



## BCCA General Members Meeting Minutes Monday May 27, 2024

### 1) WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting started at 7:00 pm. Christine Dingemans, President, welcomed everyone.

### 2) GUEST SPEAKER

Scott McKean, City of Toronto (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, 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. Community Support Groups were discussed; the following links were provided:

To support people experiencing Homelessness - Streets to Homes

<https://toronto.ca/community-people/housing-shelter/homeless-help/streets-to-homes-street-outreach-support-program/>

To support people experiencing a mental health crisis – Toronto Community Crisis Service

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/public-safety-alerts/community-safety-programs/toronto-community-crisis-service/>

If your community has been impacted by violence – Community Crisis Response

Program - <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/public-safety-alerts/community-safety-programs/community-crisis-response-program/>

Toronto Police Service

Learn more here - <https://www.tps.ca/contact/416-808-2222-police-non-emergency/>

### 3) CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Quorum was reached with 7 out of 14 member building representatives in attendance; 3 member buildings were represented by proxy. The Land Acknowledgement was read and the virtual general meeting protocol was reviewed.

### 4) MOTIONS

#### 4a) Motion to Approve BCCA Agenda – May 27th, 2024

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

#### 4b) Motion to Approve BCCA General Members' Meeting Minutes – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

### 5) PREVIOUS MEETING ITEMS

Community Gardens Concern Related to Dog Litter (C. Dingemans /M. Tait McClellan)

The signage that was used to discourage dog urine and excrement in the community gardens was not found to be effective and more permanent signage is being sourced.

### 6) NEIGHBOURHOOD (C. Dingemans)

6a) **Jane's Walk** 'Clock Tower Trail' in Downtown Toronto' was lead by A. Rezoski and K. Holden on Sunday May 5th at 9:00 am. Approximately 30 participants enjoyed the 3 hour tour.

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**6b) Clock Tower Trail Renaming** - A city survey was conducted and a new name chosen for Green Loop which is a pedestrian walking path that is in planning stages through the Bay Cloverhill, Church Wellesley and McGill Granby neighbourhoods. Signage design and wayfinding work is underway.

**6c) Great White Oak Bench Installation- May 1<sup>st</sup>** K. Holden and R. Jarvis were interviewed and an article was published in the Toronto Star. Plans are underway to request a commemorative plaque as well as hold an official ceremony with Councillor Saxe

**6d) Toronto Centre Projects** We encourage everyone to sign up to [torontocentreprojects.ca](https://torontocentreprojects.ca) to vote for ideas and/or submit proposal(s). Two new traffic lights will be installed as part of Toronto Centre Projects Traffic Review 2023 at Breadalbane/Maitland and Yonge St., and Grenville/Wood and Yonge St. Submissions for Traffic Review 2024 include crosswalks:

- midblock on Wellesley St. West between Yonge St. and Bay St. to Dr. Lillian McGregor Park
- Yonge St. from St. Joseph Street to Dundonald St, where the TTC station entrance is
- Yonge St. between College Park and Aura to Granby St.

Residents are encouraged to submit any proposals that would contribute towards Vision Zero goals. Any suggestions for 2024 Traffic Review should be submitted on or before the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 deadline.

### **6e) Ward 13 Participatory Budget Approved Projects**

Three projects were chosen in Toronto Centre Projects Participatory Budgeting process for 2023. Murals will be installed this year on two buildings on St. Luke Lane with frontages at 530 Yonge St. and 556 Yonge St. Tree wells will be expanded and metal planter surrounds installed in front of the cottages on St. Nicholas Street and the townhouses on St. Nicholas Street and Irwin St. next year. St. Joseph Street bump outs will be installed at the n/e and s/e corners of Bay St. and St. Joseph Street and at the n/w and s/w corners of Yonge St. and St. Joseph Street. This may be combined with traffic flow changes; considering 2 way traffic to be discussed.

**6f) The Intersection of Dr. Emily Stowe Way and Grenville St.** is being redesigned as part of road resurfacing, with work scheduled to start in Fall 2024. The existing island and right turn channel will be converted into an expanded sidewalk that will include new seat walls, reconfigured bike racks and a new Bike Share station. In addition, 3 new oak trees will be planted in a bioswale combined with permeable pavers that will divert rain water.

**6g) Mayor's Clean Up Day Saturday - April 20<sup>th</sup>** - The dedicated volunteers who participated were acknowledged.

## 7) DEVELOPMENTS (K. Holden)

### **1075 Bay St.**

Fiera Capital has taken over this project. The original office/retail/condo plan is no longer feasible since the current economic conditions no longer warrants dedicated office space. A new site plan will be resubmitted this fall.

### **25 St. Mary Street**

In January 2024, Tenblock confirmed they will be proceeding with redevelopment. There are no current timelines on demolition.

### **646 Yonge Street**

City Council approval of the Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning Application took place in April 2024.

### **95 St. Joseph Street**

A resubmission was made to the city in April. Demolition is scheduled for January 2025.

Daniels will schedule a community meeting

### **480 Yonge Street**

The Immix rental building has been completed. 29% is occupied and 36% is leased.

### **8 Wellesley St. West**

Currently 52 out of the 58 stories have been built. Excellent work has been done restoring the windows on the townhouse facades.

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### 10 St. Mary Street

The 8th floor commercial building has been refurbished. Plans for a 60 story tower on St. Nicholas Street has been put on hold for the next few years.

*Action: Kathryn will create and publish an updated detail summary status of these developments*

## 8) COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### **8a) Residents Association FOSTRA- Advocacy and Activism Committee meetings on April 11<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>**

The city's planning process is detailed at

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/outreach-engagement/improving-community-consultation-in-the-development-review-process/>

A letter will be sent to outline concerns with the Bill 185 and endorsement of Liveable Ontario. The City of Toronto also has concerns. Critical elements include the elimination of 3<sup>rd</sup> party appeal, and expansion of the green belt.

### **8b) Councillor Saxe Ward 11 Meeting - March 28<sup>th</sup>**

BCCA agenda items included: Water Fountain Restoration in Queen's Park North, Great White Oak Bench Ceremony, Clock Tower Trail Renaming, Queen's Park North Washrooms, Ontario Legislative Assembly Renovations, Letter of Support Micromobility Strategy, Avenue Road Redesign, 95 St. Joseph Street Demolition, Kelly Library, Primrose Donkey Plaque.

### **8c) Police Relations - CPLC Meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> (C. Carnevali)**

Neighbourhood issues were discussed:

- Teenagers have broken through doors to gain access into the condo areas close to the roof or mechanical equipment room to take pictures for Instagram or TikTok accounts. Police reports have been filed. It appears that these teenagers were using professional equipment to gain access even with additional security measures taken to secure doors from repeat occurrences.
- Neighbours have seen drug dealing at Dr. Lillian McGregor Park. We have reported an encampment to 311 and Streets to Homes.
- Increased periodic police patrolling has been requested.

### **8d) Sidewalk Safety Committee Meeting - April 26<sup>th</sup> (C. Dingemans/B. Hagan)**

Two "Walk Your Bike" posters were presented. A vote was taken. The preferred information sign for restaurants including the pictures of a bicycle, scooter and ebike was selected. The idea of converting St. Joseph Street between Yonge and St. Nicholas from one way to two way to facilitate vehicle traffic from Five Condos was also discussed.

## 9) COMMUNITY CONCERNS (C. Dingemans)

### **9a) BCCA Letters**

- Sankofa Square Renaming and Funding- April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Micromobility Strategy for TO - April 29<sup>th</sup>

### **9b) Breadalbane Off- Leash Park Noise Concerns**

An animated discussion about excessive barking and dogs using the park that do not meet city requirements. The City advised that all parks have standard operating hours of 5:30 am to 12:00 am midnight. The Ramsden Dog Park is open from 7:30 am to 11 pm and it is located in densely residential neighbourhood similar to Breadalbane Dog Park. Councillor Moise's office will coordinate by law enforcement including confirming dog licenses and will review operating hours with Parks staff.

### **9c) Saturday Anti-Government Protest (C. Dingemans)**

A police complaint was made about the weekly Saturday anti-government protests on Yonge Street, as southbound vehicles were observed driving into northbound lanes to drive around the obstruction caused by the small group of protestors walking on the road.

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### **9d) BCCA Tree Inventory** (B. Hagan/ C. Dingemans)

There is an inventory of existing trees that scored the neighbourhood with tree equity scores from 93 for the Queen's Park with low priority for improvements, south Bay Street corridor score of 82 with moderate priority, and 88 score with moderate priority for the north Bay Street corridor. There is also an interactive tool to increase tree coverage for specific areas. More information is available at [www.treeequityscore.org/analyzer/toronto/](http://www.treeequityscore.org/analyzer/toronto/)

### **9e) Neighbourhood Streets Plan**

Participants were asked if they wanted to participate in a Neighbourhood Streets Plan project to change traffic flow, improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. If interested please submit your name through [info@baycloverhill.com](mailto:info@baycloverhill.com)

### **9f) Yonge St Walk with Councillor Moise** (K. Holden)

We are looking for volunteers interested in participating in a Yonge Street tour for Councillor Moise organized by the Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association and Bay Cloverhill Community Association. Buildings that are part of the Yonge Street Character Area, Historic Yonge Heritage Conservation District, owned by KingSett or rezoning approval would be highlighted. The time allotment would be 2 hours for the walk shop followed by a one hour post walk debrief.

## **10) COMMUNITY and SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Housing for All Webinar, Options for Homes, Mike Labbe - June 5th  
<https://www.homeopportunities.ca/>
  - Bike Safety Month Kickoff - June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Division 52 Community Police Liaison Committee BBQ - June 12th
- Neighbourhood special events are posted online at <http://www.baycloverhill.com/specialevents.html>

## **11) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 8:52 pm.

**Next BCCA General Members' Meeting - August 19, 2024**