



**Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Present: Bev Thorpe, Joan Prowse, Lesley Monette, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Maureen Callaghan, Diane Jameson, Max Moore, Ingrid van der Zande, Hardeep Bubbra, Javon Samuel, Corrie Galloway, Alison @Windward Coop; DeiJaumar Clarke, Barry Charmane, Laura & Kaylin Fitzsimons, Ulla Colgrass, Leida Englar, Kay Dermatis, Stephanie Calvet, Jim Plaxton, David Chan

Guests: Tom Bessai, Maria Denegri, MP Kevin Vuong, Zara Sajjad, Brent Gilliard (Council Cressy's office), MPP Chris Glover, Bryan Bowen, City of Toronto, DeiJaumar Clarke

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes from January 12

- Agenda: Approved by Lesley; Seconded by Jacqueline
- Minutes from January 12: Approved by Maureen; Seconded by Lesley

2. Vision for Toronto Airport lands architect presentation

BQNA invited Tom Bessai to present an alternate vision for the airport lands (once the tripartite agreement ends in 2033). He presented his firm's architectural ideas, originally prepared in 2002, which included 5 zones: beach & dunes; wetlands; active recreation and markets (cf. Granville Island market in Vancouver); feature area with cultural centre; and non-permanent accommodation and restaurants. Poster with drawings is available on bqna.ca

Discussion followed. Many commented on the fresh, relevant and exciting ideas presented, and how to scale this idea to a next updated level with additional funding.

2. Political representatives updates:

- MPP update Chris Glover. Chris gave an update on New Year events in Chinatown; Black History Month and why [condo schools in downtown](#) are not the modeling we should be following.

- MP Kevin Vuong update. Kevin reported on his issues raised in the House about the current opioid crisis; his advocacy to use tools to end the current 'Freedom Convey'; his work to promote Seabins on the waterfront; and meetings he has had with Ports Toronto and flight operators regarding greenhouse gas emissions reduction as necessary measures before 2033 when the tripartite agreement ends. He also met with Ports Toronto to emphasize that a noise engineer be found for the next meeting, who can address issues around Noise Exposure Modeling (NEF) and its suitability for the BBTCA location in the waterfront. Kevin announced funding from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for community support grants of \$5K to promote the arts. Note that Kevin can demand a response in the House to specific community concerns so please contact him. Email: kevin.vuong@parl.gc.ca Phone: +1 (416) 533-2710. More info about Platinum Jubilee: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/platinum-jubilee.html>
- Bryan Bowen, City of Toronto, update. Work continues to stabilize exterior and interiors and clean up/pump out contaminated interior water. Goal is to find private body to curate art installations in the silos or something similar. He is getting good interest and may have an announcement in Spring 2022. A mural will be commissioned from local artists for the blank concrete wall through [Street Art TO](#)

3. Bathurst neighbourhood mural project info/input

Joan asked us to send to her thoughts about 'what images, words, themes best represent the community. Based on such input, Terms of Reference will be set for artists to submit ideas.

Discussion about community input into local art included how the youth got involved in the Bishop Tutu 'aquarium mural' and how artists painted benches in Little Norway Park, and more. There is a rich tradition of community input.

4. City of Toronto Canderel February 1 Meeting debrief

A third proposal was released by the developers on Dec 21st. We met with City Planning, and Cllr Cressy's office in early February and reiterated to City Planning the same concerns remain around inappropriate height compared to the rest of the buildings along Queens Quay; poor aesthetics; ongoing traffic concerns; need for clarification around shadow study and need for affordable housing/ community hub. Very little has changed from previous design.

Committee will meet with Cllr Cressy end of February to explore next strategy around key issues. Note: Brent stated that Cllr Cressy has requested an updated and comprehensive traffic study be done in the community – but this will not be completed in time to fit the developer's timeline.

4. FOSTRA update and BQNA involvement

FOSTRA has set up an election committee to draw up questions for candidates in the upcoming provincial election on June 2, 2022. They are seeking input. Please send draft questions to Lesley.

5. Treasurer report and BQNA value document 2021

A 2 pager on 'What BQNA has accomplished in 2021' has been drafted with input from Joan, Bev and Ingrid. This will accompany the invoice requests to each building for \$100 to help pay costs of BQNA zoom account, and any other office needs this year. We will term this a 'membership fee' (not a 'donation') because some buildings prefer this payment term and anyone in the community is an actual member of BQNA.

Motion made by Joan to propose we receive these monies as a Membership Fee; and Seconded by Maureen. All agreed.

6. Committee updates

6.1 Safety Walk . Jacqueline met with Bushra and next safety walk is planned for April. Next meeting to draft more information about this will be held on March 9th. Jacqueline will update after.

6.2. Air Quality. Joan reported on public meeting held end of January with University of Toronto researchers. It was well attended with approx. 50 participants. Good Q&A ensued. There is a new app - see Professor Brook's Healthy Place app he demonstrated at the meeting – <https://healthydesign.city/tool-recruitment>

We will post an update on the BQNA website.

6.3 Ports Toronto CLC and noise subcommittee. Next CLC meeting is Feb 16. Main focus of concern is the Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF) modeling which is used as the basis for slots expansion and growth of traffic at the airport. Concerns about the current NEF use for a lake-based airport so close to residential buildings has resulted in request for a meeting with professional engineers from Transport Canada and Ports Toronto to meet with us to discuss this issue in depth. A summary document that details the major concerns around the modeling has been prepared for distribution.

7. Next meeting is March 9th @ 7pm.

- Minutes prepared by Bev Thorpe