



BCCA General Meeting January 16, 2023

AGENDA

1) OPEN

1a) Call to Order, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

Quorum was reached with 8 out of 13 member building representatives in attendance; 2 member buildings were represented by proxy. The meeting started at 7:04 pm. Christine Dingemans, President, welcomed everyone, read the Land Acknowledgement and reviewed the virtual general meeting protocol.

1b) Motion to Approve BCCA Agenda - January 16, 2023

A motion by T. Gardiner; seconded by J. Candido was made to accept the agenda as written; carried.

1c) Motion to Approve BCCA AGM Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2022

A motion by T. Gardiner; seconded by I. Kao was made to approve the minutes as written; carried.

2) GUEST SPEAKER - Personal Safety (Constable Anthony Lamanna)

Constable Lamanna delivered a very timely presentation outlining measures to be taken to ensure personal safety; being free from physical and psychological harm.

Mitigating risk and preventing victimization, being alert and aware of surroundings, familiarity with safe places to seek refuge, preparing for and navigating the transit system, using cell phone apps effectively and knowing and practicing good de-escalation techniques are fundamental safety precautions.

Each situation is different and trusting one's instincts, understanding individual capabilities and working with them are key essentials.

Constable Lamanna continues to offer on site security reviews, neighbourhood risk assessments and safety presentations.

Concern related to the stabbing of a woman at Yonge and Alexander on January 11th was raised.

Action: Constable Lamanna will check into the details and provide an update.

Action: C. Carnevali will co-ordinate a Community Safety Walkabout in the Spring or Summer.

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3) **REPORTS**

3a) **BCCA Constitution Changes:**

The following changes/ additions were made:

- Miscellaneous housekeeping, formatting e.g., Delegates changed to Building Representatives
- Changed fiscal year to actual accounting period, October to September
- Membership year remains calendar year, can be adjusted as needed
- Meeting frequency adjusted
- Meetings can be held in person or virtually
- T2 return requirement removed
- Building Representative must serve a minimum of 6 months before being an Executive Officer
- Member in good standing must be current with dues
- Associate Member retitled as Community Partner

A motion to approve changes was made by J. Sanassian, seconded by J. Candido and voted on by 11 primary building representatives; carried.

3b) **Vacant Director Position Candidates**

There is one vacant position. Anyone who is interested in filling this vacant position can contact Christine Dingemans at christinedingemans@baycloverhill.com or Cathy Carnevali at secretary@baycloverhill.com for more details.

3c) **Year End Report**

2022 was a very successful and busy year full of accomplishments; resuming virtual meetings, community projects, development activity, continued focus on greening initiatives, advocating for safety, social media and enhanced communication. Work will continue with 2023 priorities.

2023 Year End Report Letter was sent to all members following the meeting.

Attachment 1- 2023 Year End Report

3d) **BCCA Letter of Support - ActiveTO Midtown Complete Street Pilot**

A letter was sent to Mayor John Tory on January 6, 2023, in support of the pedestrian experience on Yonge St. related to the CafeTO and protected bike lanes street pilot. This initiative meets the goals of the BCCA and hopefully the Complete Street elements will be implemented by the Yonge Tomorrow, once project plans extend north of College.

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

4a) **Building/Community Representative - Survey**

A survey will be conducted to gather feedback in order to determine and plan BCCA priorities going forward. Community engagement and volunteerism is critical to enable the BCCA to continue doing good work. We need a lot of people to each do a little bit of work in order to overcome the ongoing challenges, primarily one being that current resources are being stretched too thin.

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4b) Community Feedback - Concerns and Issues

Sir John A. MacDonald Statue in Queen's Park

An article in the Toronto Star featured the current state of this statue being boarded up. Community input is being solicited to determine next steps as to whether the statue should be removed, left in place without the boarding or replaced by an Indigenous statue or art. Feedback is welcome.

Bay St. Urban Clearway 7am – 7pm

All were asked to provide feedback where infractions of this rule are identified (i.e.: taxis stopped in lane (s) blocking uses etc.).

Sidewalk Safety

Food deliveries continue to be problematic despite policing, ticketing and educating efforts taken by 52 Division. Fantaun Delivery seems to be the biggest offender who continues to drive on the St. Joseph Street sidewalks.

Illegally Parking on Cottage Lane

Signage and towing of cars may help deter this activity.

Action: BCCA will advocate for resolution at the upcoming 52 Division CPLC Meeting on February 1st.

4c) 711 Convenience Stores - Plans to Serve Alcohol (M. Litvack)

Reference was made to a news article regarding 711 Convenience Stores serving alcohol. Concerns were raised, should the 711 at Bay and St. Joseph Street secure a liquor license.

A proactive approach will be taken in terms of further fact finding and establishing safety plans to monitor and address any future potential safety issues.

Action: M. Litvack will investigate further.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS

5a) 2023 City Budget Committee Meeting - January 17, 2023 9:30 am

5b) FoSTRA Homes-4-All Committee 'Housing for All'- January 26, 2023 6:30 - 8:00 pm

5c) 52 Division CPLC Meeting- February 1, 2023 6:30 - 8:00 pm

5d) St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 19, 2023

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.

Next BCCA General Meeting - March 20, 2023

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Attachment 1 - 2022 Year End Report



January 17, 2023

To all Member Buildings:

Re: 2022 Year End Report

The Executive Board would like to thank Jack Candido for his many years of dedicated service as a Director, his term as President has come to a close. Fortunately, Jack has agreed to continue working on several projects, including the Green Loop.

We want to engage residents and all building representatives for the betterment of the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood. Please participate in all General Members' Meetings and volunteer for any committee that is of interest. We will be sending out a survey to help develop priorities and determine if people would prefer virtual or in person meetings. Together, we are "A Strong Voice for a Strong Community".

2022 Year End Report

2022 was another busy year for us, we returned to virtual General Members' Meetings, encouraged voter participation in municipal and provincial elections by distributing information about the process and candidates and researched local special events that were circulated on our social media. Many productive meetings with City Councillors, MPP's, City of Toronto Planning Development, companies planning on building in the neighbourhood and stakeholders were held. Additional street furniture (benches, bike rings and waste receptables) that will positively enhance residents' experience was coordinated with the City of Toronto. We were ecstatic to finally see the majority of Dr. Lillian McGregor Park open in the end of September. In reaction to resident complaints, we engaged Toronto Police Services and Bylaw Enforcement to deal with the noisy after hours nightclub on St. Joseph, which was closed in late November.

We defended the neighbourhood in Phase 1 of the Official Plan Amendment 183 hearing at the Ontario Land Tribunal and another hearing related to the 510 Yonge proposed development.

The City of Toronto started implementing a study on the Bay Cloverhill Loop Park District (aka North Downtown Green Loop), funded by Section 37 development monies, as part of the TOcore implementation strategy for the Downtown Parks and Public Realm Plan.

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Due mainly to the increase in food delivery couriers, we worked with Community Relations Officers at Toronto Police Services, 52 Division to educate and enforce no bikes or ebikes on sidewalks, making it safer for pedestrians.

Plans were finalized for the Great White Oak Bench to be installed in Queen’s Park North in 2023. This unique Victorian style wooden bench was crafted by local artist ‘Just Be Woodsy’, made from a 200 year old tree that had to be removed from Queen’s Park, since it reached the end of its life span.

With the redesign and reactivation of our social media in spring 2021, growth and engagement continued to increase from January to December 2022.

Social Media	Members	2022 Stats
Website www.baycloverhill.com	2,023 unique visits in past year (increase 901%)	3,704 page view (increase 1008%)
Facebook Group “Bay Cloverhill Community”	97 members, 28 new in past year	487 posts 8,455 viewed
Twitter @baycloverhill	164 followers, 46 new in past year	422 tweets 79,261 tweet impressions 10,642 profile visits 111 mentions
Instagram @baycloverhill	22 followers	13 posts

2023 Priorities

There is lots to look forward to for the upcoming year. Top of the list is the opening of the neighbourhood’s only off leash dog park at Dr. Lillian McGregor Park. **The installation of the Great White Oak Bench and street furniture is also planned.**

In addition to monitoring ongoing and proposed developments in the area, we will continue working on signage and wayfinding for the Bay Cloverhill Green Loop. The Phase 2 Yonge Street Heritage Conservation District and Phase 1 heritage items hearings at the Official Plan Amendment 183 Ontario Land Tribunal hearing are scheduled. Participation in the University Park feasibility studies may be needed.

There are many new projects we are considering. Programming events in Dr. Lillian McGregor Park would be a wonderful addition for everyone. The non-operational fountain in Queen’s Park North could be replaced with something unique, like a sundial. It would be beneficial to have a design standard for the many laneways. The feasibility of an outdoor mural art project will be explored, to add vibrancy and colour to the streets. Exploration of better communication from special event organizers will be explored.

We will be updating our Constitution. In the next 2 years, we will ensure full compliance with Ontario’s Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

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Summary

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and caring residents, as well as the support of our community partners and stakeholders. Follow us on our Facebook page “Bay Cloverhill Community” or on Twitter and Instagram at @baycloverhill.

Regards,

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President

Norm Waite
Treasurer

Marilyn Fait McClellan
Vice President

Cathy Carnevali
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