Lahti and Deputy Mayor Ruzycki provided brief comments on their ALL Mayors' meeting with the Port back in June and the general comment was that the Port felt there was very little change in the language of the contracts .

Mayor Lahti will be meeting with the Minister of Transportation in the next few months and has agreed to advocate on our behalf with this matter. She also indicated she will be in Ottawa in October and will bring this to the attention of interested parties on our behalf.

Deputy Mayor Ruzycki continues to inform the people of Belcarra and is sharing the information provided by the ARC to an ever growing database of concerned citizens in Belcarra and Indian Arm .

ARC notified attendees that speaking with the VPA on an individual basis could be dangerous as VPA may use this as a tactic to divide and conquer individual license holders . There was robust discussion around being one voice together and being a united front to meet with the VPA as a group. ARC continues to advocate on ALL waterfront license holders behalf to get that meeting with the VPA so we can ALL be heard in a Public Forum

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If you are contacted by the VPA we are asking that you advocate to have a public hearing or ask them to direct any questions they have through ARC at aldersiderescom@gmail.com so that we may record and maintain record of this dialogue .

There was discussion around whether people should sign the new documents or not and while the ARC cannot provide legal advice there was some examples of owners who responded to the VPA with: "I am not comfortable signing these documents in their current state and would like to discuss these changes in a public forum with ALL stakeholders". This was predicated on the fact that their homeowner insurance was up to date and the license fees were paid . Some comments were made around paying fees online through online banking so they were direct deposited and accepted by the VPA, so that the current licenses would remain in effect.

ARC has developed a "Waterfront Stewards Guideline "(Please find attached) that outlines some but NOT all activities that we as waterfront homeowners are actively participating in as a result of living on the water. We encouraged ALL attendees to add to this list as we would encourage all recipients of this notice to send an email with additions or notes to aldersiderescom@gmail.com so we can create an even more robust list for discussion when negotiating with the VPA.

There was discussion around whether we should be engaging the First Nations (FN) at this point regarding a potential handover of administration of waterfront recreational dock licenses from the VPA to First Nations . While we believe long term we will want / need to engage with FN it is believed by the ARC that it may be premature to engage FN as it has NOT been officially declared that they will be the administrators of these licenses in the future and therefore negotiations may be premature. There is a strong belief that this is where this will go in the future however so we are currently reaching out to FN on stewardship partnerships or co – ops as per the stewardship document attached and exploring opportunities to be co-stewards of the Burrard Inlet foreshore.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

ARC is continually advocating on ALL waterfront properties to get a meeting with VPA officials in a public Forum so that we can place the discussions on the public record. We are continually adding to our ever growing database so we can keep waterfront homeowners like yourselves informed and up to date of the latest information available to us all.

We would appreciate any and all help in gathering contact information from any affected homeowners so that we are UNITED FRONT when it comes to negotiating with the Port .

United we stand divided we fall .

Our next Town Hall is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 21,2023 at Old Orchard Hall.

If there are other community associations or individuals that would like us to invite to join in communicating to affected stakeholders, we would encourage you to contact us at aldersiderescom@gmail.com

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