



GOODERHAM & WORTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.

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GWNA MINUTES OF COMMUNITY MEETING held via Video Conference
Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Phylis Coles, President
Mick Brighton, Vice President
Richard Gruchala, Treasurer, Rep for 390 Cherry St
Barbara Nelson, Secretary
Scott Brachmayer, Director at Large
Don Carvalhal, Director at Large
Mary Chrisanthus, Director at Large
Sheila Iseman, Director at Large, Rep for 70 Distillery Lane
Doug Lay, Director at Large, Rep for 33 Mill St
Jane Robinson, Director at Large

Regrets

Beryl Haines, Director at Large
George Hume, Director at Large, Rep for 39 Parliament St
Gillian Kerr, Director at Large, Rep for 70 Mill St
Arella Sohn, Director at Large
Elena Price - General Manager, Distillery Portfolio

Guests Speakers

Emma Beattie, Constituency Assistant on behalf of Suze Morrison - MPP Toronto Centre

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

Acknowledgment Statement - Scott Brachmayer

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 Guest Speakers

Constituency Assistant, Emma Beattie on behalf of MPP Suze Morrison provided an update on the following items:

Ontario Reopening - Stage 3

The Premier has announced the plan for Stage 3 of reopening within the Province on July 17th. This will be done on a regional basis as was done with Stage 2. The GTA is not included in the areas moving to Stage 3.

Suze Morrison has been advocating the Public Health experts recommendations should be followed for reopening strategies.

Bill 184, Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020

This is commonly referred to as the Eviction Bill.

The Bill has an increase for compensation to tenants when the landlord who gives a notice of termination of the tenancy for no fault of the tenant. Landlords are also required to declare if this has been done in the past and how often.

The Bill has a retroactive clause regarding repayment agreements between tenants and landlords which could affect agreement signed before amendment was made and could result in tenants being evicted. Suze Morrison is fighting against this.

Racial Justice and Police Accountability to Violence

GWNA members are encouraged to review the **End Police Violence. Invest in Black, Indigenous and Racialized People's Lives** report on Suze Morrison's website under Latest News section and provide feedback to her office.

Q and A

At the recent Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association (BQNA) press conference it was noted the Federal funding to help address homelessness and the encampments across the City has not been released by the Provincial Government, is there an update on this?

Additional information is not currently available, however this will be looked into and reported back. Suze Morrison has collaborated with Kristyn Wong Tam on recent press releases regarding this.

What is Suze Morrison perspective regarding the Racial Climate and the accountability of Family Services and the Police?

The email sent in advance of the meeting is currently being reviewed and a phone call is to be scheduled with Suze Morrison and interested parties for her full perspective on these issues.

Any additional questions can be sent to Emma Beattie at EBeattie@ndp.on.ca.

GWNA President, Phylis Coles on behalf of General Manager, Distillery Portfolio
Elena Price provided an update on the following items:

COVID 19 Safety Protocols in Distillery

Several residents have inquired about the safety and social distancing protocols regarding the public spaces within the Distillery District, specifically around the tables and chairs available.

Staff have been hired to regulate the number of people gathering at tables, to clean tables and chairs when they have been vacated and to ensure tables and chairs are not moved. This staff will be in place until 9 p.m.

There will be a greater security presence after 9 p.m. to monitor the number of people gathering together.

Survey

An informational survey is currently being conducted with individuals regarding likes and dislikes within the Distillery District and interests for the future. At this time, the survey is not available online.

Future Plans in the Distillery District

Elena Price is compiling details on what to expect in the coming months. Details will be circulated to members once available.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the June 8, 2020 and June 15, 2020 GWNA Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion made by: Sheila Iseman

Seconded by: Richard Gruchala

Motion carried

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Richard Gruchala presented the GWNA Inc. Financial Report for the period of January 1 to June 30, 2020.

4. Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee update was provided by Scott Brachmayer:

- There has been a fair amount of activity on the GWNA Social Media channels
- Individuals do not need to have a Facebook account to access the GWNA Business Facebook page - it is not possible to comment or post, however can access posting and information

- GWNA Members are encouraged to report items from the GWNA page to their individual building's Facebook page if one is available
- GWNA Members are encouraged to be active on the GWNA Twitter account

The Committee can be contacted at Communications.GWNA@gmail.com.

5. Development Committee Update

The Development Committee update was provided by Jane Robinson:

- A construction management plan has been received for 31 Parliament, 33-37 Parliament, 31R Parliament and the Ribbon Building
- A Working Group is being formed with City Planner, Henry Tang to address information gaps in the construction management plan
- There are no new updates on the space behind 70/80 Mill St at this time

The Committee can be contacted at Development.GWNA@gmail.com.

6. GWNA Roundtable Update

The Roundtable update was provided by Jane Robinson:

- Discussions have begun to plan a Round Table meeting in August

7. Membership Committee Update

The Membership Committee update was provided by Barbara Nelson:

- The Committee is in the process of updating the GWNA information sheets and Member Application form
- Two new memberships have been processed updating the 2020 membership count to 109 members

The Committee can be contacted at Membership.GWNA@gmail.com.

8. Social Committee Update

The Social Committee update was provided by Mary Chrisanthus:

- As a result of COVID 19 there are no new updates
- Depending on reopening plans, a social activity may be possible in September

The Committee can be contacted at Social.GWNA@gmail.com.

9. GWNA Bylaws Review Update

The Bylaws Committee update was provided by Richard Gruchala:

- Work has begun to compile and catalogue any proposed amendments and items for consideration brought forward to date

- A Bylaws Review Committee has been struck, members include:
 - o Richard Gruchala - Chair
 - o Mick Brighton
 - o George Hume
 - o Barbara Nelson
- GWNA Members are encouraged to submit any comments and proposed amendments to the GWNA Bylaws to the Committee via the email address below
- Catalogued feedback will be presented to the Board for discussion
- Adoption of proposed amendments will be voted on by the GWNA Membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March 2021

The Committee can be contacted at Bylaws.GWNA@gmail.com.

10. Upcoming GWNA Meetings and Prospective Speakers

- Recommendations for future speakers are to be sent to GWNA President, Phylis Coles

11. Other Business

Neighbourhood Associations Meeting Minutes July 8 2020

- Lester Brown represented the GWNA at the Neighbourhood Associations Meeting - many issues were discussed, including Construction Noise and Homeless Tents & Encampments
- A copy of the meeting minutes will be circulated to GWNA members

Underpass Park Farmers Market

- The Farmers Market takes place on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.

Noise Pollution from Soulpepper Theatre HVAC system

- This issue was raised for follow up with Elena Price, Distillery General Manager
- Information will be provided when available

12. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at **7:58 pm**.

- **Organizational Meeting Monday, August 10, 2020** via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
 - o *No guest speakers*
- **Community Meeting Monday, September 14, 2020** via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
 - o Joe Cressy - City Councillor Ward 10

A communication will be sent in advance of the meeting providing access details for the Zoom meeting.