



## **BCCA AGM Minutes November 20, 2023**

### **OPEN**

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

The meeting started at 7:11 pm with President Christine Dingemans as Chair. Quorum was met with representation from 8 of the 14 member buildings; 2 by proxy.

All were welcomed, with a special acknowledgement to guest speakers, attendees from CWNA, BYBIA and University of St. Michael's College.

The Meeting Protocol and Land Acknowledgement was read.

#### **2) BCCA November 21, 2022 AGM Minutes**

Last year's November 21, 2022 AGM minutes were ratified at our BCCA General Members' Meeting held on January 16 2023. Minutes were posted on the BCCA website.

#### **3) Treasurer's 2023 AGM Report**

Norm Waite, BCCA Treasurer, announced that we have a positive operational surplus and a healthy financial situation as of September 30th, 2023.

The per unit rate of \$1.50 for annual membership has remained the same as it was 16 years ago despite the ever increasing rate of inflation.

A sincere thank you to all current member buildings for their dedicated support:

887/889 Bay, 909 Bay, 925 Bay, 1001 Bay, 1055 Bay St., 7 Inkerman St., 5 St. Joseph, 11 St. Joseph, 44 St. Joseph, 24 Wellesley, 75 St. Nicholas, 15 Grenville, 18 Grenville and 25 Grenville.

A special thanks to Norm for his years of dedicated service on the BCCA executive team, as Vice President. President and Treasurer over the past years.

#### **4) Key Note Speakers**

##### **Kristyn Wong Tam, MPP- Toronto Centre**

Toronto Centre MPP Kristyn Wong Tam explained she moved from her former position as Toronto Centre City Councillor to the provincial level since many of the decisions affecting the City were made at Queen's Park. In addition to being a resident of Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood, anything relevant to residents is important to them. The provincial budget consultations are ongoing in the province with no date yet set for consultations in Toronto; all were encouraged to participate in these talks.

MPP Wong Tam is the critic for

1. Ministry of the Attorney General: being a constructive advocate for justice, tribunals and court process
2. Small business: recognizes the importance of street level storefronts being open to animate the city, as boarded up and closed businesses leave the streets vulnerable to decay
3. 2SLGBTQ+: fights the increase of hate speech and activities to the community

##### **Dianne Saxe, Councillor Ward 11 - University Rosedale**

University Rosedale Councillor Dianne Saxe comes from a background in provincial politics. She recognizes that City Hall faces many financial and legal obstacles from the current Ford government that doesn't care about Toronto. Councillor Saxe works with a collegial group of Councillors to get things done including more than 59 motions in the past year from issues such as hate speech, parking, heat control in rental housing. She is also on many boards and participates in 20 resident associations and 18 BIA's.

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Councillor Saxe advised there are three major city consultations ongoing about the budget, micro mobility devices and main street density (as of right zoning to increase the missing middle development). As an avid cyclist, she noted that the city's cycling network continues to grow. The City's Official Plan Amendments, including affordable housing requirements for developments are on hold, as the provincial government has delayed review of the changes. Councillor Saxe encouraged all to subscribe to her newsletter by sending an email to [Councillor\\_Saxe@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Saxe@toronto.ca)

### **Jessica Bell, MPP - University Rosedale**

University Rosedale MPP Jessica Bell started as an environmental activist when she came to Canada around 2009. MPP Bell encourages residents to be active, and have hope and faith.

1. Fall Economic Statement is the government's mini budget. It will outline which areas will see investments. Areas of concern are hospitals which continue to be underfunded, schools where class sizes continue to be large. Cities are typically underfunded, which is made worse by legislations such as Bill 23.
2. There will be massive renovations to the Queen's Park Ontario Legislative Assembly building and the park located south of the building. The project is necessary because there is a lack of heating and cooling, no drinkable water is available. A non-partisan committee has been struck and residents are encouraged to give their feedback as to priorities, especially for the park area.
3. As the Housing Critic, the public is encouraged to let her know about any issues from renters, about property management or condo reform.
4. Her favourite bill is in the House now, it reverses the greenbelt expansion decisions, including restoration of 13,000 hectares of land and cancellation of forced municipal boundaries expansion.

### **Constable Anthony Lamanna, Community Relations Officer - 52 Division**

Constable Anthony Lamanna is our neighbourhood Community Relations Officer from Toronto Police Service. He believes the City is a safe place, despite media coverage of specific crimes. Constable Lamanna acknowledged the tragedies in the Middle East and the many protests that are ongoing in the City. He explained that hate motivated crime includes an element of hate to an identifiable group such as race or religion. Constable Lamanna apologized for the long wait times for non-emergency calls caused by understaffing. He encouraged residents to let the police know about any issues of concern. Constable Lamanna is a Crime Prevention Officer who shares his know how about how to navigate the city safely. He conducts a safety street walk for residents where he is not in uniform and gives tips on how to avoid confrontations and talk to the street involved community. His advice is to have a plan and plan your outings. Crime prevention seminars and personal safety presentations are available at 52 Division or on site. Risk assessments are also offered for condo buildings.

### **5) Fall 2023 Update**

An informative overview of the BCCA, was presented complete with proposed and current developments, public realm projects, major accomplishments throughout the year and 2024 Priorities. We encourage everyone to visit our website [www.baycloverhill.com](http://www.baycloverhill.com) for lots of interesting information. Join our Facebook Group "Bay Cloverhill Community", follow us on Twitter or Instagram "@baycloverhill" to stay current with special events and neighbourhood activities. [file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/2022%20agm%20manual%20notes%20\(3\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/2022%20agm%20manual%20notes%20(3).pdf)

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**6) BCCA Executive Positions**

In accordance with the BCCA Constitution, nominations were to be submitted by the meeting held prior to the AGM. Since there were no nominations made at our BCCA General Members' Meeting held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, nominations or elections did not take place this evening.

There are two vacant executive positions. Currently building representatives with six month's service are eligible to be nominated for the board. In order to increase the pool of possible candidates, we may expand the eligibility to include individual members. Anyone with particular interests or passions is encouraged to volunteer to serve on a committee or help with a special project.

**7) Wrap up**

Christine Dingemans thanked attendees for their participation and invited all to visit the BCCA website at [www.baycloverhill.com](http://www.baycloverhill.com) and to feel free to send questions to [info@baycloverhill.com](mailto:info@baycloverhill.com)

The meeting concluded at 8:26 pm.

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