

# Bay Cloverhill Community Association



Minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Annual General Meeting Held in the Auditorium at the Metro Central YMCA

## BCCA President Marilyn Tait-McClellan



welcomed and acknowledged members from CWNA, BENA, DYBIA, 52 Division and friends and neighbours of the BCCA,

introduced the BCCA Executive including new Member at Large, J. Candido,

thanked AJ Haig for providing refreshments and door prizes,

showed appreciation to B. Fabian for his technical expertise,

recognized M. Zobeiry for providing the auditorium as our AGM venue and

announced that the construction of Cloverhill Park has finally begun – one of 3 park projects which, when finally completed in 2019, will help make our community deservedly more green.

BCCA

“a strong voice for a strong community”

## #2 SHOUT OUT to our 11 Member Buildings & 5 Community Partners

MTCC#734 (1055 Bay)

TSCC#1436 (925 Bay)

MTCC#794 (44 St. Joseph)

TSCC#1424 (909 Bay)

MTCC#564 (1001 Bay)

MTCC#1245 (889 Bay)

TSCC#1781 (11 St. Joseph)

MTCC#1243 (887 Bay)

MTCC#561 (62 Wellesley)

MTCC#972 (24 Wellesley)

Peregrine Co-Op (18 Grenville)

Meridian Credit Union

Metro Toronto YMCA

University of St. Michael's College

A.P. Web Development

MTCC#1379 (Opera Place Commercial)

We have a positive operational surplus and a healthy financial situation. Our annual unit rate of \$1.50 remains the same as it was 12 years ago. The 2019 membership fee invoices will be delivered to property managers and boards of directors on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## #3 The Bay Street Decorative Pole Wrap Project



The decorative laminate of the Boston Ivy image with dark green foliage now covers 63 rusty, aging hydro street poles on the east and west sides of Bay Street from College St. to Charles St. W. These decorative pole wraps not only hide rust but also repel postering and graffiti. They have helped to improve the appearance of Upper Bay Street within the boundaries of the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood.



In Downtown Toronto all of us know that the number of people and dogs outstrip the parks and green space in our neighbourhoods. In 2016 the BCCA became more creative in thinking about how to make our insufficient green space look bigger than it really is. We proposed that we create a pedestrian path through our community, a path that trekked along sidewalks, bioswales and public parks for a distance of 2 and a half kilometers. That November Councillor Wong-Tam supported our green look by moving that it be given TEYCC approval for the TO-Core Secondary Plan for Downtown Toronto. It was passed and approved.

This pedestrian green loop project is completely mapped out.

A 20 year old plan is part of our proposal.

We continue to watch all developments and take every opportunity to acquire green space, even a sliver on some sites of development properties.

This pedestrian green loop has no funding at this time.

There has been no discussion of signage or banners to mark the path.

Our pedestrian green loop is not only a dream but also a necessity for the sanity of the hundreds of thousands of constituents and residents in our downtown communities.

Can it be done?

Absolutely!

Let this be a key planning "green" priority for Wards 11 and 13 for the city council term from 2018 to 2022.

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Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

Ward 13



Welcome Back!

Councillor Wong-Tam commended the Bay Cloverhill Community Association for its extraordinary leadership in representing our community so well. They are, she stated, effective advocates for you and your family at City Hall.

Community safety is a priority. The bollards have been installed on St. Joseph St. as a temporary measure and they are making a difference. When the Yonge St. Environmental Assessment rolls out more broadly and more publicly and the results come in, we are going to see a re-imagining of Yonge Street with a full reconstruction that runs from Davenport to the Waterfront. It will also encompass all the east and west spines. We are going to see a lot of big changes coming to neighbourhoods in the future.

The traffic lights for the intersection of Bay St. and Grenville St. have been approved by City Council and will be installed in 2019. It will be a similar installation to what we did at St. Joseph and Queen's Park Circle. The new installation will make it safer for road users especially for the most vulnerable – children, seniors, and bicyclists.

Kristyn thanked residents in the community for all their activity and activism around neighbourhood green parks. Construction has finally started at Cloverhill Park and you can now see the equipment being mobilized. Work for the construction of the 1.6 acre Dr. Lillian McGregor Park will hopefully begin in the spring of 2019. We anticipate the unveiling of College Park during the second week of December, 2018 and are pushing for the opening of the skate park as well. For your information we are building a brand-new website which will be more intuitive, more user friendly and more interactive. It will also help promote events/success stories that are happening in Ward 13, the new Toronto Centre.

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Councillor Mike Layton

Ward 11 (University-Rosedale)



Mike Layton attended our Annual General Meeting to introduce himself to Bay Cloverhill residents some of whom live west of Bay St. in Ward 11. We learned that he has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and environmental management from the University of Toronto and a Master of Arts in environmental sciences from York University. Mr. Layton was the City Councillor for Ward 19, Trinity Spadina, from 2010-2018. In the recent Toronto election Mike Layton was elected Councillor for Toronto-Rosedale and he has been spending quality time meeting in recent weeks with the neighbourhood and business associations in Ward 11. In fact he was scheduled to go on a walkabout in late November with members of the BCCA Executive.

As Councillor, Mike Layton has worked tirelessly to protect and improve City Services that people depend on. He has been a strong voice on City Council to make Toronto a world leader against climate change. He has also championed building new affordable housing, investments in arts and culture, aboriginal issues and reconciliation and better public transit and cycling infrastructure.

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BE A VOICE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!



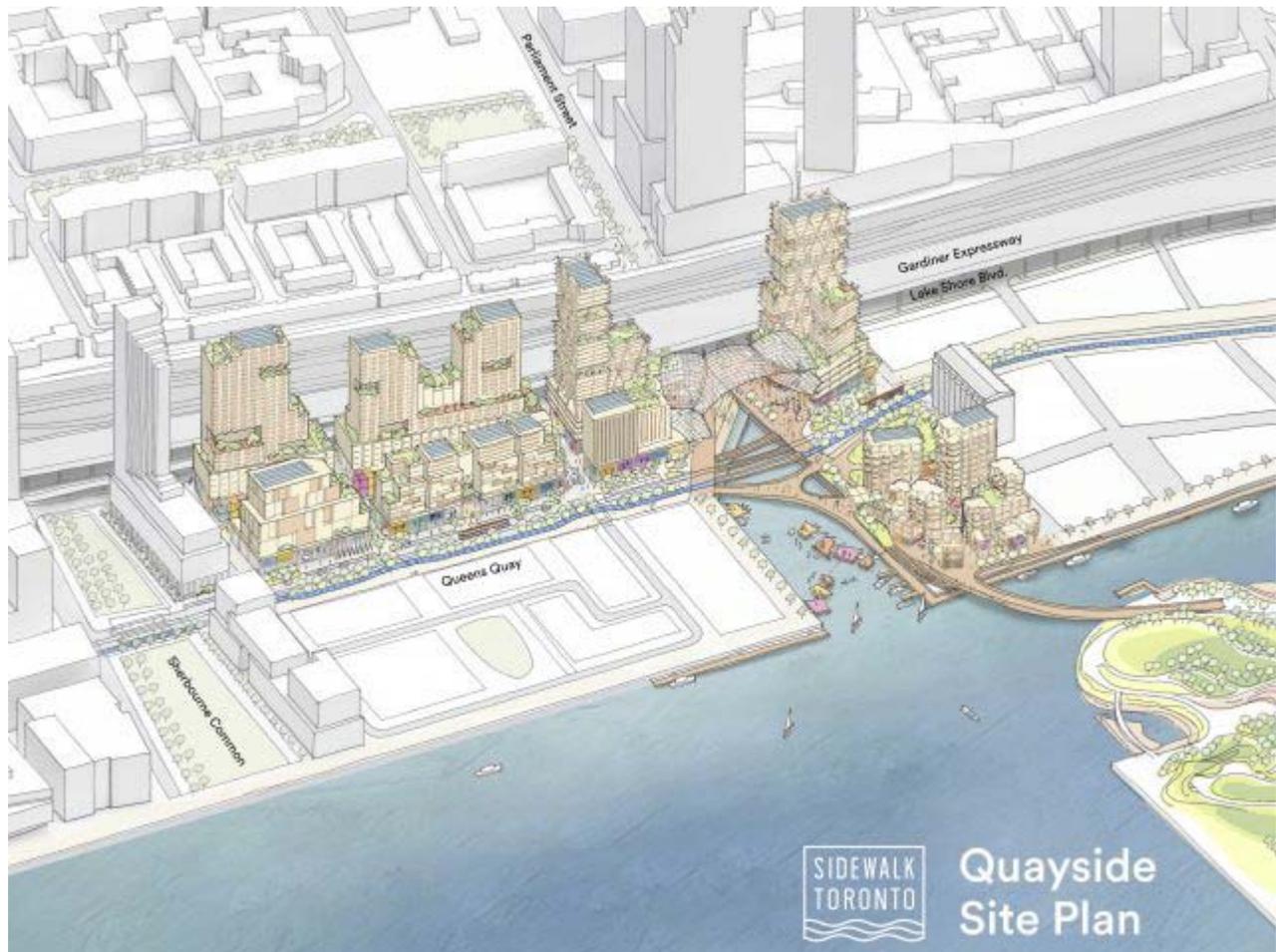
Constable Anthony Lamanna

## Crime Prevention Officer (Division 52)

Constable Lamanna delivered a concise, insightful and balanced report on community safety. On July 4<sup>th</sup> residents in our neighbourhood valued his wealth of experience as a safety ambassador when he led us on a highly successful safety audit where he demonstrated his fine ability to “walk the talk” when “on the beat”.

Crime Prevention Officer Lamanna complimented the BCCA for being a strong voice for our community and for standing up and being heard. As he reported, it is a critical part to the well-being of our downtown neighbourhood. Tony also recognized the ongoing contributions of the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Association led by Mark Garnert to improving community safety. Both the BCCA and DYBIA work together in consultation with Division 52 to keep our community safe.

## #8 Sidewalk Labs' Toronto Project



Kristina Verner from Waterfront Toronto and Jesse Shapins from Sidewalk Labs were our two keynote speakers who made a 30 minute comprehensive presentation on the Sidewalk Labs' Toronto Project at our Annual General Meeting.

Sidewalk Toronto is Waterfront Toronto's joint effort with Sidewalk Labs to develop a proposal for a new sustainable, affordable neighbourhood in the 2000 acres of Toronto Portlands through forward-thinking urban design supported by leading edge technology.

For more information on this project, see <https://sidewalktoronto.ca>.

### Adjournment

Near the end of the AGM residents and guests enjoyed refreshments, socialized with one another and had their individual questions answered by the speakers. Then our president, Marilyn Tait-McClellan, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.