

**BCCA General Members' Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2023**

**AGENDA**

**1) OPEN**

**1a) Call to Order, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement**

Quorum was reached with 10 out of 14 member building representatives in attendance; 2 member buildings were represented by proxy. The meeting started at 7:03 pm. Christine Dingemans, President, welcomed everyone, with a special mention made to our newest members, St. Nicholas Housing Co-Op at 7 Inkerman St. The Land Acknowledgement was read and the virtual general meeting protocol was reviewed.

**1b) Motion to Approve BCCA Agenda – August 21, 2023**

A motion by Theresa Gardiner; seconded by Beth Hagan, was made to accept the agenda as written; carried.

**1c) Motion to Approve BCCA General Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2023**

A motion by Beth Hagan; seconded by Theresa Gardiner, was made to approve the minutes as written; carried.

**2) GUEST SPEAKERS**

**2a) Breadalbane St. Resurfacing (Abhishek Behera, Project Manager and Paul Young, Project Lead - Neighbourhood Projects, Transportation Services, City of Toronto)**

The Neighbourhood Projects division of the City's Transportation Services introduced a wonderful re-imagining of Breadalbane Street from Yonge Street to Bay Street. Streetscaping improvements will be done in conjunction with scheduled capital resurfacing in 2025. The project is budgeted to cost \$390,000 and will be funded from Section 37 development fees from 11 Wellesley Street West. The objectives are:

1. Pedestrian connections: green loop pedestrian crossing between Dr. Lillian McGregor Park and Opera Place Park; safer crossings at Bay Street and Yonge Street intersections; addition of seat walls
2. Traffic calming: curb extensions (bump outs) to reduce vehicle speed and expand the sidewalk area; stamped asphalt surface to look like brick
3. Green infrastructure: storm water capture; planting of new trees; expansion of pits for existing trees; installation of bicycle rings

**3) UNFINISHED BUSINESS (May 15th Meeting)**

**3a) 646 Yonge Street Ethiopian Restaurant (M. Tait-McClellan)**

We will need to determine what the owner's plans are in terms of relocating his business within our neighborhood and if he wishes to have the BCCA's support /contact with KingSett.

**Action: M. Tait McClellan will approach the owner to further fact find his needs**

**3b) City Events Co-ordination (C. Carnevali)**

Event coordination continues to be a challenge when there are road closures on Yonge Street or Bay Street that affects St. Joseph Street, despite the fact that the City of Toronto Event Planner, as well as TPS continue to use our template for traffic management on St. Joseph Street for all major events that require Yonge St. closure. Once the requests are sent off to the respective event co-ordinators, the control and execution of plans becomes their responsibility.

With regard to the Pride Parade issues (no signage/no auxillary policeman), a special thanks to M. Litvack who pursued calling 311 and TPS several times throughout the weekend which prompted TPS to position a police cruiser and officers on the east side of Bay and St. Joseph Street .

**4) REPORTS**

**4a) Ward 13 Toronto Centre Projects - Participatory Budgeting**

Residents are encouraged to support the signage proposal for the North Downtown Green Loop on the Toronto Centre Projects website from Ward 13 Councillor Chris Moise [www.torontocentreprojects.ca](http://www.torontocentreprojects.ca).

11 projects were submitted for \$750,000 in participatory budgeting that were submitted for the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood. The City is undertaking feasibility and costing of the projects, when residents get to choose their preferred projects in October.

**4b) Safety**

Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) Updates

The June meeting for the 52 Division Community Police Liaison Committee included an interesting presentation on car jacking. High end vehicles are targeted and immediately sent overseas. Some vehicles are stolen for use in other crimes, especially pharmacy robberies. Police recommend drivers park in well lit areas, pay attention to their surroundings and check their mirrors. Traffic safety is prioritized in 'Project Beeline' which uses Special Constables to ensure critical intersections are kept free from gridlock during rush hour. 'Project Safeguard' builds on the success of last year to educate and ticket cyclists on the sidewalk and vehicles parked in bike lanes. The Wednesday August 9th community event and barbeque was a success with funds raised for Contact Alternative School. The addition of online CORE reporting for cyclist incidents has been requested and increased police patrols at Bay Street/St. Joseph Street due to disturbances from street people. A new Care Program will be launched this fall that partners a roving team of police, city and health care services that will respond to homeless/mental health/addiction issues. 7 new officers were hired at 52 Division. There was an increase in the number of crimes compared to last year.

Details are available at [www.data.torontopolice.on.ca](http://www.data.torontopolice.on.ca).

Neighbourhood Safety (C. Carnevali)

Police Constable Anthony Lamanna is available to conduct building safety audits.

Additionally, plans will be put in place to schedule a meeting with BCCA member building property managers and building representatives, as well as a neighbourhood safety walkabout scheduled in September or October.

**4c) Letters of Support**

- 10 St. Mary Street Development
- Ontario Place for All

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**4d) Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations (FoSTRA)**

Advocacy + Activism Committee

Key items from the FoSTRA General Members' Meeting in June included work from the Advocacy and Activism, Parks, Affordable Housing, Intensification and Environmental Committees.

Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 involves massive shortening of development approval timelines and potential loss of almost all development fees.

**5) NEW BUSINESS**

**5a) BCCA Election - Nominations for Vacant Director Position**

Nominations for the vacant director position, 3 year term commencing January 2024, must be submitted on or before October 16<sup>th</sup>.

As per the BCCA Constitution, any interested Building Representative who is in good standing, has been a Building Representative for at least six (6) months, and is nominated by two (2) Building Representatives of the Association may stand for election. One individual has expressed interest and will be acclaimed if no other candidates come forward.

**6) COMMUNITY FEEDBACK CONCERNS and ISSUES (All)**

**6a) Gas Powered Leaf Blowers**

Councillor Dianne Saxe requests that residents email any complaints about noisy gas powered leaf blowers to [MLSfeedback@toronto.ca](mailto:MLSfeedback@toronto.ca).

**6b) Dundonald TTC Station Issues**

Homelessness issues will be addressed by our TTC Constable guest speaker at our October 16<sup>th</sup> General Members' Meeting.

**6c) Bay and Davenport Road Safety Concerns**

Action: M. Litvack will send an email to Councillor Dianne Saxe's office.

**7) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming neighbourhood special events were presented and are posted online at <http://www.baycloverhill.com/specialevents.html>

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 8:34 pm.

**Next General Members Meeting – October 16, 2023**

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