



Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association

Minutes for Wednesday, April 10, 2024

7:00 - 9:00 p.m

In person: Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre and via zoom

**Note: next Meeting is Wed, May 8 @ 7 pm at WNC (and via zoom)**

Present: Joan Prowse, Diane Jameson, Bev Thorpe, Carolyn and Brian Gottheil, Lesley Monette, Maureen Callaghan, Corrie Galloway, Hanna Sherrett, Ingrid van der Zande, Dawn Cormier

Regrets from Bushra Mir, Jacqueline McLaughlin

**1. Approval of agenda and minutes**

Moved Diane, Seconded Dawn

**ACTION:** Regarding Emergency Management, Maureen will write blurb; and give to Ingrid to post along with links to the city website and pdf. of the slides presented at the BQNA March meeting.

**2. Dog attack in Little Norward Park.**

Thank you to Hannah and Maureen for all their work to raise donations for the boy recovering from the dog attack. Thank you also to Heather.

**ACTION:** Maureen will write blurb, check with family and give to Ingrid to post.

**3. Need to resolve/increase support for guy in Little Norway Park.**

We discussed the long-term situation with the guy in Little Norway Park and all the offers of assistance over the past months from the community, shelter and city representatives which have not proved helpful to him. Bev to make sure this motion is sent as part of minutes and also directly.

**BQNA BOARD MOTION to Councillor Ausma Malik and Tom Davidson**

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**BQNA Board are requesting that the City of Toronto send mental health professionals to have regular visits with him until they can convince him to move to a safe place with treatment and to report back to the BQNA by our next meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Motion moved by Maureen Callaghan and Seconded by Diane Jameson

All in favour:-- Unanimous

#### 4. Air Quality Monitoring update

The University of Toronto team have finalized their reports and accepting last feedback from the committee. Jay Paleja, City of Toronto, is drafting an Executive Summary for discussion at the next meeting on April 24. Depending on outcome of April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will then discuss how to publicly release the findings. The community needs an update since the public meeting that was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ACTION** Joan will ask for executive summary to be sent out ahead of April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 3. CLC Noise Report.

Lesley gave an update. The Noise Committee met in November 2023, but since things have been dropped/slowed down at Ports Toronto and no idea when next meeting is scheduled. However, Dr Colin Novak, professor at University Windsor, one of few experts on noise, is doing a ground noise study. Sensors being used to measure noise levels around the airport. Will compare this with comparative noise in our community; Max and Lesley have sensors on their balconies. These sensors will determine the difference in noise when no flight activity at the airport and when the airport is functioning. Colin has past experience working with community groups and has done previous work at Pearson.

Noise Committee members are Hal, Max, Lesley, Jay Paleja, and Angela.

**ACTION:** Lesley will contact Jay Paleja to ask Ports Toronto to set a date for the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Bev will raise the need for a noise committee meeting at the next CLC meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Other airport issues raised: The black sightseeing helicopter has moved its base but now crossing the inner harbor and has been seen going down Stadium Rd, which is prohibited.

The CLC sent out their 2023 noise summary. Near the bottom of the report they state they are delighted to tell you we now have electrified buses, but not yet seen an electric bus and it appears there will be none until summer 2024.

#### 4. Elected Representatives updates

- Daiana Ferrari, assistant to MP Kevin Vuong.

Update: Kevin has been working on safety files. Spadina and Front encampment – trying to figure out a way for both residents and community to feel safer. Working with residents to see what can be done. Safe injection site on Niagara street is planned.

Joan gave an update on the Air Quality study and noted that Kevin Vuong is on the CLC.

Diane asked if Kevin Vuong is willing to work with us to ensure the airport expansion and runway extensions do not move forward. Daiana will bring this to Kevin's attention. He will have an offline discussion with us.

**ACTION:** Daiana to talk to Kevin and will email us dates and times when Kevin is available. The next BQNA meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> is a fallback option. Transport Canada is a member of the Tripartite Agreement, so federal involvement is key.

- Chris Glove update. Is his office getting our notice of meetings and minutes? Bev will check.

## **5. Our annual general meeting – discussion.**

As a recap from previous years, the first half of the AGM involves a verbal (and written) report on all the work that BQNA has done over the past year; the second half we have a community presentation. This year it could be about the results of the Air Quality Monitoring. After the Air Quality meeting on April 24, we will know if public report is finally done.

**ACTION:** At next BQNA meeting on May 8 we will decide if AGM should be in June or September.

Air Quality public event does need to happen, either on its own or as part of the AGM. As a suggestion we could hold an event on June 5<sup>th</sup> with food in the park for a public release of the Air Quality results.

We also discussed holding a presentation about the Emergency Measures and inviting one person from Toronto Task force, police and fire. BQNA should engage with the community about what feedback the community wants to give back to what is being proposed by them. Most people don't know what emergency measures do exist now; we should ask what type of info and communication people need. And how information is shared in the building. To be further discussed.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- See Lesley's email with noise complaint form and general Billy Bishop Complaints form. Keep filing them as they are added to the data collected by BBTCA.
- See Joan's email about Vessel Noise discussion from Ports Toronto to be held on April 23rd. Make sure to post in your building.

**7. Meeting adjourned at 9.00 pm.** Moved by Bev, seconded by Maureen

**Next Meeting @ 7 pm on May 8<sup>th</sup>** in person at the Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre. Zoom link will be sent for those who cannot make it - but in person is definitely preferred – and more enjoyable.