



**Next Meeting: April 15 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes: March 11, 2026**

**Present in person: Bev, Ingrid, Joan, Josh, Max, Ash, Hal, Colleen, Hannah, Laurie (Arcadia), Brenda (Arcadia)**

**Present online: Brian, Diane**

**Regrets:**

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

- Amendments: Add discussion of Arcadia activity during section 3; discussion of community events during “Other Business.”
- **Moved: Ash; Seconded: Ingrid.** Agenda approved as amended.

### **2. Approval of February 2026 Minutes**

- **Moved: Ingrid; Seconded: Ash.** Minutes approved.

### **3. Proposal for Jets at BBTCA**

- BQNA & YQNA received a letter in December from Toronto Port Authority that they have put all Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meetings on hold while they “reassess.”
  - CLC started in 2008, has met 4 times a year.
  - Timing of stopping, while jet proposal is being made, does not appear coincidental.
- At YQNA meeting, Deputy Mayor Malik talked about need for transparency of process, but talking in generalities.
- MP Chi Nguyen’s aide said she would be commenting “soon.”
- YQNA is taking an anti-jet stance.
- According to provincial government statements (actual polling has not been shared), Liberty Village residents support jets due to convenience. BQNA will reach out to the Liberty Village neighbourhood association to discuss how we can align our efforts and ensure their backing.
- BQNA will make a resolution in opposition to the jets proposal, clarifying our position while educating people about the lack of due process.



- Draft will be circulated to the Board by March 13, Board can vote by email in advance of next meeting.
- Arcadia: Starting an information sharing campaign & encouraging letter writing campaign to the federal Minister of Transportation and our local MP. Event on Monday, March 16 from 7-9pm. Sample letters will be provided.
- Discussed getting contacts in University-Rosedale to make the jet proposal an issue in the April 13 byelection.
- BQNA will invite Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, MPP Chris Glover and MP Chi Nguyen to our next Board meeting on April 15 to discuss this issue.

#### **4. Committee Updates: Noise**

- Three BQNA representatives met with MP Chi Nguyen and provided a 2-page brief on why noise measurements for Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA) are not consistent with other airports.
- Noise subcommittee has learned that BBTCA do not have a professional noise engineer who can properly interpret their 5 noise monitors.
- MP Nguyen agreed to speak with Transport Canada to have a professional engineer assigned to look at the noise at BBTCA.
- A 1 page brief has been shared with the Board on problems with current noise monitoring and need for a professional noise engineer.
- Board Chair asked noise subcommittee to advise on whether any current noise bylaws are being violated, and more broadly how to communicate noise issues to laypeople.
- Noise Committee members explain two standards are in place to address airport noise. Both are being significantly exceeded. Under the more restrictive one, maximum 1-hour average is 50dba in daytime, or the background sound level whichever is higher.
  - Stationary Source Noise study for airport (to officially determine the background sound level) has yet to be completed.
  - Toronto Port Authority has said background sound level here is between 55-60dba but that is not accurate.
  - Committee's noise measurement shows background sound level is 51dba at Windward, 52-53dba at Arcadia.
  - Committee's measurement shows when there are 2-4 aircraft on the grounds (none in the air), noise levels between 55-74dba, average about 63dba – significantly exceeding the standard.



- Committee has modeled 4 scenarios for the background sound level, in all scenarios the actual noise levels significantly exceed the standard (higher of 50dba or background sound level).
- Committee is working on getting permanent noise monitors installed.
- Committee has also calculated that under the NPC 104 standard for intermittent noise, the airport could only operate take-offs/landings for at most 30 minutes of every hour without exceeding the standard. This is currently being exceeded and/or not being measured.
- However, it is unclear whether these standards are binding legal requirements or merely recommended standards.
- Noise committee will be preparing memos on this for different audiences.
- Action: Blog to be drafted to share this information.

## **5. Committee Updates: Other**

- **Air Quality**
  - MP Chi Nguyen sits on a federal government committee on transportation, which will be doing a review of certain ports.
  - In meeting with MP Nguyen, she claimed that the BQNA air quality study did not sample particles from Gardiner Expressway. In fact, our study did so, and BQNA representatives at the meeting clarified this. Air Quality Committee has contacted the researcher to clarify as well.
  - This incident suggests that the Toronto Port Authority is providing inaccurate information to blame air pollution on the Gardiner Expressway despite the findings of the study that it is primarily the airport.
  - The suspension of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) reduces our opportunity to intervene and correct the information. To counteract this, BQNA needs to significantly promote the actual air quality study.
  - A concise document has been shared with the Board, and with MP Nguyen, summarizing academic research on the health impacts of airport operations. NoJets.ca (Norm di Pasquale) also has resources on the website.
- **Safety**
  - Distribution of new emergency management handbook: City wants to host an in-person event at Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre (WNC), week of April 13, at which they will hand out physical copies of the handbook and will also advertise upcoming virtual information sessions.



- They also want to do physical distribution of handbooks at “key buildings” but will not have the capacity to host in-person information sessions at the buildings.
- BQNA says physical distribution should happen at every building.
- Virtual information session – targeted week of April 27.
  
- **FOSTRA**
  - FOSTRA recently doubled its membership fee, leading BQNA to question whether we get enough from it to be worthwhile.
  - A 2-page summary of benefits from FOSTRA was distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting.
  - Main benefit of FOSTRA to BQNA is as an ally in advocating for issues important to us.
  - However, FOSTRA has been pro-airport and may not support BQNA’s advocacy on airport related issues.
  - Resolved: to renew our membership for one year and push to have BQNA’s issues taken up by FOSTRA; if FOSTRA refuses to address our issues this year, we will reconsider our membership in future years. We will ask for FOSTRA emails/newsletter to come to full BQNA Board.
  - **Moved:** Bev, **Seconded:** Joan. Resolution passes.
  - Our current FOSTRA representative will be stepping down. The current alternate representative will be appointed as primary representative.

## 6. Other Business

- Invoices for 2026 membership fees will be distributed shortly.
- Cheque for South Beach’s 2025 membership fees was stolen, after South Beach mailed it to the wrong address and the wrong recipient deposited it. South Beach’s building representative has repeatedly asked South Beach property management to contact its bank to reverse the payment. South Beach property management has ignored these requests.
- Community event proposals were distributed to the Board in advance of the meeting, following the Waterfront Business Improvement Area (BIA)’s presentation at the last Board meeting requesting ideas for such events.
- The Board discussed whether to combine such a community event with our AGM. Decided not for the events that have been currently proposed, but other events could be developed that would integrate better with an AGM.



- Community events can also be used to advertise the AGM.
- Discussion of moving AGM to October (instead of November) – AGM planning to be discussed in more detail at next meeting.
- Action: Currently proposed ideas will be forwarded to the BIA. We will then invite a conversation between the BIA and BQNA about community events, unless the BIA feels our written ideas are sufficient.

Adjourned 9:11 pm.