



## **BCCA General Members Meeting Minutes January 15, 2024**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1) OPEN**

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

Quorum was reached with 6 out of 14 member building representatives in attendance; 3 member buildings were represented by proxy. The meeting started at 7:01 pm. Christine Dingemans, President, welcomed everyone. The Land Acknowledgement was read and the virtual general meeting protocol was reviewed.

##### **1b) Motion to Approve BCCA Agenda - January 15, 2024**

A motion by B. Hagan; seconded by J. Candido, was made to approve the agenda as written; carried.

##### **1c) Motion to Approve BCCA General Members' Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2023**

A motion by T. Gardiner; seconded by S. Rutledge, was made to approve the minutes as written; carried.

##### **1d) Motion to Approve BCCA AGM Minutes - November 20, 2023**

A motion by T. Gardiner; seconded by S. Rutledge, was made to approve the minutes as written; carried.

#### **2) GUEST SPEAKERS**

##### **2a) Dr. Michael Salvatori, University of St. Michael's College, Continuing Education**

Dr. Michael Salvatori from the University of St. Michael's College explained that the Continuing Education program, which consists of non-degree courses and programs offered in workshops, seminars and lectures were available for everyone, including Bay Cloverhill residents. Continuing education is part of St. Mike's strategic plan of Education, Community and Sustainability. They will be relaunching community learning courses, to complement existing career progression courses that offer certificates for working professionals. Residents are encouraged to think of general interest topics, such as languages for travel, beginner Irish, social media literacy, art and architecture walks and printmaking in the Kelly Library. The courses could be held in person or remotely in evening or weekend sessions. A survey will be sent out shortly for course ideas and feedback. It is expected course offerings will start later this year. Any revenues will go to operating costs for the university.

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**3) REPORTS**

**3a) Top 10 Neighbourhood Ranking**

Did you know that Toronto Life rated Bay Cloverhill the 8th best neighbourhood to live in the City in 2023? They conducted a survey with Environics to score neighbourhoods on 10 criteria: housing, community, safety, shopping, diversity, education, health, employment, entertainment and transit. We achieved a perfect score for the shopping, health and entertainment.

HGTV used the Toronto Life neighbourhood ranking for 2023 to figure out the best areas for new immigrants to live in the city. The criteria that is more important to new residents included housing, employment, diversity and health. With these changes, Bay Cloverhill moved from 8th to 10th as the best neighbourhood in Toronto.

**3b) Social Media Report**

Website [www.baycloverhill.com](http://www.baycloverhill.com)

Created 2015, updated April 2021

2023 Largest spike January 20<sup>th</sup>

**Facebook Group “Bay Cloverhill Community”**

Created February 28, 2021

(also, Facebook page Bay Cloverhill Community Association who is admin for group)

**Twitter/X @baycloverhill**

Created March 19, 2015, active use May 2021

Twitter profile visits and mentions not available for most of 2023

**Instagram @baycloverhill**

Started in 2021

**Stats for January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 (compared to previous year)**

Social Media	Visits/Members	Increase/Decrease	2023 Stats	Increase/Decrease
Website <a href="http://www.baycloverhill.com">www.baycloverhill.com</a>	1,900 unique visits	(6%)	3,391 page views	(8%)
			15 blogs (new)	(44%)
Facebook Group “Bay Cloverhill Community”	150 members	55%	413 posts	(15%)
	56 new	100%	9,448 viewed	12%
X Twitter @baycloverhill	194 followers			(18%)
		18%	344 tweets	
	27 new	(41%)	42,578 tweet impressions	(46%)
Instagram @baycloverhill	41 followers	86%	25 posts	92%

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**3c) Membership Invoices** (M. Tait McClellan)

Our newly appointed Treasurer, M. Tait McClellan, will send out membership invoices to property managers shortly, for January renewals.

**3d) 52 Division Town Hall - November 1, 2023** (C. Carnevali)

C. Carnevali, M. Tait McClellan and several BCCA members attended this informative Town Hall session, which focused on neighbourhood and city wide safety. Inspector Roger Caracciolo and Scott McKean, City of Toronto (also associated with Ministry of the Attorney General) presented the SafeTO 10 year Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, outlining the collaborative approach which stake holders such as Toronto Community Housing Board, TDSB, TTC Commission Board, and Toronto Public Library have adopted. Key objectives are: 1. Reduce Vulnerability 2. Reduce Violence 3. Advance Truth and Reconciliation 4. Promote Healing and Justice 5. Invest in People 6. Invest in Neighbourhoods 7. Drive Collaboration and Accountability. Guest speakers from various BIA's (DYBIA, Waterfront BIA and Queen St. West BIA's) spoke about their respective safety initiatives, streetscape projects, developments and events. Unit Commander, Superintendent Ronald Khan, reinforced the importance of the community and the police working together to keep the city safe.

**4) NEW BUSINESS**

**4a) BCCA Constitution Amendment - Director Eligibility**

Members approved an amendment to Section 4.3 of the Constitution to expand Executive Officer positions to Individual Members and remove the requirement for candidates to have been a Building Representative for six months.

A motion was made by C. Carnevali, seconded by J. Candido to make the change; carried.

**5) COMMUNITY FEEDBACK CONCERNS and ISSUES** (All)

**5a) Renaming of Yonge Dundas Square to Sankofa Square**

A Recognition Review Advisory Committee selected the new name on December 12<sup>th</sup> and Councillor Moise's motion was approved by City Council on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Several members of the Yonge Dundas Square Management Board resigned as a result. The funding for the name is to come from Section 37 development funds.

Discussion ensued and feedback will be relayed to Councillor Moise's office.

**5b) St. Joseph Streetscape Concerns** (C. Carnevali)

The vehicle damage to the planter at St. Joseph Street and Bay St. was addressed by Al Rezoski and noted as a community concern. This exposed area is one of the main challenges faced by the BCCA. We have been requesting the City to replace missing bollards since February 2023, to protect this encroachment area.

A. Rezoski suggested that the bollards on Emily Stowe could be relocated following the completion of the reconstruction of the turn lane next year. This was a great suggestion, however other alternatives that have been put forward to city staff during an inspection of the site will not be considered. The bollards were installed as temporary measures to narrow the street corners until such time as structural changes could be made to build permanent bump-outs. Transportation and Traffic Services had initially assessed, determined and approved the required dimensions to allow the required space for traffic throughfare.

A request for bump-outs, on each of the four corners of St. Joseph Street (Bay St. and Yonge St.), has been submitted and approved in the Toronto Centre participatory budgeting projects as well, which will result in a permanent solution to resolve this issue and minimize future damage.

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**Action: C. Carnevali will continue to pursue the installation of bollards in the interim**

**5c) Breadalbane Off Leash Dog Park (B. Hagan)**

Further communication was received from the Parks Department to clarify that the standard park operating hours are 5:30 am to midnight, so the Breadalbane Park dog off leash area hours wouldn't be shortened.

Some parks however do have shorter hours, so it may be possible to reduce opening hours to minimize disturbances from barking dogs.

**5d) Expansion of Linear Parks East of Yonge St. (A. Rezoski)**

14 Dundonald St. has been added to James Canning Park. 15 Charles St. and 6 Isabella St. will expand George Hislop Park on Isabella St.

**Action: A resident will follow up with the Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association to ensure that the Green P surface lot will be eliminated as planned with the adjacent Charles St. parking expansion, and added to Norman Jewison Park**

**5e) Street Lighting on Charles Street West (A. Rezoski)**

Numerous attempts have been made for the past 5 years to have a streetlight on Charles Street West replaced. It was removed as part of the Shoppers Drug Mart reconstruction and is located on the south side of the street, by the western side of the Shoppers building. There is no street lighting on the north side of Charles Street West.

**5f) Bus Shelter on Bay St. North of St. Joseph Street (N. Jonkind)**

A query was made as to whether the bus shelter would be repaired after it was damaged in a motor vehicle accident. M. Tait McClellan noted it was replaced last week.

**5g) Community Gardens Concern Related to Dog Litter (A. Rezoski)**

Dog owners often lift their pets into the community gardens, especially on St. Joseph Street and Irwin St., to defecate. It was decided that the BCCA would look into purchasing "no pet" signs that could be installed into the planters to deter this behaviour.

**Action: M. Tait-McClellan and C. Dingemans will pursue signage options.**

**5h) Development Updates (K. Holden)**

**95 St. Joseph Street (M. Tait-McLellan/K. Holden)**

Demolition has been delayed a year, deferred to early next year. The relocation of the chapel will take 3 months. The developers are working on a site plan resubmission.

**26 Grenville St./27 Grosvenor St.**

Demolition of this development is on hold.

**25 St. Mary Street**

The proposed demolition has also been delayed due to the economy. There is no revised timeline. Requests for updates have been sent out to developers of 8 sites.

**Action: K. Holden will provide an update on each development at our March 18th General Members' Meeting**

**5i) City of Toronto Planning Department (A. Rezoski)**

Additional planning staff has been hired for downtown Toronto planners and should result in a more reasonable planning workload. There has been a drop in pre-application developments all over Toronto. Gregg Lintern retired as Chief Planner and Kerri Voumvakis has been appointed as interim Chief Planner. The hiring process for his replacement has not yet started.

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**5j) Clover Hill Park Encampment (J. Candido)**

It was noted that there was a person living in a tent in Clover Hill Park. C. Carnevali and C. Dingemans had previously reported this to 311 for action by Streets to Homes. There was also someone in Opera Place Park. Residents are advised to contact 311 to encourage any unhoused individuals to move to a shelter during the inclement weather.

**6) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) City of Toronto Budget Town Halls - January 16th, 17th and 18th
- 2) Councillor Saxe's Town Hall - January 18<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Councillor Moise and MP Marci Ien's Toronto Centre New Year's Levee – February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 4) St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 17th

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

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

**Next Meeting – March 18, 2024**

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