



BCCA General Members' Meeting Minutes October 21, 2024

1) CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 1a) Quorum was reached with 6 out of 14 member building representatives; 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 - October 21, 2024
A motion by M. Bolognone, seconded by B. Hagan, was made to approve the agenda as written: carried.
- 1c) Approval of General Members' Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2024
A motion by B. Hagan; seconded M. Bolognone by was made to approve the minutes as written: carried.

- 2) GUEST SPEAKER - Chris Butterfield, Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Service**
Chris Butterfield #65904 who is the Area Supervisor 51/52 Division for the Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Service encouraged residents to contact him at 65904@tps.ca or 416-808-6638 with any parking issues. He works with two Community Liaison Officers Bradley Bentley #66218, email 66218@tps.ca and Andrew Cooke #66159, email 66159@tps.ca, who patrol the area on bicycles during the day or night. The Parking East Community Liaison Office responds to recurring parking issues with directed patrols as well as assisting with school traffic safety initiatives and special events. Bay Street has dedicated bike lanes south of College Street and dedicated bus/taxi/motorcycle/bicycle curb lane north of College. Three bike lane blitzes have been conducted this year to ensure they remain clear of vehicles. Parking fines increased August 1st, and one of the top fines is \$200 for parking in a bike lane, given the importance of bike lane safety. Tickets are mailed to any vehicles that are parked in bike lanes when the officer is able to take a photo, but the vehicle leaves before a ticket can be issued. The department also investigates misuse of Accessible Parking Permits with undercover vehicles.

3) PREVIOUS MEETING ITEMS

- 3a) BCCA Executive - Open Positions
No one was nominated for the two vacant positions on the Bay Cloverhill Community Association board. C. Carnevali was nominated since her director term is ending.
- 3b) Queen's Park/ University Speed Limits
Signage in the Bay Cloverhill catchment area (College St. to Queen's Park Crescent) has been changed from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. This should improve vehicular traffic safety and reduce accidents. Changes to signage on University Ave. should be referred to the City.
- 3c) Traffic Regulation
Bicycles and some ebikes are allowed to use the road or bike lanes. Motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters are only allowed on the street. The possibility of extending street parking hours and no left turn lane in the summer is being investigated.
- 3d) St. Joseph Street Gateway
No additional funds were obtained from the developer for the additional floors and units approved by the Committee of Adjustments (COA).

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3e) Clover Hill Park Damage to Signage Wall

The damage was reported to the Parks Supervisor and the city is working on repairing it.

3f) Clock Tower Trail Graphic Designer

A graphic designer has been selected to develop a logo for the Clock Tower Trail.

3g) Loading Zones

Residents are encouraged to vote for the installation of commercial and passenger delivery/drop off loading zones on St. Joseph Street on Toronto Centre Projects at <https://torontocentreprojects.ca/en/ideas/st-joseph-street-commercial-loading-zone-passenger-drop-off-and-loading>. The matter will be reviewed at the Toronto and East York Community Council later this week.

3h) Mural Art

The owners of the buildings adjacent to Dr. Lillian McGregor Park are not interested in the outdoor mural art projects selected as Toronto Centre Participatory Budgeting Projects 2023.

4) NEIGHBOURHOOD

4a) Street Furniture

The City has a program to install street furniture (litter bins, benches, information pillars, automated public toilets, transit shelters, publication box corrals and kiosks, postering structures, bike rings). An inventory was completed in 2021. The installation of 2 washrooms, 4 benches, 5 litter bins, 7 bike rings was requested from Transportation Services. Automated washrooms are no longer part of the street furniture program. About half of the items have been installed, with 2 benches, 3 bike rings and 2 litter bins pending. The bike ring installation at 44 St. Joseph Street can only be done if the sidewalk is redone because there is no concrete underneath the pavers. As an alternative, 3 bike rings will be installed across the street, by 1001 Bay Street and 21 St. Joseph Street.

4b) City 2025 Budget Consultations (Oct 23, 27, 30)

The City is holding 2025 budget consultations on 150+ municipal services e.g. parks maintenance, garbage collection, public libraries, road repair, TTC, recreation programs, childcare, animal control, water testing, police, fire and emergency medical response. There will be an in person consultation on Sunday October 27th from noon to 2 pm at Rose Avenue Junior Public School, 675 Ontario Street, to attend register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/budgetto-getting-what-matters-to-you-toronto-east-york-tickets-1028495958097>. Virtual consultations are scheduled for Wednesday October 23rd and Wednesday October 30th from 7 to 9 pm <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/budget-finances/city-budget/>. In addition, residents should complete an online survey until Thursday October 31st at <https://cotsurvey.chkmkt.com/?e=415415&d=e&h=6982EBE13122B9C>.

5) DEVELOPMENTS UPDATE

The status of select area developments was reviewed. 8 Wellesley Street West has windows installed up to the 50th floor and estimated occupancy is March 2025. There was a Committee of Adjustment hearing for 95 St. Joseph Street which added a storey and some balconies, removed residential parking and increased the number of condo units, with just under half being studio layouts. The office portion of the 1075 Bay Street redevelopment will likely be replaced by residential rental apartments. Fencing has been installed at 100 College Street, with demolition of the building pending. A community consultation was hosted by St. Mike's on October 3rd. The Kelly Library will be replaced with a more welcoming design. The redevelopment will have new student residences, event space and study areas. The library, print shop, conservation area and Kelly Library Café uses will be retained. <https://library.stmikes.utoronto.ca/about/rezoning/>. A revitalized campus and landscape plan is under consideration www.stmikes.utoronto.ca/usmc-campus-landscape-plan.

6) COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- 6a) Police Relations 52 Division CPLC Meeting - September 4th (M. Bolognone)
Highlights included that the CPLC BBQ, held on June 12th, raised \$5,200 for the Beverly School, reports of serious violence issues at Sankofa Square, where the safe injection site will be closing and armed robberies at clothing and jewellery stores in Bloor Yorkville.
- 6b) Federation of South Toronto Residents' Association (FoSTRA) ACC Meeting - September 12th
Various South Toronto community issues were discussed at the, Advocacy & Activism Committee including Ontario Place, Billy Bishop airport runway extensions and the establishment of a Development Committee that will help residents' associations with understanding the building approval process and support their vision of their neighbourhood and the removal of several Canada Post mailboxes, which is also an issue in the Bay Cloverhill area. Some condo buildings have outgoing mail service in their mailrooms.
Action: C. Dingemans will look into whether Canada Post can offer this service to all buildings, or restore some mailboxes at street locations.
- 6c) Toronto Centre Town Hall Zone 1 - September 19th
Toronto Centre Town Hall was held on September 19th with a reset on the Downtown East Action Plan. The new protocol was reviewed for encampments. A new City department has been created to deal with the shortened provincially mandated timeline for development approvals. The City preference is to install traffic lights instead of crosswalks, as they are safer for pedestrians.
- 6d) Councillor Saxe University/ Rosedale Town Hall - September 19th
Councillor Saxe held a University Rosedale Town Hall on parks. There are 1,500 parks maintained by the City, in addition to trails, community centres, playgrounds and pools. New parks are only created by developer parkland dedications. The capital budget has been allocated for the next 10 years. Budgeted maintenance is still inadequate, but recent news stories uncovered that parks department staff are logging just over 4 hours per shift, with GPS showing over 2 hours per shift. There are two studies underway, on Equal Access to Parks and about Off Leash Dog Areas.
- 6e) Councillor Chris Moise Neighborhood Tour - September 23rd
Councillor Moise and his staff toured the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood on September 23rd and reviewed proposed or planned projects including traffic control boxes, tree surrounds, crosswalks/traffic lights, loading zones, curb extensions on St. Joseph, Breadalbane and Grenville, dog park signage, Dr. Lillian McGregor Park community plaque, outdoor art mural, laneway lighting and paving.
- 6f) Sidewalk Safety Committee Meeting - October 8th (B. Hagan)
 - the local restaurant poster campaign continues with pending head office (chains) approvals
 - posters were distributed at the Pop UP Bike Café on September 21st
 - met the Alison Stewart, Toronto Bike Mayor; plans will be made to connect with her office
 - looking into painting sign on the sidewalk
 - next steps are to widen our reach and strengthen our base by collaborating with neighbouring associations, city staff, TPS and U of T
- 6g) Toronto Centre Ward Council - Inaugural Quarterly Meeting in November
The inaugural quarterly meeting of the Toronto Centre Ward Council will be held in November. M. Bolognone will be the designated representative. Anyone interested in being the alternate representative should contact C. Dingemans or C. Carnevali.

7) COMMUNITY CONCERNS

7a) Commemorative Benches and Trees

The City has a Commemorative Tree and Bench Program that offers plaques on new or existing benches and trees. The University of Toronto program has ended. There are two commemorative benches currently installed in the neighbourhood. In Clover Hill Park, a bench is dedicated to Dr. Christine Hone-Buske studied behavioural neuroscience at the University of Toronto, fluent in 9 languages and died of cancer in 2019. The second is at St. Mary Parkette for preschool teacher Wendy Dyer who succumbed to cancer in 2020. Applications are open at all Bay Cloverhill parks with costs ranging from \$738 to \$2,530, which are eligible for tax deductible receipts. For more details, visit <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/awards-tributes/tributes/commemorative-items-in-parks/> or <https://www.toronto.ca/home/311-toronto-at-your-service/find-service-information/article/?kb=kA06g000001cw9aCAA>

7b) Parking Enforcement

Tonight's guest speaker was invited to address concerns expressed at our last meeting.

7c) Breadalbane Park Signage

The installation of 'no barking' signage at Breadalbane Park is challenging for Bylaw Enforcement because the City's bylaw does not explicitly mention barking as a prohibited noise. Existing "be a good neighbour signage" that is used in other parks may be substituted.

7d) St. Joseph Street Laneway

Garbage and debris in private laneways behind St. Joseph Street and St. Nicholas Street have been reported to Bylaw Enforcement.

7e) Dr. Lillian McGregor Park

Water leaks on the sidewalk at the north east corner of Dr. Lillian McGregor Park have been reported to the Parks Department.

7f) Bay Street Trees

Mulch is needed for some of the City trees on the west side of Bay Street. Since it is difficult for the Gardening Committee to deliver supplies, adjacent condo buildings are asked to help with tree maintenance.

7g) Queen's Park North Noise Complaints

There was an all night unauthorized Nuit Blanche rave held at Queen's Park which resulted in hundreds of partygoers causing damage including graffiti. The same event has been held the previous two years. Bylaw Enforcement has been advised and will be proactive to prevent another occurrence at next year's Nuit Blanche.

7h) St. Mary On Street Parking

A parking space on St. Mary Street, west of Bay Street will be replaced with a no stopping zone. Pay and display parking rates on St. Mary Street, west of St. Nicholas Street, will be increased from \$2.25 per hour to \$5.25 per hour.

7i) Removal of Canada Post Mail Boxes

Many Canada Post mail boxes have been removed due to vandalism. Some member buildings have installed Canada Post parcel lockers which serve a dual purpose as mail boxes.

Action: C. Dingemans and C. Carnevali will canvas through social media and member building Property Managers to determine current use and or interest in installing Canada Post parcel lockers.

8) COMMUNITY And SPECIAL EVENTS

- 52 Division Town Hall - November 6th
- Santa Claus Parade - November 24th

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

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Next BCCA Meeting- AGM – November 18, 2024