

BCCA General Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022

AGENDA

1) OPEN

- 1a) **Call to Order, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement** (J. Candido/C. Dingemans)
Quorum was reached with 5 out of 12 member building representatives in attendance. The remaining member buildings were represented by proxy. J. Candido, President, welcomed everyone and the meeting started at 7:02 pm. C. Dingemans, Director, read the Land Acknowledgement and reviewed the virtual general meeting protocol.
- 1b) **Approval of BCCA Agenda - July 18, 2022** (C. Carnevali)
A motion was made by C. Dingemans, seconded by M. Tait-McClellan to accept the agenda as presented; carried.
- 1c) **Approval of BCCA General Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2022** (C. Carnevali)
A motion was made by M. Tait-McClellan, seconded by C. Dingemans to accept the minutes as written; carried.

2) UNFINISHED BUSINESS (from previous meetings)

- 2a) **Strategies for City Planned Events** (C. Carnevali/C. Dingemans)
- Feedback regarding issues related to lack of traffic management on St. Joseph Street, due to Pride Parade closure of Yonge St., was sent to City of Toronto Events and TPS.
 - The challenge is that there is no centralized access to events and no single point of contact in TPS to ensure proactive measures can be co-ordinated and implemented.
 - Problems/concerns have been addressed with Councillor Layton and will be discussed with Councillor Buxton Potts at a scheduled meeting on August 24th.
- The idea of making St. Joseph one way westbound to reduce issues with Yonge Street special event closures, especially during Pride will be discussed further.

2b) Neighbourhood Safety (C. Carnevali)

Crime Prevention

On request by the BCCA, 52 Division Officers made a site visit to both Rabba and Shoppers Drug Mart on June 23rd. Both store managers were very impressed and pleased with the officers that dropped by. Contact information was exchanged and periodic visits will follow to increase police presence in the neighbourhood.

Bicycle + E-Bike Safety on Sidewalks

A meeting with Sergeant Gall, C. Carnevali, C. Dingemans, M. Litvak and B. Hagan is scheduled for July 21st to exchange information and ideas to improve safety.

K. Holden expressed concern regarding the increase in emergency vehicle sirens, wondering if emergency routes had changed.

Action: C. Carnevali will investigate further to determine possible cause.

C. Carnevali added that vehicular speeding noises most likely coming from Queen's Park Crescent and Bay St. have risen warranting a request for municipal speeding cameras.

3) **REPORTS**

3a) **Website Enhancements + Social Media Stats** (C. Dingemans)

- Created a new Special Events Page in the Neighbourhood Section.
- Posted a list of annually scheduled events that involve street closures.
- Included Events and street closures on Calendar of Events.
- Details are available on upcoming events.
- Follow us on FB and/or Twitter to get details on events.

Facebook Group “Bay Cloverhill Community”

- 84 members as of July 13th
- 7 new members since May 7th

Twitter @baycloverhill

- 155 followers as of July 13th
- 10 new followers since May 7th

Website www.baycloverhill.com

- 431 visits May 7th to July 13th, up 23%
- 717 page views May 7th to July 13th, up 13%

3b) **25 St. Mary Street** (K. Holden)

There are major issues with this development in terms of height, density, notable change to the neighbourhood character and displacement of tenants. Tenblock, being the owner, will most likely be approved to build despite community efforts. There is however an opportunity for the BCCA to consider joining forces with the Annex Residents’ Association who are also faced with a Tenblock building demolition/development proposal on 145 St. George St.

There are some positives with this development:

- a daycare centre
- parkland in the south east corner of the site
- a mix of condominiums and rentals
- a 25 metre centre walkway between towers

Tristan Downe- Dewdney, Sussex Strategy Group, BCCA and Tenblock executives will conduct a site visit within the first two weeks of August.

3c) **St. Joseph Street Enhancements** (C. Carnevali)

Construction is slated for August. Permit of St. Joseph Street Encroachment is pending but should be out this week.

CentreCourt will issue a temporary Street Occupation Permit two weeks prior to installation.

3d) **Clover Hill Park Splash Pad** (M. Tait-McClellan)

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Department is aware of the drainage issues at Cloverhill Park. The Parks Branch was working on a plan to correct the problem last year, but those plans were temporarily sidelined. It was recently flagged again as requiring attention.

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

4a) **Invitation to Participate in ModernTO Public Engagement about 610 Bay St & 130 Elizabeth St. – former Toronto Coach Terminal** (K. Holden)

This session will be held on July 21st from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Action: C. Carnevali and C. Dingemans will post and circulate the meeting notice.

5) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5a) **Special Events** (C. Dingemans)

➤ **The Grassy Narrows River Run Walk Thursday July 21st 12 Noon**

The Grassy Narrows River Run is a family friendly walk starting at **noon** on **Thursday July 21st** at the Ontario Legislation Assembly at Queen's Park Crescent and College Street. The event is organized by the Grassy Narrows community to demand compensation for the mercury crisis and to end mining or logging plans in the Ojibwe reserve in northern Kenora. Participants will go east along College Street to Bay Street and stop at the Indigenous Services Canada office at 655 Bay Street, north of Elm Street. The walk will continue south along Bay Street, then go west along Dundas Street, south along McCaul Street, finishing at Grange Park.

<https://freegrassy.net/rr2022/>

➤ **Open Streets Sunday Mid-August – nothing confirmed yet**

Open Streets will likely return after a pandemic pause for a Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm in mid-August and another Sunday in mid-September. Programming is set up by local businesses and residents and roads will be closed to vehicles along Bloor Street from Ossington Avenue to Church Street and Yonge Street from Bloor Street to Queen Street. www.openstreetsto.org

➤ **Yorkville Sunday September 11th 8:30 am to 10:30 am**

The **Yorkville Run** is scheduled for **Sunday September 11th** from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. This 5k event is enjoyed by 1,500 runners and supports over 30 charities, with a fundraising goal of \$1m. The event starts and finishes in the Jesse Ketchum School Courtyard at 61 Davenport Road. Road closures will be eastbound Davenport Road, southbound Bay Street, westbound Dundas Street and northbound University Avenue/Queen's Park Crescent East/Avenue Road. www.yorkvillerun.com

5b) **TTC Museum Station - Easier Access Project Update** (C. Carnevali)

Good News! The TTC's Easier Access Program is making subway stations accessible. The TTC will be conducting work at Museum Station that will make Museum Station accessible in 2024. Construction is expected to begin July/August 2022 (*subject to weather, unforeseen events, and impact of COVID-19).

The pre-construction presentation is posted online www.ttc.ca/Museumconstruction

6) **ADJOURNMENT** (J. Candido)

Meeting ended at 7:51 pm.

Next Meeting – September 19, 2022

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