



BCCA General Members Meeting Minutes March 20, 2023

AGENDA

1) OPEN

1a) Call to Order, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

Quorum was reached with 8 out of 13 member building representatives in attendance; 2 member buildings were represented by proxy. The meeting started at 7:01pm. Christine Dingemans, President, welcomed everyone, read the Land Acknowledgement and reviewed the virtual general meeting protocol.

1b) Motion to Approve BCCA Agenda - March 20, 2023

A motion by B. Hagan; seconded by K. Holden was made to accept the agenda as amended, to add Reports 3a) Ward 11 Updates (Councillor Dianne Saxe); carried.

1c) Motion to Approve BCCA General Meeting Minutes - January 16, 2023

A motion by K. Holden ; seconded by J. Candido was made to approve the minutes as written; carried.

2) GUEST SPEAKERS

Parks Ambassador Program (Esther Afriat, Project Manager Parks - Parks, Forestry and Recreation)

This program helps to ensure that parks are welcoming, accessible, equitable and safe places for all. Parks Ambassadors build relationships, conduct safety and wellness checks, distribute socks and water, monitor encampments, store unclaimed items and restore any damage to parks. There were no overnight sleepers or encampments in Bay Cloverhill parks.

Parks are serviced 2 to 3 times a week with a major spring cleanup in April.

Maintenance and harm reduction supplies such as needles and debris are removed.

Increased number of encampments in general, lack of supportive housing, rising costs and discriminating landlords continue to perpetuate homelessness.

Encampment Outreach and Response (John Francisco, Manager Strategic Initiatives)

Encampment outreach and response is handled through the Streets to Homes program in our area. They provide services 24/7 with referrals to temporary facilities and in conjunction with Multi-Disciplinary Outreach Teams (MDOT) consisting of outreach workers, case managers, registered nurses, housing workers and psychiatrists to offer mental and primary health care support.

Encampments are not allowed in city parks, right of way passages or on private property.

Homeless individuals cannot be forced to vacate unless there is danger to that individual or to the community and only after all social resources are engaged. Every attempt is made to find temporary shelter and then supportive housing.

3) REPORTS

3a) Ward 11 Updates (Councillor Dianne Saxe)

The Councillor recounted that she first became familiar with the BCCA when she was the Minister of Environment and introduced Rebecca Sullivan as the Constituency Assistant for the BCCA.

Since taking office, Councillor Saxe has advocated for the removal of snow on sidewalks, bike lanes and roads, money to improve pedestrian safety on Avenue Rd. and has successfully passed many motions to enhance Ward 11.

Constituents are encouraged to sign up for Ward 11 University Rosedale Monthly Newsletters at <https://diannesaxe.ca/news/>

Action: C. Dingemans will update Councillor Saxe's office on the BCCA/TPS Safety Sidewalk Project

3b) BCCA Business/Administration

BCCA Survey Report 2023

The results from the community survey from January 2023 were reviewed. 75 responses were received and the information provided will help prioritize what is important to the neighbourhood. Key highlights regarding the most important area of concern was green spaces (85% of responses), followed closely by safety (81%) and developments (62%). 75% of respondents find the 3rd Monday from 7 to 9 pm convenient to attend either face to face or virtual meetings.

A member's report is provided on the website. An action plan was developed for key areas of concern.

3c) Greening

Green Loop (J. Candido)

An update on the walking path in the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood, temporarily referred to as the North Downtown Yonge Green Loop, was presented. The route goes through the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood, as well as Church Wellesley, McGill Granby and College Park areas. The proposed aspects related to wayfinding, naming and creating a logo for this local initiative were outlined. Physical wayfinding elements could be depicted on murals in laneways, painted utility boxes, rocks, bollards street paintings and hydro pole wraps. A suggested name would be Twelve Parks Walk or as suggested at the meeting Twelve Parks Linx. The logo could be 3 horizontal green stripes on a black background; diamonds where there is a change in direction in the route.

BCCA will consult with the BIAs to establish a design and Developers will be engaged to consider identifying with the Green Loop.

City requirements and naming process will be further researched and a presentation will be made to the City Green Loop Committee to get their input. The naming and logo design process would then begin.

3d) Developments

Developments - Under Construction

1. Schwartz Reisman Innovation Centre, 100 and 112 College Street, formerly known as Partnerships in Innovation and Entrepreneurship Complex, Phase 1 or West 12 storey educational building at 112 College should be completed in 2023; The East tower at 100 College will be a 20 storey building started once the first phase is operational.
2. 8 Wellesley Residences at Yonge, 8 Wellesley Street West, 55 storey condo building is estimated for completion the summer 2025.
3. Immix, 494 Yonge Street, 38 storey rental building is scheduled for completion the summer of 2023.

Developments - Approved Projects/Construction Pending

1. 1075 Bay Street, 59 storey office and condo building; site plan meetings are pending.
2. 2G, 26 Grenville Street/27 Grosvenor Street, 46 and 32 storey apartment building is waiting for demolition.
3. Integrated Learning Centre, 73 Queen's Park Crescent East, 5 storey educational building just satisfied conditions.
4. 510-528 Yonge Street and 7 Breadalbane Street, 59 storey condo OLT settlement, site plan process is underway.
5. 95 St. Joseph Street. 39 storey condo with 12 storey senior's residences, has been approved by the City.

Developments – Proposed Projects/In Planning Process

1. 10 St. Mary Street has a new proposal 60 storey condo and office.
2. 25 St. Mary Street 59 and 54 storey condo/rental building, tenant meeting was held recently.
3. 646 Yonge Street, 77 storey condo, community consultation meeting was held on March 16th.

Action: M. Litvack will talk to the owner of the popular Ethiopian Restaurant which will be displaced with this new development, to determine their plans and if there is interest in re-locating into the new building. If so the BCCA will approach KingSett.

3e) Safety

52 Division CPLC Meeting Feb 1, 2023

Guest speaker, Community Response Unit Sergeant Richard Bobbis, spoke about Crowd Dynamics and Demonstrations, managed by 3 CRU units, which used to be 17, with officers in yellow vests. Different types of crowds were explained with larger crowds having the potential to be problematic. 'Atmospherics' or types of people in a crowd are a signal if there will be physical violence. Anarchists identify with black flags/signs and communist leaning anti-fascists represented with a red flag; both groups cause issues. There were 500-600 downtown protests last year. There have been some protests associated with Ontario Line construction at Osgoode Hall, Moss Park and the Don Valley River area

Community reports included a pedestrian cyclist collision on Queen's Park, illegal parking, mental health issues, scams like taxi fraud and delivery cyclists on sidewalks. Crime analytics showed increase in crimes, but our area is still generally safe despite the increased media attention. The new courthouse at Armoury and University will be opening this month to replace College Park, Scarborough and North York court facilities. Encampments in Allan Gardens have been reduced.

TPS is finding it difficult to fill pay duty assignments, with TTC mandatory overtime costing \$60k a day.

The Auxiliary Officer Program has been rebooted after the pandemic, as a majority of the existing volunteers have been hired full time by police departments.

711 Serving Alcohol (M. Litvack)

This issue has been addressed with the President of the Commercial Board of Directors at 1055 Bay St. and will be pended until such time as it becomes a problem.

Walk Toronto Group (M. Litvack)

An email was sent to this group that advocated for sidewalk safety to determine their interest in partnering with the BCCA 's Sidewalk Safety Educational awareness. Response is pending. Mention was made to partner with Bike Share, to promote safety in the monthly newsletter

Action: C. Dingemans will pursue a program launch with TPS Corporate Communications. Suggestions for Bike Share involvement (i.e.: Signs etc.) can be addressed at our next BCCA Safety Committee Meeting.

4) **NEW BUSINESS**

- 4a) **Community Feedback - Concerns and Issues** (Follow up Items from January 16th Meeting)
Sir John A. MacDonald statue in Queen's Park Since there was no consensus from the community as to the best course of action, we will rely on the provincial government committee to decide how to handle this.

Bay Street Urban Clearway 7 am - 7 pm This was brought up at the 52 Division CPLC meeting to encourage Toronto Parking Enforcement to ticket illegally parked cars.

Sidewalk Safety The continued delivery bikes on sidewalk issue was brought up at the 52 Division CPLC meeting; ticket/enforcement blitz is planned for Spring by TPS.

Illegal parking on Cottage Lane was brought up at the 52 Division CPLC meeting to encourage Parking Enforcement to ticket illegally parked cars.

New Item

Crime Notification Service (I. Kao)

MyCommunityWatch is a free crime notification service, using verified public police data to notify you by email if a major crime has been reported in your immediate or surrounding area.

The link to sign up for alerts is <https://mycommunitywatch.org/>

5) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 5a) Community Police Liaison Committee April 5, 2023
- 5b) Earth Day April 22, 2023
- 5c) Bumrun April 30, 2023
- 5d) OPSEU Corrections Ceremony of Remembrance (TBC) May 2, 2023
- 5e) Ontario Police Memorial Foundation Ceremony of Remembrance (TBC) May 7, 2023
- 5f) Toronto Marathon May 7, 2023
- 5g) March for Life May 12, 2023
- 5h) Sporting Life 10k May 14, 2023

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting - May 15, 2023