



GOODERHAM & WORTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.

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GWNA MINUTES OF COMMUNITY MEETING held via Video Conference
Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Phylis Coles, President
Mick Brighton, Vice President
Don Carvalhal, Treasurer
Barbara Nelson, Secretary
Scott Brachmayer, Director at Large
Mary Chrisanthus, Director at Large
Beryl Haines, Director at Large
George Hume, Director at Large
Sheila Iseman, Corporate Director 70 Distillery Lane
Doug Lay, Corporate Director 33 Mill St
Greg Papp, Corporate Director 39 Parliament St

Regrets

Gillian Kerr, Corporate Director 70 Mill St
Jane Robinson, Director at Large
Arella Sohn, Director at Large

Guest Speaker

Chris Glover - MPP Spadina - Fort York

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 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.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 23, 2020 GWNA Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion made by: Mary Chrisanthus

Seconded by: Beryl Haines

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Don Carvalhal presented the GWNA Inc. Financial Report for the period of January 1 to November 30, 2020.

A motion was made to approve the Financial Report as presented, with the addition of \$45 in Membership fees.

Motion made by: Don Carvalhal

Seconded by: Barbara Nelson

Motion carried

Development Committee Update

The Development Committee update was provided by George Hume:

- There are two major initiatives affecting the neighbourhood over the next 2 years:
 - o Enbridge Gas Line is planned down Mill St from Parliament to Trinity and north up Trinity to Bayview Ave via River St
 - o The City Cycling Committee has proposed bike lanes along Mill St to connect the Esplanade and Corktown Commons; the intersections at Parliament St and Cherry St present issues for safety and traffic flow
- The Metrolinx Ontario Line plans have trains running under 39 Parliament St with the station planned for the north east corner of Front and Berkley
- Waterfront Toronto is engaging in Quayside for plans on the area vacated by Sidewalk Labs
- The bridge over Keating Channel is in place; updates are available on the Port Lands website at <https://portlandsto.ca/>
- The City has released a report on the pedestrian and cyclist plan for Lakeshore Blvd
- Most of the Gardiner Rehabilitation Project construction has been completed in our area; our neighbourhood paved the way for resident concerns need to be considered as the construction continues in other areas
- The Committee is looking to re-establish the GWNA Round Table meetings
- The GWNA has been asked to participate on a new initiative from Spadina-Fort York MPP Chris Glover for a Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations (FOSTRA) - creating a coalition of Residents and Neighbourhood Associations

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

Introduction of Guest Speakers

Chris Glover MPP – Spadina – Fort York provided an update on the following items:

Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO)

- Chris Glover will provide GWNA President details on the potential impacts of the recent MZOs on the planned development within the Distillery District area

Bill 229

- The Ontario government passed Bill 229, which amends the Conservation Authorities Act, stripping power from local conservation authorities
- This includes protection of flood plains in the City

Federation of South Toronto Residents Associations (FOSTRA)

- FONTRA (Federation of North Toronto Residents' Association) is an umbrella organization representing over 30 residents' associations in central Toronto engaged in public policy debates on planning and development issues that directly affect their member organizations
- MPP Chris Glover has been reaching out to co-ops and residents, community and neighbourhood associations in order to create a FOSTRA; working together will allow for a more powerful voice when advocating for changes in legislation
- FOSTRA will focus on municipal and provincial legislation
- The GWNA has been asked to have a representative on FOSTRA

Homelessness

- Affordable housing and homelessness continue to be the top issues in the riding
- The real solution is to provide safe affordable housing for everyone and mental health and addictions supports
- The Federal Government has provided a \$230M grant to create 3,000 permanent homes for the most vulnerable; the Provincial Government has cut \$160M from Housing
- A homelessness workgroup has been formed with a focus to develop and advocate for viable solutions; anyone interested in participating or would like to receive updates from this group are encouraged to contact Chris Glover's office

Metrolinx and Ontario Line

- A new update on the environmental assessment and plans, the Early Works Report, is now available; a copy will be provided to the GWNA President for circulation to members
- Work is underway to advocate for the accommodation of pedestrian and cycling routes as a part of the plans for the streetcar tunnel under the railway tracks

Membership Committee Update

The Membership Committee update was provided by Barbara Nelson:

- On November 19, 2020 two communications were sent to GWNA Members:
 - o All GWNA Members in good standing were informed their membership will be extended to December 31 2021 at no additional cost

- Those with a lapsed Membership were sent an email with details on how to renew; a reminder email will be sent in early January 2021
- Following the Membership renewal campaign there have been 13 memberships processed bringing the membership count to 130 members

GWNA 2021 Notice of AGM Notice and Call for Nominations

- The Notice to Members of the 2021 GWNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be circulated in mid-late January 2021
- The communication will include the Call for Nomination for the Board elections

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

Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at **7:40 pm**

Next Meeting: **Monday January 11, 2021** via Zoom @ 7:00 pm

Guest Speakers:

- Chris Glover, MPP – Spadina – Fort York
- Tom Davidson, Director Waterfront Initiative
- Bushra Mir, Advisor, Constituency and Planning Office of Councillor Joe Cressy, Ward 10 Spadina-Fort York

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

Following the close of the meeting, the GWNA Board hosted the Jingle Jingle Mix and Mingle Holiday Celebration!