



**Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, Dec 14, 2022
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on zoom**

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2022

Present: Joan Prowse, Bev Thorpe, Maureen Callaghan Jacqueline McLaughlin, Hal Beck, Darshna Ammen, Diane Jameson, Abra Rissi, (Cllr Ausma Malek's office) , Natasha Vanker

Apologies to those who could not connect to zoom – we will work to prevent this problem at future meetings.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes from November 9

1. Maureen moved to approve the Agenda; seconded by Jacqueline
2. Bev moved to approve the Minutes from Nov 9th; seconded by Joan

2. Bomb scare public meeting de-brief and review of notes

- See Public Meeting Notes prepared by Natasha attached in this email with these minutes.

We discussed next steps. Since the public meeting:

- Scott Purches, Toronto Police Services, will now join the BBTCA Community Liaison Committee meetings
- On Dec 12, Steve Banton, Coordinator Office of Emergency Management, City of Toronto sent the contact information for Captain Sean O'Connell of the Toronto Fire Service who can review the evacuation plans of each of our buildings.
- Abra Rissi circulated the following link for out of pocket claims: The information on what that involves, and the steps to take, is available here: <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accountability-operations-customer-service/complaints-claims-compliments/make-a-claim-against-the-city/>

Discussed that we as community volunteers should not be in charge of setting up the next meeting to address all the issues raised at the December 1st public meeting.

We need a joint initiative between Toronto Police Service and Ports Toronto. Particularly concerning the lapse in communication with the community and the lapse in community support. We need Ports

Toronto and TPS to provide a clear strategy on media notices, a plan for how they will contact the building reps, answers to how they will have a traffic management plan if there was a real bomb threat, the evacuation plan for each building (not just if there is a fire), information about how far and for how long community members would be evacuated, etc. To this end Bev will draft a simple high level request letter to the key agencies (most notably Police and Port Authority) to request confirmation as to which party will be taking the lead on the next public meeting to present a joint collective approach on the following issues, in context of a future bomb threat or emergency at the airport. March 2023 was suggested as potential date for this meeting.

The letter will be jointly signed by BQNA and YQNA to bolster the need for joint action – and cover these 3 points:

1. joint Police/Port Authority 'Communications Plan' for (i) waterfront community residents and (ii) general public/ commuters.
2. community support plan (to consider evacuation duration; time of year (re snow); day of week (re schools); time of day (re food, sleep); disabled residents' evacuation; breathing oxygen; etc.)
3. traffic management plan (to deal with low/med/high waterfront evacuation scenarios at the airport)

Bev will circulate this draft prior to next BQNA meeting. In the interim Joan will contact agency reps saying that a follow on letter will occur soon.

- Jacqueline can call the fire chief; highlight the need for the Fire Dept, Ports Toronto and TPS to coordinate a response.
- Regarding the postcard – still in draft – Ingrid to design
- Diane to contact Kevin Vuong about federal input to future emergencies – what is Transport Canada oversight together with Toronto Police Services/Ports Toronto oversight?

To Post on the BQNA website:

- Summary of the meeting:
- Links to the postcard
- Link to the media coverage
- Link to how to get compensated by the city

3. Community updates:

- Ports Toronto CLC November 22 update

We discussed the ongoing problems with University of Toronto researchers getting access to the airport lands for the Air Quality monitoring. The monitoring ends February 2023 and there will be extension

because of lack of access. The conclusion will be that there are Ultra Fine Particles from the airport, but not confirmed what next steps or conclusions will be. Ports Toronto cannot get flight data requested by U of T team due to no response from Transport Canada.

There is a final workshop coming up. What should the workshop be about; what can be done next? What does this mean? Many questions about the process and next steps. We are considering Nicole Swerhun to facilitate the meeting due to her expertise in bringing transparency to divergent viewpoints in order to seek a balanced outcome.

- Safety Walk follow up Bushra/Jaqueline. Information was compiled and send to Cllr Malik and Bushra

4. New Business

We discussed how to better increase participation in BQNA meetings. To increase more participation we will put upcoming Agendas on line; Distribute the postcard once it is designed. Put the link to our upcoming meetings on MPP Chris Glover's newsletter; once Cllr Ausma Malik's communications team is up and running, we link upcoming BQNA meeting on the Councillor Events Calendar which features upcoming events in the neighbourhood

5. Next Meeting – January 11, 2023 @ 7 pm – by zoom.

Note – future monthly meetings will be a hybrid of in person at WNC and zoom.