



**GOODERHAM & WORTS
NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.**
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MINUTES OF MEETING held
Monday, July 10, 2017
70 Mill St Community Room

Directors Present

Michael Brewer, President and Co-Chair Development Committee
Phylis Coles, Vice President
Don Carvalhal, Treasurer
Kristin Scythes, Social Committee Chair
Alan Coles, 33 Mill St Representative
Sheila Iseman, 70 Distillery Lane Representative
Jane Robinson, 80 Mill St Representative, Minute Taker

Regrets

John Tran, Membership Secretary
Corinne Bryers, 70 Mill St Representative
Beryl Haines, Distillery District News, print edition
Keith Veira, Distillery District News On-line
George Hume, Co-Chair Development Committee
Jose Castillo, 390 Cherry St Representative
Salim Jamal, Director at Large
Andrew Cashin, Director at Large

Michael Brewer, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Guest Speakers:

Rollo Myers (History of the First Parliament Site)

The first Legislature Assembly of Upper Canada was in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1792

Moved to York (Toronto) in 1797 as the Palace of Government – other suggested sites were London or Kingston

The site was chosen because the three pillars of York were: Fort York Garrison in the west, the Kings' Park in the east and the Public Walks & Gardens along the lakeshore that connected them.

1813 – Parliament Buildings were blown up and rebuilt to house the soldiers that were displaced from Fort York in the same year

1814 – British from Bermuda burnt the White House and the Capitol Building

Parliament buildings rebuilt 1818-24 on top of the old building – burnt down in 1832. The buildings were used for more than Parliament – St James Church, Law Courts, City Hall (City of Toronto incorporated in 1834) and added a jail in 1838

It was replaced by one of the many Consumers Gas buildings. In 1997, it was brought to City Council's attention that this was a very important site that should be recognized. It was situated in the middle of a cluster of 40 industrial buildings.

There is a proposal to include a new library on the site as well as an interpretation centre to represent all the buildings that were part of the heritage site and a park and gathering space in the south

Numerous archeological digs have determined there are not many visual artifacts remaining on the site

Current status – Request for Proposals to create the master plan for the site were sent out in June 2017. A contract will be awarded during the summer and an initial meeting with committee in the fall. It will be a year-long process

Funding will be provided through section 37 funds and from the Toronto Public Library budget. It will be necessary to add retail to create revenue. Since there is now money budgeted from the Library, building it could start first.

Erin Edwards – Invictus Games Toronto 2017

Is an event that will take place from September 23-30. The games were established “to use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and create a wider understanding of and respect for those who serve their country and their loved ones”

There will be 550 ill, injured and wounded service people from 17 allied countries competing in 12 adaptive sports. It also includes a conference on assisting with health issues.

The lot in Anishnaabe site on the east side of Cherry St between Front and Mill sts will be used to park buses only.

The parking lot behind 70 and 80 Mill St will be the site of the **Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge – Sep 23 – 11 am to 3:30 pm** for Invictus teams.

There will be a chance for the public to test the site from Sep 24-30 from 9:30 am to 7 pm. Anyone with a valid drivers licence is welcome.

Tickets available online at www.Invictusgames2017.com
– free events are Golf, Cycling, tennis, Jaguar Land Rover challenge

Pam McConnell – Julie Beddoes

Our condolences are sent to the family, staff and friends of our Councillor and Deputy Mayor. Pam was very supportive for all of the projects that impacted our community. She leaves a huge legacy of improvements including housing, poverty reduction and social justice.

Minutes of meeting of June 12, 2017 – deferred - no quorum

Councillor's Office

Tom Davidson provided an overview of the Administrative procedures while Pam's seat is vacant. The office will continue to run under office of City Clerk. Staff will continue with the work as it comes up including Gardiner East, West Don Lands phase 3, Metrolinx expansion. They will also work with other councillors to push through any necessary issues at Community Council

October council meeting in October will advise of the vacancy of the seat and start the process to find a temporary replacement

Public commemoration at the end of the summer on August 25th at St James Cathedral

Mill Street refurbishment - Parking signs will be returned soon – Site-seeing bus drop off/pick up at Mill and Trinity will be advised that it is no longer available – street furniture needs to be returned to position from before construction

One member suggested better lighting at Trinity and Mill St intersection needs to be addressed

Treasurer's Report

	this Month	2017 Y-T-D
Memberships	\$765.00	\$1,155.00
Corporations	\$525.00	\$1,142.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Events - Garage Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Events - NNO	\$133.00	\$133.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$1,423.00	\$2,430.00
Insurance and Volunteer Regis.	\$0.00	\$522.44
Printing, Photocopying & Signage	\$0.00	\$541.91
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outdoor Annual Social	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Events - Table Rentals	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Events - NNO	\$440.22	\$440.22
Meeting Expenxes	\$0.00	\$14.00
Donations: Sports	\$0.00	\$250.00
Donations: Comm. Support & Gifts	\$0.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges & Cheques	\$5.00	\$8.20
Total Expenses	\$445.22	\$2,276.77
Net Income	\$977.78	\$153.23

Upcoming meetings/events

Garage Sale – planned date was Sep 23 but that date conflicts with Invictus Games. GWNA will postpone to next year.

Distillery District News – propose business card size ads for print copy at \$50 and full page for online version \$100

Membership as of this evening's meeting stands at 124

King St Streetcar Pilot – City Council authorized the implementation

OMB – 31A Parliament and 60 Mill St

Michael Brewer provided the report from the OMB on the appeal of the plans for these sites. While the resulting density was not what the GWNA wanted, the settlement did make changes for some of the other concerns. There are still a number of conditions set out by City Council like the servicing capacity and a transportation studies that will delay the next phase. The settlement also provides the GWNA an opportunity to be included in the Site planning stage of the applications.

Letter to the TD Bank

Don Carvalhal provided the board with a copy of the letter he wrote about the reduced service proposed in the move of the branch to the Canary District. Michael will print on letterhead and mail to the President and CEO of the TD Bank

19 July, 2017
Mr. Bharat Masrani
Group President & Chief Executive Officer
TD Bank Financial Group

RE: Reduced Services at your new branch (457 Front Street)

I am writing you today on behalf of the board and members of the Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association, representing residents of Toronto's Distillery District. I would like to share with you the feedback I have received on your plan to reduce the services available to our many residents and small businesses.

The Distillery District and the West Donlands areas are comprised of a higher than average percentage of:

- 1) elderly, over 55;
- 2) residents with disabilities;
- 3) individuals who rely on subsidies;
- 4) small, artisan businesses; and
- 5) tourists.

As the Canadian Bankers Association knows, despite the growth in electronic options, branches with full services remain a vital part of banking for the above groups. They tend to require more teller services including over the counter cash and cheque transactions. Of great concern is that trekking over a kilometer each way, during the winter, to the Saint Lawrence Market branch will be incredibly challenging for these individuals. Many will not be able to travel that far.

Additionally, our residents have expressed concern that there was no community consultation in advance of this decision.

On behalf of the Distillery District and the West Donlands, I request that you give further consideration to having your new branch at 457 Front Street offer a full range of services to all.

Regards,

Michael Brewer

President

Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association (GWNA) Inc.

Cc: Cristina Damour, TD Branch Manager, 25 Mill Street

Meeting closed at 8:42 pm