

**SHAUGHNESSY PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
(the "Society")

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT AT 2017 AGM**

The President, Chris Shackleton, thanked the Board and the executive Committee for their work this past year, with special thanks to Ms. Cummings for her work on fulfilling good governance for the Society, to Ms. Kirkby for her unfailing contributions to the Newsletter, the SHPOA website and for her editorial skills, and to Anthony Chu for reaching out to the Chinese community and for all his work in translating our communications.

The President went on to highlight some of the Board's work for the past year, including increasing membership, implementing and practising the principles of good governance. The Board also put considerable efforts into communication with the membership. producing a Mission Statement, a formal Position on the HCA, and fulfilling the requirements of the new BC Societies Act by redrafting the Constitution and Bylaws, which will be discussed later in the meeting. The President pointed out that considerable efforts had been made to engage the membership in community issues and to provide information and to gather feedback.

The President noted that there is still significant work to be done by the incoming Board on how best to use social media, and how to further enhance recruitment, communication and engagement with the membership.

The meeting heard that the President made considerable effort to engage a panel of individuals to speak about the City's housing initiatives. Invitees included Ian Robertson, a journalist, Andy Yu, an urban planner at SFU, Gil Kelley, the recently hired Director of Planning, and Paul Kershaw, Associate Professor UBC. Unfortunately only Mr. Robertson showed any interest at all, so a Panel could not be composed for this evening's meeting.

**The President then went on to make some personal comments.**

He noted that the COV has exploited the lack of clear distinction within the heritage provisions of the Vancouver Charter, to impose the HCA on first Shaughnessy without the need to pay compensation. Efforts on the part of members of this Association at both the provincial and BC Supreme Court levels to seek a remedy have been

unsuccessful. Justice Shelley Fitzpatrick found for the City on the HCA litigation and counsel for the COV made comments in that litigation that the ultimate remedy is at the ballot box. The HCA stands and there has not been a sale of a home in First Shaughnessy - either pre or post 1940 - since November 2016.

Public consultation with the City has become a “sham show” and other concerned Vancouverites as well as our members all have a common complaint - the City doesn't listen.

The President outlined some of the numerous unpopular and sometimes environmentally damaging initiatives that the City has undertaken irrespective of the views of those most affected, Burrard Street Bridge, Point Grey Road, the Character Home Zoning Review, the vacant home tax, bike lanes and Mobi bike stands eliminating on-street parking and strangling small businesses, the widespread demolition of single-family homes and endless concrete-jungle densification - the latter two resulting in a net loss of green space and its attendant CO2 consuming photosynthetic capacity.

The President expressed the view that bigger issues are at stake and questions need to be asked including:

- Why Vision is so heavily funded by US interests?
- Why recent hires for senior positions at the COV are staffed by Americans?
- Why the Chief Resilience officer, COV, is being funded by the Rockefeller Foundation?

The President reminded members that during the recent provincial election, Andrew Wilkinson, MLA for Vancouver-Quilchena claimed that if the BC Liberals were re-elected they would amend the Vancouver Charter to remove the city's powers to dictate zoning. Gordon Clark writing in the Province went further and suggested that the Province do away with the Vancouver Charter entirely.

The President expressed the view that many Canadians are unaware that property rights are not enshrined in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but that Shaughnessy homeowners have been subject to the crystal-clear example of what the lack of property rights can do to a homeowner's equity.

The President encouraged all members to think about these issues and ask questions. He also encouraged every member - regardless of their position on heritage - to become engaged and to write to their MLA to let him or her know that the Vancouver Charter should be eliminated and to their MP to voice the view that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms should be amended to include property rights.