



**GOODERHAM & WORTS
NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.**
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GWNA MINUTES OF BOARD AND COMMUNITY MEETING

Held via Video Conference February 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Attendees

Diana Belshaw (Chair)
Neil Betteridge
Phylis Coles
Christopher Needles
Catherine Schryer
Mark Wagner
Greg Papp

Regrets

Sheila Iseman
Mick Brighton

Open Board Meeting 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome and Approval of Agenda:** Diana Belshaw
2. **Approval of minutes of February 13, 2023:** Moved by Phylis Coles; seconded by Neil Betteridge
3. **AGM March 13, 2023**
A discussion ensued regarding the choice between a virtual or in-person meeting and the need for a nominating committee as several board positions will become available.
Motion: That the AGM, March 13 meeting be held virtually. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Greg Papp. Approved.
Motion: That a nominating committee as required by the organization's by-law be established. The committee will consist of Diana Belshaw, Neil Betteridge, Sue Brown, and Catherine Schryer. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Phylis Coles. Approved.

Community Meeting 7:00 pm

4. **Land Acknowledgement:** Neil Betteridge
5. **Guest Speakers from the Toronto Public Library**
 - a. Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director, Branch Operations & Customer Experience
 - b. Susan Martin, Manager Capital Planning & Implementation
 - c. Bettina Takais, Manager, Capital Projects

Highlights from the presentation include:

- A larger district library will be built at the corner of the Esplanade and Jarvis

- There will be an extensive consultation process
- Completion date between 2029 and 2030

During the question period, participants asked whether a small local library could be included closer to the Distillery area and whether the current library will remain in operation until the new district library is constructed. The director agreed to look into the possibility of a small local library but thought the possibility was unlikely. The current library will remain in operation until the new library is constructed.

6. Communications

Diana Belshaw reported that the GWNA now has GWNA email addresses for board members and the organization itself. She noted as well that Chris Needles has taken over responsibility for moderating the GWNA Facebook page. In order to bring the Facebook page into line with conventions related to preventing harassment, the page will establish appropriate participation practices. Chris will discuss conventions with the GWNA Facebook users. The site will also become private in order to ensure that participants are either Distillery District Residents or have an interest in the District.

7. Round Table Report (see attached)

Diana Belshaw reported that the Round Table has been dealing with issues related to the Winter Village and fire lanes in the Distillery. Issues related to the Winter Village include: the length of the event, communication problems, traffic, parking, and lack of enforcement. The Round Table is meeting regularly with Distillery District and City representatives and is focusing on solutions including: better traffic and parking enforcement, better use of transit passes and parking outside of the Distillery District, better signage, planning well in advance of the next Winter Village, and consideration of a shorter Winter Village period.

The Round Table has discovered that the fire lane around 39 Parliament is possibly not legitimate. The City Councilor is looking into the issue.

The Round Table will report regularly to GWNA residents through the newsletter.

8. Development Report (see attached)

Neil Betteridge reported on development issues. Highlights include:

- Noise exemption permits have been issued for blocks 3,4,7.
- A long term lease has been issued to the Distillery for 60 Trinity St.
- Metro Links is attempting to reduce noise of blowers
- Bollards are being installed on the north side of Mill St. to prevent illegal parking.
- A community group – Build Ontario Line Better (BOLD)-- has emerged to consolidate opposition to MetroLinx developments.

Motion: That the GWNA support becoming a member of BOLD. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Phylis Coles. Approved.

9. Membership

Phylis Coles reported that the GWNA now has 173 members. Membership drives at 39 Parliament and 33 Mill St. were successful.

10. Financial Report

Greg Papp reported that the organization has \$9,723.25 in the bank with an additional \$2,000 in a GIC for a total of \$11,723.25

11. Fostra Report

SPR has developed a survey to investigate the impact of Bill 23.

Motion: That the GWNA support the distribution of the survey. Moved by Neil Betteridge; seconded by Greg Papp. Approved.

12. New Business

The Old Flame brewery has applied for a liquor license. The GWNA is requesting restrictions with respect to noise in the outside areas and hours of operation.

Suzanne from the St Lawrence Neighborhood Association invited all members to their Association's 40th Anniversary to be held Feb 14th.

Members were reminded that the next meeting to be held on March 13th is an AGM and that additional board members are needed.

13. Adjournment, moved by Phylis Coles