



## BCCA General Members' Meeting Minutes Monday August 19, 2024

### AGENDA

#### 1) CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1a) Quorum was reached with 7 out of 14 member building representatives; 4 in attendance; and 3 member buildings were represented by proxy. The meeting started at 7:02 pm. The Land Acknowledgement was read and the virtual general meeting protocol was reviewed.

1b) Approval of Agenda - August 19, 2024

A motion by S. Rutledge: seconded by B. Hagan, was made to approve the agenda as written: carried.

1c) Approval of General Members' Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2024

A motion by B. Hagan; seconded by C. Dingemans was made to approve the minutes as written: carried.

#### 2) GUEST SPEAKER Fitzroy Keslow, Special Constable -Toronto Transit Commission

Fitzroy Keslow, who is a Special Constable with the TTC, gave an interesting presentation, which is available in the Minutes of Meeting section, in the attached link. The primary duties for TTC Special Constables are crime prevention, customer service, enforcing transit bylaws, emergency response and community engagement. Residents are warned not to go to track level and ask TTC staff for assistance if something is accidentally dropped on the tracks. In the event of an emergency, there is an emergency power shut off station with a blue light at either end of the platform. If residents need assistance on a busy bus or train, activate the yellow strip on the vehicle. In subway stations, there are yellow intercom stations that can provide directions or assistance, as well as emergency response. A Crisis Link button on payphones directly connects an individual in distress to a crisis counsellor. Designated waiting areas and cameras provide security and residents are reminded to avoid distractions, keep phones/computers out of sight and shout if they feel uncomfortable. The SafeTTC app provides the opportunity to take a photo and/or report incidents, or text 647-496-1940 to report a safety concern. In 2023, fare evasion rates cost over \$120m which could have funded operating improvements and hiring more staff. Streetcars have the highest fare evasion rate over buses and stations. The highest one day ridership happened on June 17, 2019 for the Toronto Raptors NBA World Championship parade with 2,153,600 riders.

<https://www.ttc.ca/ridin.../safety-and-security/safe-ttc-app>

#### 3) PREVIOUS MEETING ITEMS (May 27<sup>th</sup>)

3a) Community Gardens Concern Related to Dog Litter

No dogs/litter signs installed in St. Joseph Street community gardens and Bay St. bioswale have contributed to cleanliness improvements.

3b) Sidewalk Safety - Walk Your Wheels Initiative (Sidewalk Safety Committee)

The status of postering was reviewed in terms of restaurants that posted our flyers, franchises who were unable to post due to company policy, and others who were referred to management who have not responded. Requests were sent to BCCA member building property managers as well as the Murano and the Britt to post and circulate electronically. Community bulletin boards such as Starbucks, YMCA etc. are also effective posting options. All were encouraged to provide feedback on any other community bulletin boards that could be used in our catchment area.

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## 3c) St. Joseph Street Traffic Flow

The City will not pay for the required traffic flow study to convert St. Joseph Street from one way to two way. We are working with the City and Councillor's office to develop a commercial loading zone in front of 11 St. Joseph Street for Canada Post, UPS and other delivery trucks to stop. It would require the elimination of 2 street parking spaces. A passenger pick up/drop off is proposed in front of 5 St. Joseph Street.

**4) NEIGHBOURHOOD**

## 4a) New Restaurants

A bounty of new restaurants has opened up in the area. Republique is a French brunch place on Irwin St. Vava offers gourmet cakes and gelato on Yonge St. at St. Joseph Street. Petit Potato just opened on Bay St., at Polo 2. Beach Hill Smokehouse opened on St. Joseph Street, just west of Yonge St. Dopamina is a fine dining that offers Asian Mediterranean cuisine at Burano Condos, Bay St. and Grenville St. Nabulu Coffee has Persian style coffee and an upstairs music lounge on St. Joseph Street. A complete list of neighbourhood restaurants can be found on our website:

<https://www.baycloverhill.com/restaurants.html>

## 4b) BCCA Executive Positions

There is an opening for 2 directors on the board. The three year term begins on January 1, 2025. Eligible candidates must be nominated by the October meeting, be a building representative or individual member who lives in the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood.

## 4c) Breadalbane Off-Leash Dog Park

No barking signs are being considered by the Parks Department, but pedestrian crosswalks can only be installed by the adjacent condominium buildings that own the driveway.

## 4d) Dr. Lillian McGregor Park Plaque

Residents are encouraged to vote for a commemorative plaque in Dr. Lillian McGregor Park to recognize the efforts of the community and local politicians to create the park.

## 4e) Toronto Centre Projects Traffic Review 2024

The three pedestrian crosswalks submitted to Toronto Centre Projects Traffic Review are under review, with traffic lights being installed on Yonge near Granby negating the need for a crosswalk at that location.

- Wellesley Street West midblock to Dr. Lillian McGregor Park (under review)
- Yonge St. from St. Joseph Street to Dundonald TTC station entrance (maybe YongeTOMorrow Phase 2)
- Yonge St. south of College Park to Granby St. (lights to be installed in 2025)

## 4f) Toronto Centre Projects Participatory Budgeting 2023

- The St. Luke Lane Murals selected in the Toronto Centre Projects Participatory Budgeting 2023 are in process with maintenance documentation being negotiated with the building owners. Once that is complete, StreetARToronto will survey residents about the type and style of art preferred before installing the art.
- The other project in the works is the curb extensions on St. Joseph Street, west of Yonge St. and east of Bay St.

## 4g) St. Michaels University College - Fall 2024 Continuing Education Courses

St. Mike's has relaunched their Continuing Education program and is offering courses this fall on Contemporary Issues Through Children's Literature, Irish Studies, Poetry and Prayer and Letterpress Printing. Details are outlined on their website:

<https://stmikes.utoronto.ca/academics/continuing-education>

**5) DEVELOPMENTS (K. Holden)**

## 5a) 70 St. Mary Street - Loretto College

A development is proposed for Loretto College at 70 St. Mary Street. The original application was in 2016. The University of St. Michael's College and a private developer will build a 40 storey structure with educational uses on the lower floors, then a residence for the Loretto Sisters, female university student resident and condominiums.

**6) COMMUNITY MEETINGS**6a) Police Relations- CPLC Meeting June 5<sup>th</sup> (C. Carnevali)

- Multiple crime related activities on St. Joseph Street ranging from a hate motivated crime, rooftop break and entries, residential condo trespassing and thefts in the commercial units were reported. Some police reports were filed.
- An Anti-Government Protest; the issue was that the protestors took up the southbound lanes forcing drivers to use the northbound lanes to get around them. A police report was filed.
- The BCCA Safety Committee is launching a Walk Your Wheels flyer to be posted in the neighbourhood condos and businesses to promote pedestrian sidewalk safety.
- Marilyn and Cathy attended the Queen Street West BIA Safety Conference (May 15<sup>th</sup>). It was very informative.

Feedback from the police is that it is critical for the community to report all crimes in order to be on file so that our neighbourhood can be better monitored and serviced.

6b) FoSTRA Meeting - June 13<sup>th</sup>

FoSTRA's Advocacy and Activism Committee met on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Key items were a letter sent to City Council on the impact of the Billy Bishop Airport impact. A second City submission related to micromobility, including scooters was issued. The Community Consultation process as part of Development approval was discussed. A letter from the Alliance for a Liveable Ontario was endorsed. New litter/recycling bins are being tried out. There will be changes to the blue bin program when manufacturers take over responsibility for recycling next year.

6c) Jessica Bell BCCA Town Hall - July 11<sup>th</sup>

MPP Jessica Bell hosted a town hall; MPP Kristyn Wong Tam, Constable Anthony Lamanna and Christine Dingemans were presenters.

The key issues were:

- Shortage of family doctors
- Need for affordable housing to be built
- Should have a downtown seniors' community centre
- Overloaded court system
- Lack of concern for environmental issues
- Noise/swearing from long running anti government protests
- Cyclist safety with bike lane blockage and micromobility devices
- Huge backlog in the Landlord Tenant Board, with the biggest issue being excessive rent increases

Q+A session addressed lack of police enforcement during protests, 50 thousand Landlord Tenant Board cases, Micromobility and Sidewalk Safety suggesting a huge media campaign.

**7) COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

## 7a) Queen's Park Crescent Speed Limit

The speed limit on Queen's Park Crescent will be lowered from 50 km/h to 40 km/h, to be in line with existing speed limits north of Bloor St. and south of Gerrard St. Signage replacement is pending.

## 7b) BCCA Letters of Support

- Support for the Avenue Road Study was sent to the Toronto East York Community Council (TEYCC) - June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Residents' Noise Concerns were sent to the Board of Health - July 5<sup>th</sup>

7c) Traffic Concerns (J. Sanassian)

Micromobility devices with an engine should not be allowed in bike lanes, and required to use the street. He also asked if parking and no left turn hours could be adjusted seasonally to facilitate traffic flow in the summer.

7d) 95 St. Joseph Street Development (A. Rezoski)

95 St. Joseph has received approval for an additional floor and increased the number of suites by 100 at a recent Committee of Adjustment hearing. He asked if there were any additional Section 45 community benefits that could be used to transform St. Joseph Street into a gateway into the university grounds. The norm was \$200k compensation per additional floor.

**Action: K. Holden and M. Tait McClellan will address this at their meeting with Daniels tomorrow.**

7e) Irwin St. Community Garden and Trees (A. Rezoski)

Two trees on Irwin St. were broken, either by a vehicle hitting them or people maliciously breaking the tree trunks. Plants have also gone missing from the Irwin community garden. It would be helpful if all newly planted trees are fenced in.

7f) Clover Hill Park (B. Hagan)

The skirting wall of Clover Hill Park has been damaged.

**Action: B. Hagan will submit a 311 request.**

**8) COMMUNITY and SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 52 Division CPLC Meeting - September 4<sup>th</sup>
- Word on the Street Festival - September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- Toronto Waterfront Marathon - October 20<sup>th</sup>

Neighbourhood special events are posted online at <http://www.baycloverhill.com/specialevents.html>

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 8:23 pm.

**Next BCCA GMM – Monday October 21st**