

Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

IN PERSON at QVCC

Monday January 16, 2023 7 pm

Staff: 1 NAC/DBAC: 4

Presenters: 3 Community: 8

Council Liaison Susan Kim and staff liaison G. Pemberton

1. Welcome and Introductions, territorial acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples and we would like to thank the Lkwungen (Songhees) and Kwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations for sharing their land on which we work, live, learn and play

2. Approval of Agenda- approved

3. Approval of October Meeting Minutes- Approved

4. Presentation and Discussion: Sarah Webb, Hailey Steiger-Tang, Mitchell Jernslet

Context: Go Victoria

a. 2023 City-led traffic Calming in in the HQ neighbourhood

What is traffic calming? Safe streets- reducing speeds or reducing number of cars on specific streets. Residents often identify issues and staff then assess. This is mostly on local neighbourhood streets and is an iterative process- collect data, decide what are we trying to accomplish? Volumes, speed- was it effective. Analyse. Comprehensive plan was introduced in 2020. Schools and Parks were the priority.

Quadra St arterial has approx. 18,000 cars per day.

Question: will you calm arterials?

A: some features that are introduced specifically in intersections but not calming such as speed bumps.

Comment: the Quadra medians in the Village are effective at traffic calming but not changing the volumes. Need safe road speeds on arterials. Discussion of various locations and Quadra School. Comprehensive approach. Speed humps, bulges. Sometimes test ideas with bollards and paint.

b. Combined Placemaking & traffic calming Projects – Showcasing the Clare, Maddison & Brighton Planter Boxes. Overview of the process and information on how you can initiate a project on your street.

Traffic calming with streetscape planters on local roads strategically placed along the road. Done in collaboration with neighbourhood residents on local streets. Done in collaboration with My Great Neighbourhood Grant. Design drawings are available from the existing projects. There must be access for firetrucks, emergency vehicles etc. Grassroots initiative

with City funding. Merrit St, Highview and Topaz have expressed interest. Door to door-threshold of approval is approximately 70% as a rule of thumb.

Five streets are on list for traffic calming: Prior, Wark, Blackwood, Topaz, Fifth. Hillside Quadra first neighbourhood on list for 30 Km hour street project signage.

2024 Quadra Street paving

Discussion: Bay at Vancouver light takes too long for pedestrians! Traffic signal timing being collected currently with speed, volume.

Comment: Dividers at Kings have been driven over and split the concrete!

To assess need for traffic calming data collection can be done. Streets can be reassessed in about 2 years.

Comment: Issues with the new bulges at Dowler at Kings need loading zone by Evergreen Terrace- The only place where a delivery driver can look at unit addresses is now no parking. There are also a lot of people who need to unload groceries etc.

Comment: The new Kings Road AAA goes right through the middle of Evergreen Terrace. There are cyclists yelling at kids that live there.

Kelly QVCC working with City to address issues around the Quadra Village Community Centre- plan being tweaked

What is the process for deciding on the technique? Speedhumps are for low volume but high-speed streets. Cost is part of the equation? Speed humps cheaper and easier to install than traffic circles. Can be implemented in a season.

c. Review of Kings Road Operations & Next steps

Lots of conflict at Kings at Quadra- data collection happening-lots of tweaks coming

ET redevelopment: a whole rethink of the traffic flow in the quadrant. MAJOR investments required.

Parking discussion: 90000 spots in City. Finding the balance between adequate parking and other street uses.

5. Update from City of Victoria Gary Pemberton/New Councillor Liaison Susan Kim

Neighbourhood Virtual coming up Jan 18- can be viewed afterwards

MGNG Placemaking and Community Resilience-food security etc. up to \$7500 Activity Grants increased from \$1000 to \$1500

Strategic Plan grants under review currently by external committee- Gary to investigate it.

Susan Kim introduced herself with a brief bio. She is thrilled to be our representative.

6. Community updates

Summit Noise- new equipment will be installed

Post Office- post office closed working on it with constituency office

Comfort Inn- Muncie Place meetings CAC not active

Topaz bike Park well used lights on until 10pm and Skatepark busy