



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

Website: [www.gwna.ca](http://www.gwna.ca) Twitter: @GWNAtoronto

Facebook: Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association

**GWNA MINUTES OF COMMUNITY MEETING** held at 70 Mill St.  
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7pm.

**Directors Present**

Phylis Coles, President  
Gillian Kerr, Secretary, Communications Co-Chair, Rep for 70 Mill St  
Don Carvalhal, Director at Large  
Faraj Hossni, Rep for 390 Cherry St  
George Hume, Rep for 39 Parliament St  
Doug Lay, Rep for 33 Mill St  
Barbara Nelson, Director at Large  
Jane Robinson, Director at Large, Roundtable Committee Lead

**Regrets**

Lori May Ash, Director at Large  
Scott Brachmayer, Communications Co-chair  
Mick Brighton, Director at Large  
Richard Gruchala, Rep for 390 Cherry St  
Sheila Iseman, Rep for 70 Distillery Lane  
Terry Stroup, Social Committee Chair  
John Tran, Membership Chair  
Eon Ting Director at Large

**Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.**

**Acknowledgment Statement**

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:**

#### **Ward 10 Councillor – Joe Cressy**

Joe Cressy addressed the meeting attendees and provided an overview of some of the anticipated growth and population challenges Toronto will face in the future. It was communicated much focus is needed to ensure as the city grows, it remains livable for residents in the downtown areas. An example of this is the planned revitalization and expansion of the David Crombie Park.

Other updates included:

- Christmas Market Study is ongoing and will continue to look for improvements
- Waterfront East LRT design is at almost 30%
- Discussions are taking place regarding Bike lanes along the Esplanade, Berkley St and Mill St
- The Gardiner construction is an ongoing issue however some improvements for residents have been made

The floor was opened to questions and Joe Cressy provided information to meeting attendees including:

- Potential locations for a new school to be built – City has zoned the land for this purpose however it falls within the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to build the school
- Discussions and negotiations are ongoing regarding the Ontario Line transit anticipated to connect the Ontario Science Centre and Exhibition Place
- Work is being done to relax zoning restrictions in the Yellow Belt (residential areas) with the hope to allow for more mid-rise building and housing options
- There are plans for a grocery store in the Canary District
- Work is underway to redesign pedestrian space across the City including:
  - o Reduction in speed limits
  - o King St streetcar track replacement and street redesign – planned completion in 2024
- The St Lawrence Market pilot with extended business hours is anticipated to be in place commencing March 2020 for a year and should consider the balance between customer access and shop owner needs

#### **Cooper Koo Family YMCA – Michael Ladd**

Michael Ladd presented information about the Sweat for Good Challenge taking place from March 1 – 7, 2020. This annual fundraiser assists in making the YMCA more accessible to community members. Donations are welcome for the silent auction, bake sale and sponsorship opportunities.

## 1. Approval of Minutes for November

A motion was made to approve the November GWNA Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Motion made by:** Gillian Kerr  
**Seconded by:** George Hume  
**Motion carried**

## 2. GWNA January Organizational Meeting Update

Gillian Kerr provided an update on the outcomes of the meeting, including:

- The primary focus of the GWNA is to meet, share and discuss concerns of the community
- A decision was made to cap annual donations to \$250
  - Donation of \$250 was made to the Anishnawbe Health Centre

## 3. Distillery Round Table Update

Distillery Round Table was established to open communications and address issues within the community. The group includes representatives from the Distillery, the City and local residents.

The Roundtable Committee Chair, Jane Robinson provided an update on the discussions from the January 30, 2020 meeting. Full report provided below.

## 4. Development Committee

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

Additional Development Committee updates were provided by George Hume including:

- There is a proposal for major bike lanes on Shuter St and connecting the Don Valley trail to Yonge St via Mill St and the Esplanade
  - If approved this would result in significant changes in these areas
- Enbridge has 2 proposals in place for a high pressure pipe line which has potential impacts in the community
- The Gardiner Rehabilitation Construction Liaison Committee is working to ensure the proper logging and action for complaints
- Work is being completed to install a fourth noise monitoring station in the Distillery

## **5. Membership**

The current 2020-2021 membership is 91 members.

## **6. Communications Committee**

President, Phylis Coles requested anyone interested in participating on the Communications Committee should reach out to herself or another member of the Board.

## **7. Social Committee**

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

## **8. GWNA 2020 AGM**

The AGM will take place on March 9, 2020 at 39 Parliament St (11<sup>th</sup> floor). Flyers for the AGM will be circulated shortly.

Any GWNA members interested in running for the Board should reach out to President, Phylis Coles or another member of the Board.

All elections to the Board are for general Director positions. Following the AGM, the newly elected Board will determine the specific officer positions.

Members of the Nominating Committee include: Phylis Coles, George Hume and John Tran.

## **9. Other Business**

George Hume brought forward concerns raised regarding the Christmas food drive and how the GWNA should look at alternate options to serve the needs of the community more specifically.

There is interest from Dixon Hall to work with the GWNA on various initiatives.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.**



## **Roundtable Report**

Date: Jan 30, 2020

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting with Condo representatives from 70 Mill St, 80 Mill St, 39 Parliament, Phylis Coles, Bushra Mir (Ward 10), Megan Poole (Ward 13), Mark Halkias (Distillery District) and Mathew Rosenblatt (Toronto Christmas Market)

### **Debrief of 2019 Christmas Market**

Compliments to the Christmas Market and Distillery staff for the improvements this past year.

Overall, the changes to the Christmas Market were really, well-received. Residents felt the crowds were more manageable and there was a better feeling of safety inside and at the intersections.

Although the traffic plan needed adjustments to the weekday evenings within the first 2 weeks, the Christmas Market team stepped up to engage paid duty police every night.

Permit parkers were pleased with the parking available in the P1 at 33 Mill St.

Communication between residents and Distillery staff was so much better with quick responses to email and telephone to residents' satisfaction. There were 121 complaints with 63% about the traffic plan in the first 2 weeks. There were occasional noise complaints.

Attendance this year was down about 100,000 over last year.

### **Distillery Issues**

- Signage on Gristmill and Tankhouse Lanes to remind patrons that residents live here and need quiet time – will be addressed
- The **HEART** will be sent out for painting this year and the issue of people climbing and banging on it will be addressed to alleviate the noise
- Potholes on Distillery Lane at 39 Parliament will be addressed by Distillery Property Management

### **Councillors' Offices Information**

- There have been many dump trucks and other heavy vehicles eastbound on Mill St. There is a by-law against this, but the signage at Parliament and Mill has been removed. Joe Cressy's office has requested a replacement sign.
- Lack of snow clearing at the pedestrian crossings at Mill and Parliament, Mill and Cherry and Front and Cherry needs to be addressed – both City and Distillery responsibility.
- A concern was raised about the new proposed developments which will take away green space that is needed for all the dogs in the area now and to come. What facilities will be available? The City has been reviewing the situation and has recently released Pet-Friendly-Design Guidelines.

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/planning-studies-initiatives/pet-friendly-design-guidelines-for-high-density-communities/>

### **Lightfest**

Once again, very simple and attractive accessible art, has graced the Distillery pedestrian areas. This event is meant to be fun and bring people out at night to share in the experience.

## Development Committee Report

### 1. Blocks 3, 4 and 7 (Parking lot north of 70 and 80 Mill Street)

A working group has been struck to work through the proposal for the rental housing project that will build 836 new units. Thirty percent of these units will be affordable: 200 for 1 and 2 bedroom units and 24 each for 3 and 4 bedroom units.

The working group is made up of members from the condo communities who wish to participate, GWNA, West Don Lands Committee Chairs, St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association, Corktown Residents and Business Association, Applicants Dream, Kilmer and Tricon, Architects and City Planning and Council staff.

The group raised a number of concerns that need to be addressed:

- Block 7 – the building is not compatible with 80 Mill St and should be a park instead
- The proposed 2 other buildings (Blocks 3 and 4) are higher than the original approved block plan of 2006
- Traffic on the new east-west street
- Access to 70 and 80 buildings for deliveries, garbage pickup, trades parking
- Safety concerns and usage about the PoPs in blocks 3 and 4
- Community amenities – Day Care?

Another meeting will be scheduled in March to continue the collaboration

### 2. 60 Mill Street – New proposal

Many of us recall the OMB hearing in 2017 that was first proposed as a 35-storey building for hotel and condos. The decision at OMB was that only a 12-storey building with 3 meter set-backs above the Rack House portion. However, the building has now been sold twice since then. The new proposal is for a 31-storey hotel.

The Development Committee met with the applicants to understand what their plan would be. There are many, many issues with this proposal and we would like to consider a Working Group for this process too. There will be a public consultation on March 12 – the City will send notifications to all residences in the neighbourhood.

3. **Block 8 – south of Mill, east of Cherry**

Work has started to prepare for the start of construction of 3 rental buildings.

4. **Block 20 – South of Block 8 north of the railway**

A new proposal was presented at the West Don Lands Committee meeting on January 27. The proposal is for a 6-storey podium with 2 residential towers. It is still in the infancy stage and we look forward to seeing a more fully developed proposal in the spring.

5. **Rekai Centre – west of Cherry between Eastern and Front**

This project was originally proposed for a combination of long-term care facility and Options for Homes condos. That deal fell through, but it was recently announced that the Province and Rekai now have an agreement to build only a larger long-term care facility with possibly some other medical services. More information will be provided soon.