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President’s Message

Dear SHPOA members,

On behalf of SHPOA, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined us recently. To you, and to other long standing members, we would like to provide the following update to what we have been doing in the past six months.

As 2003 draws to a close, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year!

Peter Kwok, President

What is Happening in Our Neighbourhood

Home Security

In our AGM in May this year, we invited Constable Ian Carter to give us a talk on how to better protect our homes from crime. Please contact us if you wish to have a copy of the brief home security notes handed out at that meeting. For more detailed information, please visit the following Vancouver Police Department web pages:

<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/police/crimeprevention/index.htm>
http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/police/news/home_invasions.html

York House School Expansion Proposal

We are continuing to work with the York House neighbours and the school regarding the latter’s expansion proposal, to ensure that any proposed improvements in the school’s facilities will also address the neighbours’ concerns.

For more information on this issue, please visit the York House Neighbours’ website at :

<http://www.yorkhouseneighbours.com>

Rooming House at Corner of 33rd & Connaught

The house at the northeast corner of 33rd and Connaught was used as a rooming house for decades, but, according to the Vancouver Charter, should revert to single family use because that multiple family usage had ceased since the summer of 2002. However, the City is refusing to allow such reversion. We strongly supported the immediate neighbours in appealing to the

Board of Variance, and will continue to pursue this matter with city officials.

Granville Traffic

We have initiated contacting the City regarding alleviating the traffic along Granville Street, particularly with respect to the numerous bus lines. We are awaiting their response and will continue to follow up on this matter.

General Shaughnessy Development Issues

We have gained the co-operation of city officials in agreeing to lengthen the time given to neighbours to respond to a development application, from one weekend previously to two weekends. They have also agreed to notify us whenever they send out notices to any development site’s neighbours, as well as include in the notices information on where to obtain details regarding zoning bylaws and design guidelines. We are monitoring the situation and have already taken it up with city officials with one instance when they did not give more than one weekend’s notice to neighbours. We have also detected instances when neighbours who feel that they are affected are not notified. We shall continue discussion with city officials to better define the necessary notification area.

Soon, the controversial Greencroft development will be complete, and the city’s 3-year moratorium on granting transferable density for Shaughnessy developments will be up. We shall undertake a reassessment of this development and of the related city policies to see if changes are needed.

The City has embarked on a Community Visions program, to gather input on how various communities would like to see themselves evolve in the future. We have been invited to participate in this process and look forward to contributing our ideas.

How we can be of help to you

Our mandate is to promote and maintain community spirit and cooperative assistance among our members, and to preserve the unique residential characters of Shaughnessy. Your support and participation are important for us to carry out these goals for the common good. If you have any concerns or suggestions, we would love to hear from you and will take them up with the City or other organizations (such as the case with York House School) where appropriate.

You can help us help you better by noting the following:

1. If you receive a notice of a nearby development and it concerns you, contact us **RIGHT AWAY**.
2. If you are aware that a rooming house near you has recently become vacant, and you would like to see it revert to single family use, contact us **RIGHT AWAY**.
3. **RENEW** your membership **NOW** if you have not done so at our last AGM, to ensure that we have a large representation when speaking to city officials.
4. **GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS** or **FAX NUMBER**, to facilitate communications with you.
5. **INVITE** your friends and neighbours to join us. The more members we have, the more effective our voice will be.

Housekeeping Matters

Membership Year

In the past, there has sometimes been some confusion over when a member's membership should be renewed. Since different people join us at different times, trying to keep track of everybody's anniversary date and send out renewal reminders accordingly will take up a lot of our time and manpower. We are all volunteers and would prefer to spend our time helping you with your issues than doing cumbersome administrative work. Therefore, we have decided that EVERYBODY'S membership will run annually from June 1 to May 30 of the following year. This will entitle you to vote at an AGM, which is always held during the month of May, no matter when you join during the membership year. Membership fees are used for meeting room rentals, newsletter production, other minor administrative costs, and organizing functions for our members from time to time. We do not draw any director's fees or salaries.

SHPOA Bylaws

Since receiving the input of members at the 2002 AGM, we have rethought our bylaws to take into account your suggestions

and are continuing to work on refining them. These bylaws have not been updated since 1958, and we hope to have a new set of bylaws for your approval at our next AGM, in May 2004.

Shaughnessy Boundaries

According to the city's definition of Shaughnessy, the area bounded by W. 37th, Oak, W.41st, and Granville is also a part of Shaughnessy, and this will be reflected in our proposed new bylaws. Property owners there and your resident spouses are welcome to join us, while we fully respect that you have a neighbourhood residents' association there which you may also wish to be members of.

Contact Persons

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the following persons:

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or email us at shpoavan@hotmail.com

The First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel

This panel helps ensure that new developments, including exterior renovations/additions, in First Shaughnessy will fit in with the area and protect the unique heritage character of this area. 4 out of 14 members of this panel must be nominated by SHPOA and must be residents of First Shaughnessy. If you are interested in serving on this panel, please contact Peter Kwok at 604-730-8223.

Being a Member of SHPOA

We are here, willing and ready to help you address your neighbourhood concerns. Being a member of SHPOA gives you the comfort of knowing that you have an organization to back you up in times of need. **Please renew your membership now and invite your friends and neighbours to join.** There is strength in numbers. If you have already renewed your membership around the time of our May AGM this year, you do not have to renew your membership until next May. All property owners in Shaughnessy and their resident spouses are eligible to become members.

Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners' Association Membership Renewal

Owner(s) and resident spouse's names _____

Property Address _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Amount enclosed _____ (Annual membership fees: couple \$20, single \$10, corporation or society (1 representative): \$10)

Date _____

Please make cheque payable to:

Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners' Association
and mail to: SHPOA, P. O. Box 62059, 4645 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, B. C. V6J 4A3
or drop off at Mogi Gift Shop, Arbutus and Valley Drive