



**GOODERHAM & WORTS
NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.**

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GWNA MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at 39 Parliament St.
Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7pm.

Directors Present

Phylis Coles, President
Gillian Kerr, Secretary, Communications Co-Chair, Rep for 70 Mill St
Scott Brachmayer, Communications Co-Chair
Mick Brighton, Director at Large
Richard Gruchala, Rep for 390 Cherry St
George Hume, Rep for 39 Parliament St
Sheila Iseman, Rep for 70 Distillery Lane
Barbara Nelson, Director at Large
Jane Robinson, Director at Large, Roundtable Committee Lead

Regrets

Lori May Ash, Director at Large
Don Carvalhal, Director at Large
Faraj Hossni, Rep for 390 Cherry St
Doug Lay, Rep for 33 Mill St Terry Stroup, Social Committee Chair
John Tran, Membership Chair
Eon Ting Director at Large

Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Acknowledgment Statement given by MPP Chris Glover

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

Guest Speakers:

1. MPP Chris Glover – Spadina - Fort York

Chris Glover addressed the meeting and provided an overview of some issues being worked on at Queens Park.

Ontario Line - Plans for transit line are yet to be confirmed, including required engineering plans, and consultation session are continuing.

Flooding - The Toronto Islands are already preparing for an emergency situation as water levels are already high. Overall situation needs to be more broadly considered to include a water diversion plan which supports shipping through the waterways and reduced risk of flooding.

Enbridge Gas Line - A petition has been developed regarding the impact the gas line expansion would have, specifically regarding the impact on the Martin Goodman Trail.

Building Standards - A Condo Bill to support quality of products and better warranties on materials to work to eliminate issues in the future similar to KITEC plumbing or premature replacements, such as roofing. An Elevator Bill to create building code standards and improve upon elevator service and repairs.

Education Cuts - Chris Glover has been supporting the teachers and has been on the picket lines with them. A petition is in place.

Toronto Waterfront Consultation - Consultations are ongoing regarding Google's proposed development in Toronto's Waterfront. Waterfront Toronto has been responsive to concerns raised by the community.

2. MPP Suze Morrison - Toronto Centre

Suze Morrison was unable to attend the meeting. City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam Ward 13 was able to attend on Suze Morrison's behalf.

3. City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam Ward 13

Kristyn Wong-Tam briefly addressed the meeting and provided updates from within her Ward. The City Councillor is also scheduled to be a guest speaker at the April 6, 2020 GWNA Community Meeting at 7:00 pm 70 Mill Street, Community Room First Floor.

Business Property Taxes - Small and medium sized businesses are being negatively affected by evaluation process used to determine property taxes. Businesses are typically being assessed at the potential for highest and best use and not what currently exists on the property. Efforts are being made to try and cap the property tax rates within Toronto to protect small business, however this would require amendments to the Assessment Act.

It was noted condominiums are the next group to see a surge in property tax assessments. To help mitigate this, Kristyn Wong-Tam has included an Impact Response Unit within her 2020 budget.

Christmas Market - Megan Poole, Constituency Assistant was acknowledged for her work and dedication regarding the traffic management plan for the community. Learnings from 2019 will be used to improve for future years.

Development Plan for Community - A question was asked regarding potentially conflicting demands on the community (housing densities, tourist destination, and tech/industry) and how this will be addressed. The City of Toronto is a key player to ensure the neighbourhood is equipped with sufficient community care facilities, such as schools, however requires support from the Province as well. Transportation services and Waterfront Toronto should also be involved to ensure adequate transit is available for the flow of people coming in and out of the area.

4. Brad Lepp, Director of Communications - Soulpepper Theatre Company

Brad Lepp provided an update on some of the changes within the Soulpepper Theatre Company and what is new and upcoming.

The Soulpepper has an exceptional new leadership, including Artistic Director Weyni Mengesha and Executive Director Emma Stenning. On behalf of Soulpepper Brad offered a special discount rate to all GWNA members who will be ordering theatre tickets.

5. GWNA Board Elections – George Hume

The GWNA Board had five Director positions available and three nominations were submitted in advance of the 2020 AGM. There were no nominations from the floor at the meeting.

The three candidates elected by acclamation are:

Mary Chrisanthus
Barbara Nelson
Jane Robinson

The GWNA Board of Directors as of March 9, 2020 are:

1. Scott Brachmayer
2. Mick Brighton
3. Mary Chrisanthus
4. Phylis Coles
5. Richard Gruchala
6. George Hume
7. Sheila Iseman
8. Gillian Kerr
9. Doug Lay
10. Barbara Nelson
11. Jane Robinson

6. President's Annual Report – Phylis Coles

GWNA President, Phylis Coles provided the President's Annual Report. Full report provided below.

Phylis Coles provided an overview of the various positions and committees of the GWNA and encouraged members to become more involved.

The 2020 Neighbour's Night Out is scheduled for June 1, 2020 and will be held in the Pure Spirits Courtyard.

7. Approval of Minutes for the March 18, 2019 GWNA AGM

A motion was made to approve the March 18, 2019 GWNA AGM Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion made by: Gillian Kerr

Seconded by: George Hume

Motion carried

8. Treasurer's Report – Richard Gruchala

GWNA Treasurer, Richard Gruchala presented the financial report, year ending December 31, 2019. A copy of the financial statement was circulated to members in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurers Report as presented.

Motion made by: Ann Hume
Seconded by: Alex Rice
Motion carried

9. Development Committee – Jane Robinson

Development Committee Chair, Jane Robinson provided an update. Full report provided below.

A motion was made to approve the Development Committee Report.

Motion made by: Dena Taylor
Seconded by: Diana Belshaw
Motion carried

10. Membership Committee – Richard Gruchala

The Membership Committee update was provided by Richard Gruchala, on behalf of John Tran. Richard reviewed the benefits of being a GWNA member and the various ways one can become a member. Payment via e-transfer is now available.

A motion was made to have the 2020 GWNA Membership fee remain at \$15 CAD.

Motion made by: Gillian Kerr
Seconded by: Isobel Collins
Motion carried

11. Social Committee – Phylis Coles

GWNA President, Phylis Coles provided the Social Committee Report on behalf of Terry Stroup. Full report provided below.

The meeting closed at 8:18 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 6, 2020 –Toronto City Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Ward 13 at at 7:00 pm 70 Mill Street, Community Room First Floor.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association has had quite an eventful year being involved in meetings regarding the many developments that are taking place or have been proposed. The Development Committee will bring you up to date when their report is given.

We have also had some wonderful social events which many of us have participated in and enjoyed. You will hear about them in the Social Committee Report.

What is the GWNA? It is a group of interested people who are willing to work together as a community for our neighbours and stakeholders to maintain and improve livability of our neighbourhood. GWNA's mandate is to create awareness of issues of interest to the residents in the neighbourhood and to work for the health, safety and enjoyment of those residents. As you know, there are many projects in development and as such, we e-mail our members regularly to create awareness of on-going notifications of planning and information meetings, always have representation at meetings that matter and work with the City of Toronto and its agencies, the Province, City Planners, The Distillery and many other groups to this end.

Our work also includes managing the impact of events, such as the Christmas Market and tourism generally, on access of residents to their buildings, traffic and noise. If you are interested in helping in any way with all of the building that is going on and proposed right now you may wish to join the Development Committee. It would be greatly appreciated.

With the wonderful events that we have had this past year, if you would like to assist in putting together more wonderful events this coming year, consider joining the Social Committee.

If you like people and are interested in having our GWNA continue to grow in size and influence and create more camaraderie with our neighbours then join our Membership Committee.

If you enjoy communicating with people and would like to assist in improving the communication between the GWNA and all of its members via emails or our website, we need you on our Communications Committee.

If you feel that it is important that your condo building directors are kept aware of what is happening in the neighbourhood, then you may wish to contact your Board and tell them you would like to be their GWNA representative. Each condominium corporation that has paid its nominal membership fee is entitled to have a designated representative on the GWNA Board.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all of who have helped GWNA in one way or another until now and from here forward to make this a wonderful and viable Association and one to be proud of.

Thank you.

Phylis Coles
GWNA President

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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

There are several developments our committee has been following. These are the most active developments.

Distillery Developments

The Official Plan Amendment 304 for the remaining developments is still under appeal.

31R Parliament and Ribbon Building – the conditions imposed by the Tribunal have not been resolved yet.

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33-37 Parliament – a settlement has been approved by City Council, but is under appeal

Port Lands Flood Protection

Work is progressing well on both sides of Cherry St. On the west at the Essroc site, the lakefill to create the Promontory Park is complete and includes a new dockwall, 2 coves for fish habitat and the foundations for the new realigned Cherry St bridge on both sides of the Keating Channel.

On the east side south of Commissioners, the first section of the river valley excavation is growing. On the west side, the T&T building has been demolished to allow for the river to exit into the Toronto Harbour and out to Lake Ontario.

Plans for the park surrounding the river are progressing. There will be areas for picnics, playgrounds, a beach and kayak/canoe launch area as well as wide-open parkland. At recent meeting, the Stakeholders were provided with a sneak peak of the multi-generational playground equipment that has been chosen for one of the areas.

Rental Housing – south of Mill St, east of Cherry

The development has completed the caisson work used to provide the stabilization necessary for the 3 buildings. Current work is excavating the area for the parking. There will be 760 rental units consisting of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms. 30% will be affordable.

Rental Housing – south of Front St, west of Cherry

The parking lot north of 70 and 80 Mill St and the lot known as 90 Mill St. on the south-east corner is under rezoning. 3 buildings have been proposed. The City has created a

Working Group to collaborate and resolve issues. The first meeting was held on January 14 and the next one is scheduled for March 16.

Indigenous Hub and Anishnawbe Health Centre – east of Cherry, north of Mill St

The development plans have been presented to the Waterfront Toronto Design Review panel. The development will consist of one condo building and 2 rental buildings on the edges of Front St, Cooperage St, and Mill St. The Health Centre will be the focal point on the west side of the site. The Miziwe Biik building between the Canary Building and the Health Centre will provide Employment and Training Programs for the GTA Aboriginal Community.

First Parliament Heritage Site

The master plan is in development. The site will contain a library, an interpretation centre, parks and outdoor event space. A Public Consultation is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 in the St. Lawrence Market tent at 6:15 pm.

Rekai Centre

At last, there has been an announcement that the Rekai Centre has worked with the province to establish a long-term care facility on the west side of Cherry St between Eastern Ave. and Front St. It will be a larger facility than originally discussed.

60 Mill Street

A new application has been submitted for this building. It was originally approved at OMB (now LPAT – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) as a 12-storey building with possibly a hotel or condo. Since then, a new owner would like to build a high-end hotel of 31 storeys. A Public Consultation will be held at the George Brown Student Residence on Thursday, March 12 at 6 pm.

43 Parliament Data Centre Phase 2

A proposal has been submitted to the City to build a second data centre in the vacant lot north of the current data centre that is at the corner of Parliament and Mill. The new building will be connected to the first building by a bridge. It will have different design. There is no application at the moment.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Social Events held in 2019 included:

- 2nd Annual Luv Thy Neighbour - Spirit of York
- Summer Solstice Happy Hour Every Thursday at Boku Noodle Bar
- Jingle Jingle Mix & Mingle Holiday Event
- Holiday Food Drive
- Clothing Drive
- Pet Portraits
- Neighbours Night Out (Mark June 1st for 2020)
- April Showers Spring Fling Cluny Bistro - Free
- Coffee for members hosted by The Distillery Team
- Soulpepper Special - ticket price for a few shows - Thank you to Soulpepper
- Boogie at Boku Noodle Bar Summer Special with Corktown Residents
- Trick or Treat Halloween Event - Together with The Distillery Team
- Sake Event - A Spring Dinner of Japanese Bites & Libations

Thank you very much to Terry Stroup for arranging all of these wonderful events and to all who came out to support them.

Thank you to The Beer Hall for providing the refreshments for the AGM.