



Bay Cloverhill Community Association

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**Minutes of the 4th BCCA Annual General Meeting
November 10, 2010
Held in the Gymnasium at Metro Central YMCA
20 Grosvenor St., Toronto, ON M4Y 2W4**

Chair: Norm Waite, President, Bay Cloverhill Community Association

Welcome: The chair welcomed everyone to our 4th Annual General Meeting. Special guests and representatives were introduced:

Al Rezoski, Acting Manager of the City Planning Department

Michael Hynes, Senior Planner of the City Planning Department

Kristyn Wong-Tam, Councillor-Elect, Ward 27

Rocchina Colangelo, bank manager, Desjardins Credit Union

Evan Weinburg, Downtown Business Improvement Association

Gee Chung, President, Greater Yorkville Residents' Association

Ian Gemmell, President, McGill-Granby Village Residents' Assoc.

Linda Brett, Vice-President, Bloor East Neighbourhood Association

Magda Majewski, Michael Shelley, Morley Chalmers, Paul Farrelly,
Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Lorna Low, a BCCA alumnus and former treasurer

May Chow, a founding BCCA member and former president

Quorum: The meeting was attended by residents from 10 of the 11 member buildings, representing quorum. (887 Bay St., 889 Bay St., 909 Bay St., 925 Bay St., 62 Wellesley St. W., 24 Wellesley St. W., 44 St. Joseph St., 1001 Bay St., 1055 Bay St., 37 Grosvenor St./38 Grenville St. (Murano))

Agenda: Acceptance of the Agenda for November 10, 2010 was moved by Willow Dumas and seconded by Darlene Desveaux.
Motion was carried.

Minutes

The Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting were posted for review on our website @ www.baycloverhill.ca in mid-October, 2010. The president invited additions and corrections. There was one amendment. The 2009 AGM meeting was represented by 8 of the 10 member buildings rather than 7 of the 9 member buildings. 44 St. Joseph St., 1001 Bay St., 1055 Bay St., 24 Wellesley St. W., 62 Wellesley St. W., 887 Bay St., 889 Bay St., and 801 Bay St., were the 8 member buildings which were represented. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 5, 2009 as amended was moved by Norman Waite and seconded by Kathryn Holden. Motion was carried.

Financial Statement

Everyone was given a detailed copy of our Association's financial statement from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 which was prepared by Acting Treasurer, Norm Waite. Membership fee revenues for this period amounted to \$5455.50. Operating expenditures for this fiscal year amounted to \$4172.49. The current year surplus as of September 30, 2010 was \$1283.01. The accumulated surplus as of October 01, 2009 was \$4321.93. There is \$27,250.00 in our BayStreet Bioswale Fund. Acceptance of the BCCA financial statement from October 01, 2009 to September 30, 2010 as written was moved by Willow Dumas and seconded by Marion McCron. Motion was carried.

2010 Priorities

Everyone who attended the AGM was given a copy of our 8 BCCA priorities for 2010 for review and discussion.

- ✓ to rebrand our community association (new name, logo)
- ✓ to produce a working interactive BCCA website
- ✓ to recruit new members
- ✓ to continue to implement our community beautification plan with special attention to Queen's Park North
- ✓ to monitor closely the final drawings, the tendering process and the construction of the Bay St. Bioswale on the east side of Bay St. between Grosvenor and Wellesley Streets
- ✓ to work in partnership with the Division 52 Community Police Liaison Committee to develop community safety initiatives
- ✓ to monitor the proposed developments at 1000 Bay St., 880 Bay St., 15 St. Mary St., 5 St. Joseph St., and 9-21 Grenville St.
- ✓ to request a working committee for the planning, designing, and naming of the approved public park at the north-west corner of Bay and St. Joseph Streets

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

6 informative presentations were given by the following BCCA members:

#1 BCCA WEBSITE – Alex Pryce

Alex, our website manager and building representative from 44 St. Joseph St. (Polo 2), highlighted on the overhead screen the four main sections and three additional sub-sections of our new BCCA website; he encouraged members of the audience to visit and sign-up www.baycloverhill.com. He indicated that the BCCA would be striking a website subcommittee in 2011 to review and approve content on the website. It was his hope that the website will evolve into a key communication tool not only for BCCA members and residents in our community but also for external communication.

#2 UNVEILING OUR NEW BCCA LOGO



Before unveiling our new Bay Cloverhill Community Association logo, Norm Waite gave the following introduction.

“Last year we changed our name from the Bay Corridor Community Association to the Bay Cloverhill Community Association” We have changed our logo to reflect this name change and to be more reflective of our diverse community.

We are more than tall buildings. We have grade-related buildings too. We have residential buildings. We have institutional buildings. We have commercial buildings. We also have open spaces and precious parks.

All these land uses are woven together by a public realm which we have been trying to green and beautify. Our new logo reflects this diverse land use and greening of our neighbourhood.”

#3 NAMING OUR BCCA LANES – Kathryn Holden

The City of Toronto has many un-named lanes. Generally lanes were not named unless the lane was the only source of accessing a property. In that instance, a lane was given a name to establish an identifying address.

Here are the BCCA lanes named and our reasons for choosing the specific name.

1. St. Luke Lane, which recognizes the name of St. Luke’s Church, a church formerly located on the site of the present 1001 Bay Street.

2. **St. Basil Lane** in recognition of St. Basil Seminary which is located on St. Joseph Street and which backs onto St. Basil Lane. The Order of St. Basil is a teaching order which has its World Headquarters on St. Joseph Street.
3. **St. Vincent Lane** in recognition of the name of the little street running north of Grosvenor Street prior to the creation of Bay Street.
4. **Terauley Lane** in recognition of the original name of Bay Street in this vicinity.
5. **Cottage Lane** in recognition of the 10 Victorian cottages on the east side of St. Nicholas Street.

These 5 lanes were approved in April and September of 2009 by an official motion made to Toronto City Council. The City created and erected the signs which are in place today for all to observe.

More information about the naming of these lanes and their locations in the community is available on our BCCA website.

#4 BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR BCCA NEIGHBOURHOOD – Marion McCron

In partnership with BCCA photographer, Alfredo Olloqui, Marion McCron presented a brief overview of activities and accomplishments with respect to the beautification of our neighbourhood. Her presentation consisted of a series of slides featuring the Mayor's Annual Cleanup Day in April where the volunteer group of BCCA residents started at the north end of Cottage Lane and carried on down St. Nicholas Street and St. Luke Lane to College Street. Another set of slides focussed on the Community Gardens on St. Mary and St. Nicholas Streets.

There were also pictures of bicycles on St. Vincent and of abandoned and derelict bikes in the neighbourhood. A picture of the new city garbage bin on Dundonald St. was also shown.

#5 SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Linda Whelpdale

Linda Whelpdale is the chair of the BCCA Safety Subcommittee. She pointed out that the Bay Cloverhill Community Association is a member of the 52 Division Community Police Liaison Committee which holds 5-6 meetings annually. 52 Division borders on Spadina Ave to the west, Bloor St. West to the north, Yonge St. to the east, and the Lake Shore Boulevard to the south. The Entertainment District is a high needs area within Division 52's boundaries. Our Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood is deemed to be a safe neighbourhood with a low crime rate. We are given the current crime statistics for our community. e.g. thefts, break-ins, etc. at every CPLC meeting and they are included in a safety report that is given to BCCA members every second month.

From time to time the BCCA has met for an informal discussion on policing and community interaction with Division 52 police officers. If you have a safety concern, please contact the BCCA for whom community safety is a high priority.

#6 CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Shawn Tracy, chair of the BCCA Development Subcommittee, gave a development report on 6 current development sites, namely, 9-21 Grenville St., 15 St. Mary St., 1000 Bay St., 5 St. Joseph St., 880 Bay St., and 11 Wellesley St. W.

In his report Shawn lamented our community's loss of yet another treasured historical building in our neighbourhood – the Kenson Apartments- 51 Grosvenor St. which have now been demolished to make way for Phase 1 of the expanding Women's College Hospital.



At the same time Shawn cited another treasured historical building- the planing mill from the 1800's on a cobblestone, tree-lined street whose facade the BCCA was able to save. There will be a 35-storey tower on this site adjacent to the 10 historical cottages on St. Nicholas St.



On a hopeful note he drew attention to the future leadership of MPP Glen Murray, new Councillor-Elect Kristyn Wong-Tam and our new BCCA Executive. "Our community association and its residents" he said, "have reason for hope by working together with the new leadership in 2011 to affect positive change in our neighbourhood."

ELECTION OF THREE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Both the treasurer's and internal vice-president's positions are for 2 years and the external vice-president's position is for 1 year. The internal vice-president actively recruits new members to the Association whereas the external vice-president co-ordinates all official communications of the Association.

BCCA members were advised of the 3 open positions prior to October 15, 2010 for which the following nominations were received. There was one nomination for each elected position.

(a) Treasurer -----Matthew Gillman, nominated by S. Tracy, seconded by N. Waite

(b) Internal Vice-President--- Marion McCron, nominated by K. Holden, seconded by A.Olloqui

(c) External Vice-President-- Linda Whelpdale, nominated by N. Waite, seconded by M.McCron

Their being 3 nominations and 3 positions, Matthew Gillman, Marion McCron and Linda Whelpdale were elected by acclamation.

The 3 newly-acclaimed BCCA members then introduced themselves and commented briefly on their interest, work and experience as an Association member.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Glen Murray, the MPP for Toronto Centre and Minister of Research and Innovation, was introduced by Norm Waite.

In his address, Glen focussed on his Community Action Plan (CAP) process for the 17 neighbourhoods in Toronto Centre. "Each neighbourhood including our own Bay Cloverhill community," he stated, "has its own unique characteristics and assets, its own neighbourhood issues, challenges, and opportunities." "We will aim to hear a diverse range of opinions from community members and ask them to collaborate with each other to develop common goals and objectives for their communities to be successful." "By collaborating with residents the CAP will help identify the issues, challenges, and priorities as well as the values, assets, and resources we have in our neighbourhoods."

Glen described the CAP process "as a fundamental different way of making decisions in government. It's about pushing power back to communities, trying to front end load decision-making about what we have and what we want to have in our own communities, and trying to align the provincial government's role with the municipality's role in a seamless way." He looked forward to working with councillor-elect, Kristyn Wong-Tam as a partner and champion of neighbourhood decision-making and community building.

Glen pointed out that in the initial stage of the CAP process his staff and community partners will be aggregating and mapping out all the critical pieces of information (data) that we collect from residents, community associations, not for profit organizations, etc. about each neighbourhood. We're starting the process in 5 neighbourhoods-St. Lawrence, Corktown, Cabbagetown, Regent Park, and St. Jamestown.

He also identified some of the key questions that willing stakeholders would be asked at the initial planning meetings:

What are the characteristics that define our neighbourhood?

What resources do we own?

How do we make our neighbourhood a better place to be?

How do we maintain the diversity in our neighbourhood?

What are our values?

How do we want our neighbourhood to look in 5 years?

In 2011 the process will continue in the remaining 12 neighbourhoods including the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood. Each community action plan will seek to connect the needs of our communities with the resources, assets, and tools we can use to strengthen our neighbourhoods.

Glen remarked, "It will be a great opportunity for interested residents and the Bay Cloverhill Community Association to voice their opinions, to have a significant impact on the decision making process, and to affect positive change in our own neighbourhood." He cited the example of the old Morguard property at 11 Wellesley St. West. Legal issues are expected to be sorted out with Morguard over the next 12 – 18 months. Then the 11 Wellesley St. W. site will be back in the provincial government's surplus property column. How do we develop that site as a neighbourhood asset? What types of services are missing in our neighbourhood?

In closing Glen responded to comments and questions from members of the audience re:

- the role of the Ontario Municipal Board
- the range of powers in the City of Toronto Act,
- 11 Wellesley St. West,
- the Ontario Realty Corporation,
- heritage preservation, and
- the Precinct Plan for the heritage sightlines around the Ontario Legislature.

Shawn Tracy thanked Glen Murray for a terrific start of the conversation and discussions we want to have. He remarked, "We are all excited about the community action partnerships and the new model of community planning that you've spoken about tonight especially the collaboration between our 2 elected representatives." On behalf of the BCCA, Shawn presented a donation for Glen to make to the fund for the residents of 200 Wellesley St. East who were impacted by the tragic fire in October, 2010.

"Minutes prepared by N. Waite, July 25, 2010"

***There were 81 persons in attendance at our November 10th, 2010 Bay Cloverhill Community Annual General Meeting.