



GOODERHAM & WORTS

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (GWNA) INC.

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GWNA MINUTES OF COMMUNITY MEETING held via Video Conference
Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Directors Present

Phylis Coles, President

Mick Brighton, Vice President

Richard Gruchala, Treasurer; Corporate Director 390 Cherry St

Barbara Nelson, Secretary

Don Carvalhal, Director at Large

Mary Chrisanthus, Director at Large

George Hume, Director at Large

Doug Lay, Corporate Director 33 Mill St

Greg Papp, Corporate Director 39 Parliament St

Jane Robinson, Director at Large

Arella Sohn, Director at Large

Regrets

Scott Brachmayer, Director at Large

Beryl Haines, Director at Large

Sheila Iseman, Corporate Director 70 Distillery Lane

Gillian Kerr, Corporate Director 70 Mill St

Guest Speakers

Chris Glover - MPP Spadina - Fort York

Kristyn Wong - Tam - City Councillor - Ward 13

Nelly Horovitz - Senior Property Manager, The Distillery Historic District

Ann Summers Dossena - Founder/Artistic Director, The International Resource Centre for Performing Artists (IRCPA)

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Acknowledgment Statement - Phylis Coles

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.

Condolences for Tricia Waldron

The GWNA Board is saddened to pass on the news the person struck and killed at Mill St. and Cherry St. was Tricia Waldron. Tricia was very active in Corktown and did a lot of work advocating and fundraising for the new Anishnawbe Health Centre. Condolences are sent to Tricia's family and friends. She will be greatly missed within our community.

Board of Directors Update

The following updates to the members of the GWNA Board were provided by Phylis Coles:

- Marie-Christine El-Hoss has resigned as the 390 Cherry Corporate Director; Richard Gruchala will fill role until a replacement is made
- Greg Papp has been appointed as the 39 Parliament Corporate Director replacing George Hume
- Gillian Kerr will fill the role of Corporate Director for 70 Mill St
- Following the update to the Corporate Director for 39 Parliament St a motion was made to appointment of George Hume as Director at Large:

Motion made by: Don Carvalhal

Seconded by: Jane Robinson

Motion carried

- An updated GWNA Board of Directors Contact List will be circulated to Board members and the GWNA Website will be updated with these changes

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the October 5, 2020 GWNA Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion made by: Mick Brighton

Seconded by: Richard Gruchala

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Richard Gruchala presented the GWNA Inc. Financial Report for the period of January 1 to October 31, 2020.

By-laws Committee Update

The By-laws Committee update was provided by Richard Gruchala:

- In anticipation of the discussion on the next set of proposed By-law amendments, the Committee Update will be deferred to the November 23, 2020 Organizational meeting
- Materials will be provided to Board Members in advance of the meeting

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

Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee update was provided by Arella Sohn:

- An interview was conducted with Linda White from the Toronto Sun for an article on shopping locally; the article ran in the November 2 issue
 - o The GWNA was approached for the interview because of the symbolic relationship we have with local businesses
- Work continues with the President of the Corktown Residents and Business Association (CRBA) regarding providing space in their paper to the GWNA

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

Introduction of Guest Speakers

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

Flood Prevention

- Work is being done with the International Joint Commission (IJC) to reduce the risk of flooding in Lake Ontario

Pandemic Impacts

- The number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to rise; there is a need for improved testing and tracing to bring the numbers down
- **Local Businesses** - It continues to be important to support local businesses; while commercial rent relief is available, 85% of landlords have not participated
- **Homelessness** - The population at encampments is being reduced and Winter Housing Program is being put in place; Kristyn Wong-Tam provided more detail
- **Gun Violence** - There is a rise in gun violence across the city as the gang structure is breaking down; within the City a Gun Violence Working Group has been formed; need the Province support to address systemic social and economic problems
- **Community Support** - Food programs continue and a clothing drive is scheduled for November 14, 2020; anyone interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Chris Glover's office

Q/A

Q - What action is being taken with regards to the recent Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO) affecting the development in the Distillery area?

A - The MZO are being reviewed to determine the impact it will have across the city. Looking to enact the Federation of South Toronto Resident Associations (FOSTRA) to rally a larger voice. Currently have 18 Neighbourhood Associations participating and representation from the GWNA is encouraged. Further details will be provide to GWNA President Phylis Coles.

Kristyn Wong - Tam - City Councillor - Ward 13 provided an update on the following items:

Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO)

- The Government of Ontario recently issued a series of MZOs affecting three sites in the West Don Lands: 373 Front Street East and 90 Mill Street (Blocks 3, 4 and 7), 125 and 125R Mill Street (Block 20) and 153 to 185 Eastern Avenue (Blocks 17 and 26)
- These MZO's were issued without notification to City Planning or the local Councillors offices, and were discovered by chance by a member of City Planning
- The Province did not provide information about their implementation to either the City nor to City staff prior to them coming into force
- A joint statement was issued from Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and Councillor Joe Cressy, statement can be accessed at:
<https://www.kristynwongtam.ca/zoningorders>
- A Motion was put forward by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy re Protecting Public Interest and Requesting Accountability from Minister's Zoning Orders; Full details can be accessed at:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.MM25.30>

Winter Housing Program

- The City is implementing short and long term strategies to address homelessness across the City and has committed to provide housing options for all by this winter
- Plan includes respite centres, shelters and affordable housing with also providing necessary support for individuals
- Programs have been supported Federally, however Provincial support is required, specifically around mental health resources

Loss of Tricia Walden

- The neighbourhood has suffered a tragic and significant loss with the recent accident at Mill St and Cherry St
- The East York Community Centre (EYCC) is taking immediate steps to make this intersection safer for pedestrians
- Recommendations for consideration are being compiled for further action

Nelly Horovitz – Senior Property Manager, The Distillery Historic District was not able to attend the meeting. On her behalf, Phylis Coles provided an update on the following items:

Holiday Lights and Decorations

- The grand Balsam Fir Christmas Tree was set up by Forests Ontario last week
- Distillery décor is being installed, people are encouraged to come and support the local retails and restaurants
- Lights are due to turn off at 10pm at night

Annual Holiday Tree Sale

- Forests Ontario will be hosting their annual holiday tree sale on December 4-6

- Tree orders must be placed in advance through www.forestsontario.ca – their website will open for tree orders on November 16, 2020
- Pick-up at the nearby parking lot at 373 Front Street East

Winter Village Retailer Hours

- Extended hours are in effect from November 12, 2020 to January 3, 2021
 Sunday - Wednesday 11am to 8pm
 Thursday - Saturday 10am to 9pm

Holiday Hours:

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) 10am to 5pm
 Christmas Day (Friday, December 25) Closed
 Boxing Day (Saturday, December 26) 10am to 9pm
 New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31) 10am to 5pm
 New Year's Day (Friday, January 1) 12pm to 6pm

Ann Summers Dossena - Founder/Artistic Director, The International Resource Centre for Performing Artists (IRCPA) provided details on a proposal for a Corktown Communities Centre and Musicians' Centre:

- Details on the IRCPA proposal, including the document titled "Foundry Strategic Framework" was circulated to GWNA Members in advance of the meeting
- The IRCPA is working through various government channels to work to secure the Foundry and surrounding buildings
- The organization is looking to keep the historic features of these buildings and the spirit of Corktown in that area while creating a cultural centre to benefit the entire community
- The GWNA is in support of this initiative and Mick Brighton will continue to be the GWNA contact for the IRCPA
- Any GWNA Members interested in becoming more involved in this initiative are encouraged to reach out to Ann Summers Dossena or Mick Brighton

Development Committee Update

- The Development Committee update was provided by Jane Robinson, full report below
- The Committee will be following up with The Distillery Property Management Office regarding the traffic management plan during the holiday season

Port Lands Bridge

- On Saturday November 7, 2020 Waterfront Toronto live streamed the arrival of the first of four new bridges for Toronto's Port Lands

Gardiner Rehabilitation Project

- George Hume communicated the community involvement and input provided, specifically around noise and light issues, has had a positive impact for residents and will be applied in subsequent phases
- The Cherry East phase is currently scheduled for 2026

Anishnawbe Health Centre Zoning Regulations

- A Motion was made to ratify the Board's decision to send a letter of support to the Toronto-East York Committee of Adjustment with regard to variances to the zoning regulations for the proposed Anishnawbe Health Centre at 425 Cherry St

Motion made by: George Hume

Seconded by: Mick Brighton

Motion carried

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

Membership Committee Update

The Membership Committee update was provided by Barbara Nelson:

- There have been three new memberships processed since the last meeting bringing the 2020 membership count to 117 members

2021 Membership Fees

- A communication will be sent to all GWNA Members in good standing informing them as a result of COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 their membership will be extended to December 31 2021 at no additional cost

GWNA General Membership Distribution List

- Work continues to clean up the GWNA General Membership Distribution List (gwnaofficial@googlegroups.com) to ensure it accurate and only includes those with paid up membership
- Communications will be sent to those currently on the list whose membership has lapsed with details on how to renew

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

Social Committee Update

The Social Committee update was provided by Mary Chrisanthus:

- A virtual Jingle Jingle Mix and Mingle Holiday celebration will take place on December 14, 2020 at 7pm
- Access details will be provided closer to the date

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

Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) Update

- The CPLC Update prepared by Lori May Ash was circulated with the meeting materials; Report is included below
- The next CPLC Meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2020; any questions or concerns to be raised can be sent to lorimayash@rogers.com

Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at **9:03 pm**.

Next Board Organizational Meeting: **Mon Nov 23, 2020** via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Next Community Meeting: Holiday Celebration **Mon Dec 14, 2020** via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

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



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Development Committee Report **Prepared by: Jane Robinson**

Development Committee Update

Blocks 3, 4 and 7 and Block 20 have been served by the Province with a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) in a surprise announcement on Friday, October 30 2020. We have met with other groups to clarify what this means to our 2 projects. At the moment, it appears that Blocks 3, 4 and 7 will not be impacted. However, Block 20, which is a new development proposal may be affected – stay tuned.

Our long-term City Planner, Henry Tang is moving to the Etobicoke region and new planners will be assigned.

Blocks 3, 4 and 7

There are still a number of issues that need to be addressed:

- East -West Road needs to be better defined
- Waste management for 70 and 80 Mill St
- Accommodation for deliveries and moves for 70 Mill St
- 90 Mill St and impact on the units on the east end of 80 Mill St – 5.5. meter separation

A further meeting with the City and the developers will be scheduled

Distillery Development and Triangle Lands

A working group with representative from the buildings in the Distillery has been struck, but so far no meetings have been scheduled to discuss and understand the Construction Management Plans from each of the 3 developments. The new City Planner will need to organize these meetings

60 Mill St

At City Council on October 27 adopted the following:

City Council authorize the City Solicitor, together with City Planning staff and other appropriate staff, to oppose the Zoning By-law amendment application for 60 Mill Street, File 19 264586 STE 13 OZ, and attend any Local Planning Appeal Tribunal hearings in opposition to such appeal, and retain such experts as the City Solicitor may determine are appropriate.



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Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) Update **Prepared by: Lori May Ash**

Our first meeting since March was held on October 22nd. We were introduced to Susan Gomes, the new Inspector, and Todd Gowan, the new Staff Sergeant in charge of the Community Response Unit. His contact phone number is 416-808-5152 if you have a community issue you would like to discuss with him.

COVID-19 has taken over every aspect of their work and lives. There have been 6 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among 51 Division Officers. The doors to the Division are locked and you can no longer enter to make an inquiry or voice a concern. The division is, however, processing more people than any other division (fingerprinting). The Officers are mostly riding solo in their cars, though work in tandem and try to meet with another car at calls. The Community Officers are still on foot and bikes (the ones wearing yellow). Residential Break and Enters are down (more people at home) and Commercial B & E's are up (closed commercial space).

The Toronto Police Services Board has asked for public consultation on Body-Worn Cameras. Please see notice below. To access the link, it must be copied and pasted.

Thank you and please stay safe! Best, Lori May

Dear Community Member,

The Toronto Police Services Board is launching today its public consultation for the Board's Body-Worn Cameras Policy.

The development of a comprehensive police board policy for the use of BWCs is a first in Ontario, if not in Canada. As an important part of this policy development process, the Board Office has consulted with a number of external stakeholders and subject-matter experts, including the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC); the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC); the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB); the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP); the Toronto Police Association (TPA); The Toronto Police Senior Officers' Organization (SOO); and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA). In developing the draft Policy, we have also reviewed comments made on this matter during the Board's July Town Hall meetings.

The Board now seeks feedback from the broader community, to ensure this Policy, if approved, best achieves the goals of improved accountability and a better, fairer police service.

Given your standing in the community, we would be grateful if you could review the draft Policy, available on our website along with other materials here:

<https://tpsb.ca/consultations-and-publications/body-worn-cameras-policy-public-consultation> and provide us with your written comments through the form provided on our website. We value your participation in this crucial process and thank you for your input. Kindly note that all comments provided as part of this consultation will form part of the public record, and will be made available on our website at a later date.