



## BCCA General Meeting Minutes Monday May 13, 2019

### AGENDA:

#### 1) Presentations

##### 1a) Heritage Plaque Project (G. Chung)

G. Chung outlined the details of the Toronto Heritage plaques she has worked on over the past fifteen years.

In 2004, G. Chung collaborated with local historians, and under the stewardship of Heritage Toronto, they created two plaques; the first about the **Village of Yorkville** that was once crossed by an **ancient indigenous trail**, and permanently settled by Europeans in the early 1800s.

**Yorkville became a vital public transit centre.**

The second plaque is about the **Yorkville Town Hall**, that opened in 1860. Within these walls, Yorkville politicians debated 'the running at large of Pigs and Swine and Poultry' and the prevention of immoderate driving'. The plaques are installed at Town Hall Square.

The **Ancient Indigenous Trail** comprising three 6-foot, double sided glass panels, installed in Frank Stollery Parkette, narrates the evolution of Davenport Road from Ancient Trail, to Rural Road, to Urban Street. The prehistoric trail ran along the foot of the escarpment of the 13,500-year-old glacial Lake Iroquois, forerunner of Lake Ontario.

Her next focus was cultural heritage – **YORKVILLE IN THE 60s – THE BIRTHPLACE OF CANADIAN SONG**. A series of four plaques.

Hundreds of singer-songwriters and musicians, from all over Canada, flocked to the Village to find fame and fortune, in some forty coffee houses and clubs.

The **RIVERBOAT COFFEE HOUSE** was the most famous, where Canadian icons Gordon Lightfoot and Neil Young performed. Lightfoot's documentary film IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND is currently showing at Bloor Hot Docs.

At the **PURPLE ONION**, Buffy Sainte-Marie wrote her international hit – a Vietnam War protest song 'UNIVERSAL SOLDIER'

The **PENNY FARTHING** featured a backyard swimming pool and gave two prominent Canadian artists their start - Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen.

The fourth plaque, **YORKVILLE'S MUSIC SCENE**, features a map of all the Village venues where hippies, flowerchildren, long-haired teenagers, draft dodgers and bikers revelled to the sounds of this legendary music mecca.

With the support of Councillor Wong-Tam, she commenced with **PUBLIC TRANSIT IN YORKVILLE**. In 1849, horse drawn stagecoaches ran from the Red Lion Inn at Bloor & Yonge to St. Lawrence Hall, and were later replaced with horse drawn street cars. The plaque is located in the Village of Yorkville Park.

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**EARLY POLICING IN TORONTO** details the establishment of the police force in 1834. In addition to maintaining law and order, the police were in charge of ambulance service, animal and child welfare, homeless shelters, and liquor licensing.

The plaque will be installed at Toronto Police HQ on College Street.

**EARLY FIREFIGHTING IN TORONTO** was the responsibility of individual citizens who were provided with two leather buckets, and two ladders to reach burning roofs. When the bells of St James Cathedral sounded the alarm, the ‘bucket brigade’ rushed to fill their buckets from Lake Ontario or water tanks.

In 1826 the Toronto Fire Brigade was created with volunteers who raced to fires pulling hand-pumped engines, followed by carters hauling 60-80-gallon casks of water!

The plaque will be installed at the historic Yorkville Fire Hall built in 1878.

A public commemoration will be held in the Village of Yorkville Park for the **PUBLIC TRANSIT, EARLY POLICING AND EARLY FIREFIGHTING** plaques in August and all are invited to attend.

Councillor Wong-Tam has encouraged Gee to continue with her plaque efforts in her new riding and Heritage Toronto recently okayed plaque for **EARLY AMBULANCE SERVICE IN TORONTO**.

In 1888, two horse drawn ambulances were donated and kept at the 120 Court Street Police HQ, today’s Courthouse Park Square, the proposed location for the plaque.

This brings attention to the most ambitious of her plaque projects, **TADDLE CREEK**, in collaboration with BCCA, to narrate the entire history of the passage of Taddle Creek and its tributaries.

Several plaques tell stories of the creek as it pertains to the areas the plaques are situated, but no plaque tells the story of the creek in its entirety: springing from the hills of the ancient Iroquois shoreline, as it winds its way through midtown and downtown Toronto, then known as ‘Muddy York’, emptying into Lake Ontario; or of the indigenous peoples who used the Creek for water, food, and transportation; or of the significance of the Creek as it flowed through what is now Philosopher’s Walk, used as a springtime gathering place by the Ojibway; or of the industries spawned by access to the Creek’s water; or of important buildings including the Distillery District Gooderham & Worts; or of the Creek channelled underground as part of the City’s sewage system.

So many stories of Taddle Creek’s rich history to be told. As a starting point, the chart created by Doug Doolittle, in his slide show, will assist us in identifying components for the plaque contents.

Heritage Toronto has approved the plaque and its location at the south-east corner of the Bloor & Avenue Road cultural precinct. Councillor Mike Layton has agreed to provide funding.

Thank you Councillor Layton.

And, of course, thanks to Councillor Wong-Tam for her continued support.

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**1b) Taddle Creek “The Spirit of Water. Above, Below & Beyond” (D. Doolittle)**

An in-depth overview of the current BCCA Taddle Creek project which keeps evolving was presented. The Taddle Creek Presentation is based on the project “Taddle Tales”, a story that focuses on the value of *all* water, **Above, Below and Beyond.**

Awareness is directed to the hidden potential of Taddle Creek, a 6-kilometre underground stream that winds through Downtown Toronto, invisibly linking seven major districts. Through visual brand identity, water features and sustainable commercial prospects, Taddle Creek is reborn.

On a grander scale we are shown how Taddle Creek correlates to waters of Lake Titicaca, Mt. Fuji, Egypt, India and most important, within and through the 7 chakras.

**1c) Updates from Elected Officials:**

**Queen’s Park**

Suze Morrison – MPP Toronto Central – sent regrets

Jessica Bell - MPP University Rosedale presented the following highlights on the following issues she is working on:

- Bill 107 TTC Transit Line
- Bill 108 – OMB, More Homes-More Choice
- Healthcare

MPP Bell is accessible and has offered assistance to champion our issues and concerns, answer questions etc.,

**City Hall**

Councillor Kristyn Wong -Tam - Ward 13 presented the following updates:

- ✓ 6 Areas of Focus:
  - Mental Health
  - Substance Use and Harm Reduction
  - Housing, Homelessness and Shelter Support
  - Community Safety and Violence Prevention
  - Economic Opportunity
  - Planning, Parks and Public Realm
- ✓ Other Initiatives
  - Economic and Community Development Committee 5 Year Action Plan
  - Yonge St. Environment Assessment Study which looks at beautifying and improving greening, lighting, sidewalk widening, street animation etc.
- ✓ Councillor Wong-Tam encouraged all community members to support these initiatives, attend meetings and fill out surveys whenever possible.

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Councillor Layton - Ward 11 outlined a few of the key projects in Ward 11 as follows:

- Clover Hill Park
- 95 St. Joseph St. (Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre)
- 110 and 112 College St. (U of T Best and Banting Buildings)
- Working Group meetings will be coordinated for stakeholders following the public meetings
- He is championing Anti Provincial Child and Health Care budget cuts

## 2) BCCA Business

### 2a) Approval of BCCA Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019

Quorum was achieved. 10 buildings were represented.

A motion was carried by D. Baker, seconded by H. MacEwen; carried

## 3) BCCA Reports

### 3a) 95 St. Joseph Street (M.Tait-McClellan, K. Holden)

**Date:** Application submitted to the City of Toronto on February 14, 2019

**Current Owner:** The property is Owned by the Basilian Teaching Order. The Basilians are not part of St. Michael's College University. They are an independent Roman Catholic Teaching Order.

**Developer:** Partnership between Daniels Group Inc. and The Basilians

**BCCA Involvement:**

- The BCCA first learned of this proposal in October 2018. We informed the Board of Directors of 62 Wellesley Street West shortly thereafter. All residents were sent information about this proposal by the Board of Directors of 62 Wellesley Street West within 2 weeks.
- Prior to the involvement of the BCCA, the Basilians conducted a long search for the development company to partner with on this proposal. A period of approximately 2 years finally culminated in the selection of Daniels as a partner. Within a few months, the re-development proposal became public knowledge.
- The BCCA has had 4 meetings with representatives of the development partnership. 2 meetings were at the invitation of Daniels. The other two meetings were requested by the BCCA. One of those meetings was a site visit to review lot lines.
- Three of these meetings were confidential as they took place prior to the submission of the proposal application to the City of Toronto and were a courtesy extended to the community.
- Daniels Group Inc. is known to be a developer who attempts to work co-operatively with the community.

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**3b) 26 Grenville/27 Grosvenor** (J. Candido)

**Date:** Application submitted to the city of Toronto on March 19, 2019

**Current Owner:** The site is owned by Infrastructure Ontario, the asset management arm of the Ontario Government

These 2 lots are the site of the former Ontario Morgue that has been moved to a new location outside of downtown Toronto; there is also a 5 or 6 level Parking Garage that is functioning at this time.

**Developer:** Greenwin Developments Inc. This developer, to date, has been involved in the construction of rental buildings, only.

The proposal: 2 towers (a 50-storey tower on Grenville, a 35-storey tower on Grosvenor) containing only rental units of which approximately 33 % will be affordable.

**BCCA Involvement:**

- The developer invited the BCCA to a meeting prior to the submission of the application. A second meeting is planned for May 10, 2019.
- The process is at an early stage.

**3c) 1075 Bay Street** (M.Tait-McClellan, K. Holden)

**Date:** Application submitted to the city of Toronto on approximately February 14, 2019.

**Current Owner:** Canderal Developments.

Current Building on the site: a 14-storey office building

**Developer:** Canderal Developments Ltd.

The proposal: Demolish the existing 14 storey office building . Construct a new 16 storey office podium with a 50-storey residential tower on top of the 16-storey base.

**BCCA Involvement:**

- The BCCA was not approached by this developer. On April 18, the BCCA approached the developer to request a meeting.
- A meeting was held on April 30, 2019 between the BCCA and Canderal as well as Board members of the building at 1055 Bay Street.
- The process is at an early stage.

**3d) Green Loop Maps** (J.Candido)

The Green Loop project was projected on the attached maps:

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#### 4) New Business

##### 4a) Making Part of St. Joseph St. (West of Bay St.) a Pedestrian Area (E. Slapnicar )

The University of St. Michael's College is a separate institution within the University of Toronto with a population of 5,000 students. The clocking device in the Kelly Library has registered a heavy traffic of 200,000 visitors in 2018 - approximately 700 per day who cross this street.

Pedestrian safety is paramount and further compromised by the parked movie vans and speeding vehicles. Unfortunately, a student was struck by a car last year.

Movie vans have been reallocated to spots elsewhere on the campus; traffic studies have been conducted and sleeping speed bumps installed. The sleeping speed bumps that were installed do not deter speeding; neither does the crosswalk.

It is anticipated that traffic will only increase as a result of the 95 St. Joseph Street development. A proposed pedestrian area, by closing a portion of St. Joseph Street would remedy this problem. Paul Johnson, City Planner supports this concept as part of the U of T Secondary Plan.

Councillor Mike Layton offered support stating that other various streets in Ward 11 were being Assessed for closures as well.

Councillor Wong-Tam recommended that the TOcore Study be reviewed for possible supporting traffic related data.

##### 4b) Any New Items (All)

Welcome 5 St. Joseph Street – 5 Condos as a new BCCA member, A special welcome to C. Dingemans, R. Kerr and C. Lin, 3 Board of Directors who attended the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:55 PM. A motion was made by C. Dingemans to end the meeting; seconded by D. Baker: carried

#### **BCCA POTLUCK SOCIAL**

**Date:** June 10, 2019

**Location:** 889 Bay St Party Room Flr 2

**Time:** 6:30 pm

#### **Next BCCA Meeting**

**Date:** September 9, 2019

**Location:** 11 St. Joseph St. Main Flr. Party Room

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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