



**GOODERHAM & WORTS
NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.**
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DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING held at **70 Mill St**
Monday, September 9, 2019: 7 – 9 pm.

Directors Present

Phylis Coles, President
Amber Neumann, Vice President
Don Carvalhal, Treasurer
Mick Brighton, Director at Large
Lori May Ash
Jane Robinson, 80 Mill St Representative

Regrets

Gillian Kerr, Secretary, Communications Co-Chair, 70 Mill Rep
Scott Wilson
Farshad Salehzadeh
John Tran, Membership Committee
Scott Brachmayer, Communications Co-chair
Terry Stroup, Social Committee Chair
Richard Gruchala, 390 Cherry Street Rep
Sheila Iseman, 70 Distillery Lane Rep

Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Acknowledgment Statement

The following land acknowledgement was read by Phylis Coles:

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Agenda Items

1. Introduction of MPP Suze Morrison (Toronto Centre)

Ms. Morrison provided an overview of items relevant to our community, including:

- With education cuts top of mind for many, a new group named Toronto Centre Parents for Public Education has formed. One of their initiatives is “Track the Cuts”, which is a website to track how cuts affect local schools. Concerns about education can be directed to her office.
- Also at issue are cuts to public health funding, and the restructuring of the health system as the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) are transformed into Ontario Health Teams.
- The House is not currently in session, and won’t sit again until after the Federal election. This limits access to question period. Committees are not allowed to meet at this time, including the Public Appointments Committee. This means government can make appointments without oversight. It also means the Committee of Estimates is not meeting. This Committee looks at how the budget will be spent, through the estimates process. The estimates are deemed approved by early November, even if the Committee doesn’t get to meet, or if meetings are limited.
- After providing her overview, Ms. Morrison accepted questions from the floor.

2. Introduction of David Reycraft, Director of Housing Services, Dixon Hall

Mr. Reycraft led a discussion about homelessness, and provided an update on respite centre at 351 Lakeshore. His points included:

- Dixon Hall is a multiservice agency with headquarters in Corktown. The agency has been working in the Regent Park area for about 90 years. Housing is their largest department. In response to a crisis sparked by a cold snap a few years ago, the respite centre recently opened.
- Mr. Reycraft is also Co-Chair of Housing T.O. The plan is critical to how we address housing.

3. Minutes of meeting of July 8, 2019

The Minutes were distributed in advance of the meeting, but we have not quorum so are unable to approve. This item is tabled until the next meeting.

4. **Motion & Resolution for Lori Ash May to be appointed Interim Director to hold that position until the AGM March 2020.**

This item is tabled until the next meeting.

5. **Motion & Resolution for Jane Robinson to be appointed Interim Director to hold that position until the AGM March 2020.**

This item is tabled until the next meeting.

6. **Reports:**

a. **Treasurer's Report –Don Carvalhal**

The financial statement was sent out in advance, and Don provided a brief overview:

- It still appears the SLCC has not cashed the sponsorship cheque we provided, so it is unclear whether or not they received it. Amber to follow up and confirm they got it.
- We have not received membership fees from one condo corp within the community.
- Current balance is \$8,147.58

b. **Distillery Roundtable – Jane Robinson**

- Christmas Market: The CM this year will be November 14-December 22. A traffic report will be going to community council next Monday. Also working on concerns about noise, signage, and lighting to make for a better experience
- Dead trees on Distillery Lane to be removed

c. **Development Committee – Jane Robinson**

i. **First Parliament Building – Lester**

- A reminder that this site is the first purpose-built parliament buildings in Canada, built in 1797.
- In 2012, the City did a land swap of the part of the lot owned by the car wash for the property on the eastside of Parliament where the data centre now exists .

- There is a master plan to determine what will go on that site. These plans include a library, but the plans are complicated by the presence of soil contamination from when Consumer's Gas was located on the site.
- The working group will meet on October 1st to look at the options for this exciting project.

d. Membership – John Tran

In John's absence, Don provided some key points:

- 2019 membership number is 198
- John wants to do a membership drive in October and November, with the goal of getting 100 new or renewed memberships
- We have started issuing 2020 memberships.

e. Communications Committee – Phylis Coles on behalf of Scott and Gillian

- we now have new signs and stickers for GWNA member merchants to identify where GWNA discounts are offered
- we are looking for a volunteer interested in producing a hard copy of the Distillery District News

f. Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) – Lori May Ash

- this committee does not meet during the summer; the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 11th

**g. St. Lawrence Com. Rec. Centre Advisory Council (SLCRCAC)
Amber Neuman on behalf of Olivia Witter**

- Olivia Witter attended the most recent meeting. The SLCRCAC appreciates the sponsorship, and is eager to continue working with us. They have also reached out to see if we might be able to help them make broader connections in the Distillery community to build sponsorship support for other activities in the community.

h. Social Committee – Terry Stroup

a. Ongoing and Upcoming Events

In Terry's absence, Phylis gave an overview of upcoming events:

- On Saturday, September 14th, from 11:00 to 3:00, we will be hosting Pet Portraits. Pet families can get a 15 minute session in exchange for a \$10 donation.

- With Halloween fast approaching, we are planning a Halloween Costume Parade for the little ones on October 24th.
 - Planning has started for the December holiday event.
7. **Any other business/items –**
- Sylvester Witter noted that trees on the east side of Cherry, between Mill and Front, are a mess. Input from the floor suggested contacting 311.
 - Don Carvalhal is leaving the GWNA. His work has been deeply appreciated, and he will be missed.
8. **Next meeting: November 4, 2019 @ 390 Cherry Street 7:00 – 9:00 pm**
- Guest Speaker Mira Shenker, Waterfront Toronto

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.