



# Bay Cloverhill Community Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

November 13, 2014

Held in the auditorium of the Metro Central YMCA, 20 Grosvenor St., Toronto

## **WELCOMING REMARKS** (R. Whitten-Stovall)

BCCA president, Rick Whitten-Stovall, welcomed all to the 8th Annual General meeting of the Bay Cloverhill Community Association. Rick extended a thank you and expression of appreciation on behalf of the BCCA, to Mehdi Zobeiry, General Manager - Programs, Metro Central YMCA for the YMCA's ongoing support and community partnership especially for providing the venue for tonight's meeting.

Rick welcomed visitors from the surrounding associations and supporters from GYRA, BENA, CWNA, Queen's Park North Revitalization Project, Landscape Architect, City of Toronto Parks Ambassador, Manager, Planning North York, 52 Division – Toronto Police Services, Meridian Credit Union, Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Tristan Downe - Dewdney and residents of the BCCA as well as neighbours .

A special thanks to AJ Haig, Branch Manager – Meridian Credit Union for providing this evening's refreshments and door prizes.

## **QUORUM & APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (N. Waite)

Nine (9) voting member buildings were represented. A motion to accept the agenda as written, was moved by W. Dumas, seconded by M.McCron; carried.

## **RATIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 6, 2013 AGM MINUTES** (R. Whitten-Stovall)

The official business portion of the Annual General Meeting was concluded at the BCCA Meeting held on October 9, 2104.

Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> AGM had been reviewed by BCCA building representatives at the October 9, 2014 BCCA meeting and posted on the BCCA website in early October, available for all residents to read.

W. Dumas moved to accept the November 6, 2013 minutes as written; seconded by Jim Moore; carried.

N. Waite was reinstated as the BCCA Treasurer.

## **RATIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT** (N. Waite )

The financial statement beginning on October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 was reviewed and the 2015 Budget was accepted by the BCCA at the October 9, 2014 meeting. Copies of the financial statement were distributed and reviewed. Our financial statement as of September 30th, 2014 showed that we had a positive operational surplus and a healthy financial situation.

M. McCron moved to adopt the report, seconded by W. Dumas; carried.

## **A YEAR IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD** (R. Whitten –Stovall)

The BCCA proudly presented some key accomplishments of a “year in review” by taking a pictorial walk through our neighbourhood:

### **George Faludy Parkette**

This parkette is currently under repair. M.McCron is pursuing further beautification for this area.

### **75 St. Nicholas St.**

This is one of the newer developments underway, situated within our neighbourhood, at the corner of St. Mary St. and St. Nicholas St.

### **U Condos**

These two condo buildings are located near St. Basil’s Church.

### **Clover Hill Park**

BCCA has been very active participating in working committees with the City of Toronto Parks Department as well as Landscape Architects on the design of this park.

### **5 Condos and 5 St. Joseph St.**

The 5 storefronts, located on Yonge St. and the exterior of 5 St. Joseph St. are fine examples of architectural buildings using the historical facades to enhance the design of the new condominium residences.

### **11 Wellesley St. West Park**

This parcel of land is most significant since it represents a successful partnership between the City of Toronto, Lanterra Developments and the community at large. The net result is the 1.6 of the 2.2 acres will be dedicated to public parkland. The official takeover of land, between Lanterra to the City of Toronto will take place once the working permit is released. Landscape Architects will then be procured and the community will be invited to participate at the consultation phase.

### **Opera Place Park/ Leaf Garden**

T. Ford, our Parks Ambassador and constables from 52 Division have worked tirelessly to ensure the public’s safety and enjoyment, free from vagrants and associated problems.

### **Bioswale on Bay St.**

Greening of the environment has been N. Waite’s passion and the bioswale project that he initiated has raised the interest and attention of other neighbourhoods within Toronto, such as the Danforth for example.

The concept is based on treelined trenches sustained by natural ground water. The Bioswale will be extended northwards, in front of the BRITT.

### **New Street and Lane Signs**

Street and Lane signs will be replaced with signs designed with the BCCA logo.

## **Yonge Street Project**

### **Yonge Heritage Conservation District**

Community members participated in researching and cataloguing historic buildings on Yonge St. Public consultation meetings were held to provide informational project updates and solicit ideas and views for buildings within the historical boundaries' conservation plan.

### **North Downtown Yonge Planning Framework**

The North Downtown Yonge Planning Framework study has created a vision for tall buildings which identifies which downtown streets tall buildings should be located on, and the height ranges and built form that these tall buildings should adhere to in order to enhance the urban environment; minimize shadowing of sidewalks, parks and public squares; protect landmark views and heritage resources and improve the quality of life (access to natural light, sky views and privacy) for people living and working in the downtown core.

### **Coroners Building + Grenville St.**

The Province of Ontario will be selling several sites and the BCCA has met with Infrastructure Ontario and Councillor Wong-Tam to discuss the plans. Working together with the government has provided the community with an opportunity to develop and foster a harmonious and unprecedented working relationship.

### **UPDATE FROM THE COUNCILLOR'S OFFICE** (Councillor Wong- Tam)

Councillor Wong-Tam thanked all of the residents in the area for their outstanding work this past year:

- the BCCA executive team and community members for their leadership and collective voice
- the police officers in attendance at the meeting
- the neighbouring community and residents' associations
- neighbours outside of the BCCA catchment

### **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – EXPO 2025** (Councillor Wong- Tam)

Councillor Wong-Tam delivered a compelling and aspirational presentation challenging the audience to work across neighbourhoods to build the city that we want and ultimately to define our city to global citizens. She asked the question, “What does Canada evoke to our international neighbours beyond the day to day?” Her goal is to further raise our Canadian profile to nation building by hosting EXPO 2025 in Toronto.

Toronto has celebrated successful events such as World Pride and looking to continue to host the Pan Am and Parapan Am games this coming summer.

Expo 2025 would bring Toronto and Canada to a civil society on a global stage as follows:

- create 143,000 jobs over the next 8 years
- fund the downtown transit relief line
- build sites on the portland acres creating a \$13 billion dollar project
- employ both Canadian and International engineers, designers, architects etc. to build pavilions which can later be repurposed to serve as community centres, libraries, housing etc.

Various leaders within all three levels of government have responded favourably to this irrefutable proposal. The question posed to all remains, “Are **you** ready to work with Councillor Wong-Tam to

ensure that Toronto is the best city in which to work and play?"

## **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

### **Queen's Park North Revitalization Project – Nancy Chater, Landscape Architect**

The revitalization plan covers 7 acres of Queen's Park. An overview of the project plans was presented. Community meetings continue to be held to invite the public to participate in

discussions regarding vision, design principles etc. The next meeting is planned for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Stakeholder feedback is always welcome by accessing:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=35e6cb1ae2276410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vnextchannel=55d9dada600f0410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

#### **Participants' Input:**

- enhance connectivity by creating a hierarchy of paths
- rejuvenate the urban aspect
- implement innovative seedings
- build in the historical aspect of the park – tell its story
- make the park an inviting place to visit
- create a vibrant and social hearth

### **One on One With the Councillor - Councillor Wong-Tam**

Councillor Wong-Tam chaired a session of questions welcoming comments and feedback in general.

#### **Participants' Input:**

- the community supports separate bike lines
- the current enhancements on Wellesley St. West are a good example of building a city with good street design for cars, pedestrians and bicycles
- issues associated with St. Joseph Street one way traffic violations requires a permanent solution

### **Neighbourhood Safety –52 Division and Troy Ford, Parks Ambassador**

The police outlined how crime and criminology has changed in the city. Complaints related to parking and homelessness are now more prevalent than crimes. Constables are spending more time on foot patrolling the neighbourhoods. The Opera Place Park and Leaf Garden is also policed and monitored daily. 52 and 51 Divisions continue to work together to protect both sides of Yonge St. seamlessly as one neighbourhood.

#### **Participants' Input:**

- the community thanked 52 Division for their fine work in keeping our neighbourhood safe
- traffic, pedestrian jay walking and bicycle safety were addressed as ongoing concerns
- a request was made to ensure increased mounted horse presence on the streets

AJ Haig drew the door prizes.

After a few closing remarks, President R. Whitten-Stovall officially ended the AGM meeting at 8:57 p.m.

These 2014 Annual General Minutes were written by Cathy Carnevali, Secretary of the BCCA.