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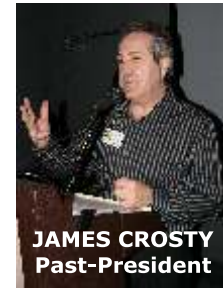
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Record attendance at the Quayside Community Board AGM set stage for outstanding success

[February 5th, 2010, New Westminster, BC] The Quayside Community Board (QCB) AGM took place on January 27th, 2010 at the Fraser River Discovery Center attracting an enthusiastic audience of over 100 people. In addition to finding out who their new board would be going into a new decade, the standing-room-only audience were also engaged in informative dialogue with several City leaders.



JAMES CROSTY
Past-President



The keynote speaker was **Virginia Bremner**, ED of the Downtown BIA who talked of the 'newly revitalized downtown' and encouraged those present to express their opinions on what works, and doesn't work, in this important business district. Virginia was followed by speakers: **Catherine Ouellet Martin**, ED Fraser River Discovery Center, **Karen Baker-MacGrotty**, Co-Chair Spirit of BC, **Alex Csizmadia**, Metro Vancouver, and **Mark Shieh**, River Market.

The speakers energized the audience with discussions from a 'mystery tenant at the River market' and 'free tickets to the 'live' broadcast of the Olympic Open Ceremonies at Massey Theatre' to 'Discovery Centre events' and 'zero waste management.' The evening topics were thought provoking and stimulated energetic dialogue between speaker and audience members.

Also present were the representatives of each building who comprise the QCB board. Elections were held and the following people were placed into positions of responsibility. The new board is: President **Matthew Laird** - Vice President, **Maria Bisognin** - Secretary, **Penny McIvor** - Treasurer, **Maureen Albanese** and Director at Large, **Ted Eddy**.

Highlighting the evening was the entertaining and informative farewell address by President, **James Crosty**. In his address, James thanked the board for its hard work and its help to shape the community. He stated "that Quayside has changed 'for the better' in the 6 six years since the creation of the QCB. The community is more secure and there is a noticeable reduction in the noise levels coming from the rail yard." Crosty's summation of his tenure included: "1; That over the years the QCB has developed one of the most informative and comprehensive community websites. 2; The QCB is the largest fully paid up resident association in the city of New Westminster with 2080 strata units representing approximately 4000 residents. 3; The 3rd Annual Quayside Festival and Sale attracted more than 5,000 people in 2009 and together with Virginia Bremner of the BIA, plans are in the works to create the longest outdoor sidewalk sale in Canada on August 21st, 2010 at the 4th annual Quayside Festival & Sale 2010. Finally 4; The Quayside Community Board has established a reputation of support and service to its members and further to potential buyers interested in our community."

In closing, James thanked the residents for their support and for making the QCB one of the most respected not-for-profit community organizations in New Westminster. At the conclusion of Crosty's speech, **John Hinz**, a member from Docksider stood up to thank James Crosty for his hard work and the room responded with a standing ovation.

Prior to the adjournment of the AGM, there was a draw for a \$100 Gift Certificate from **The MET Bar & Grill** which was won by Westport resident **Helen Bodner**. The remaining of the evening saw people mingling with each other for 45 minutes enjoying complimentary coffee and baked goods provided by **Waves** on Columbia Street. Judging from the smiles, camaraderie and over all positive atmosphere of the Quayside residents, the Quayside Community Board's AGM was an outstanding success and a model format for other associations to consider in future.