



**Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**  
**7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on zoom and in person at WNC**

**Next meeting is Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**in person/by zoom**

**Present:** Joan Prowse, Bev Thorpe, Maureen Callaghan, Jacqueline McLaughlin Diane Jameson, Ingrid van der Zande, Hannah Sherrett, Max Moore, Daiana Ferrari (MP Vuong's office), MP Kevin Vuong, Bushra Mir, Cllr Malik's office

Regrets: Corrie Galloway, Natasha Vanker, Lesley Monette

**1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes from Feb 8, 2023**

Maureen moved to approve the Minutes; seconded by Jacqueline

**2. Elected Representatives Update**

MP Kevin Vuong gave an update on Harbourfront Centre/skating rink loss. YQNA is setting up the Terms of Reference for a community liaison committee – this is a proposal and not yet agreed with Harbourfront Centre director. There will be a public info session in April – date to be determined.

City of Toronto Announcement

Bushra asked that Bryan Bowen be given 20 minutes at our next meeting (April 12) for a big announcement.

**3. Follow up with agencies re: Bomb Scare 2nd meeting/ Response from Fire and Police Services**

Here is the response from Toronto Police Service (circulated by Joan on Feb 28)

From: Israel Bernardo <israel.bernardo@torontopolice.on.ca>  
To: 'Joan Prowse' <jprowse@rogers.com>  
Cc: Justin Storey <justin.storey@torontopolice.on.ca>; Matthew Hoy <matthew.hoy@torontopolice.on.ca>; Rebecca Marie Crosby <rebecca.crosby@torontopolice.on.ca>; Alexandra Shakov <alexandra.shakov@torontopolice.on.ca>; Scott Purches <scott.purches@torontopolice.on.ca>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 01:53:55 p.m. EST  
Subject: Update on the Building information project/Waterfront emergency response

Hi Joan,

We have begun an outreach program which is completely voluntary. The information will greatly improve the response of our first responders and emergency personnel in emergency response or public safety. This program addresses access to common areas, emergency contacts, unique building concerns, contact people to inform responders on the needs of vulnerable residents. Building security and crime prevention.

We have prioritized having our NCOs trained assessing building deficiencies with programs such as "CPTED" - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Each building is unique to their specific needs and resources and funding. Ultimately the decision to adopt any recommendation is the decision of the owner and / or condo board. Our partners in emergency management continue to assist and provide resources for any building seeking guidance with their emergency response plans. We have encouraged resident to speak with their property management and discuss their emergency procedures.

We have been in communication with Ports and Billy Bishop. I have spoken with the City of Toronto OEM Steve Banton. We continue discussions on the availability and access to resources that may have been used on the date of the bomb threat. The purpose is to collect all this information so we can put together a safety manual with all the pertinent contacts and methods of communication available if a future event like this occurs. Evacuation strategies if required on land side would be addressed. We will continue to work with the Airport with their current evacuation plans and ask they be part of any mock training scenarios in the future. This is a start and we hope to have a finalized plan in the near future.

The attachments are a reference to what we have been disseminating to the various condominiums and businesses in the area.

Respectfully

Staff Sergeant Izzy Bernardo #99557  
14 Division Community Response Unit  
Toronto Police Service  
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**We asked Bushra and Cllr Malik to take over this issue and communicate directly with TPS.**

We asked this because TPS have not responded to all the points raised in the Jan 20 letter sent by BQNA and YQNA. Their email above makes no mention of holding a follow up public meeting to present next steps and address all the issues raised by the community at the Dec 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It is not up to BQNA to keep ongoing communication with TPS. It's now up to them to schedule a second public meeting and communicate directly with the community.

#### **4. Meeting with Councillor Malik update**

See notes sent round by Bev March 2, 2023. Bushra is doing all the follow up laid out in the meeting notes and action items.

## 5. New BQNA google doc set up

There may be too much email traffic and key information is getting lost in everyone's inboxes. All attachments to go into this online resource.

## 6. Community Updates:

### -- Air Quality Study workshop

The monitoring has concluded and next step is to hold a public meeting to explain the results of this 2-year study. Best to do so later in September when various scenarios are laid out by U of T addressing the ultra fine particles (UFP) being released by the airport. These UFP are not regulated and health impacts are not well understood – but other airports like Schiphol report data on UFP and there may be ways to reduce these emissions once sources are better identified in final monitoring data. Essential to have Nicole Swerhun as facilitator – this has been agreed to at the recent CLC meetings with Ports Toronto as well. Where to get the monies to hire her?

Kevin Vuong can help provide the space and logistics; but still need monies for facilitation.

### - Ontario Place roundtable with Prov Minister of Infrastructure

Joan gave an update of the issues she raised as Atrium rep: lack of consultation on the spa; why given to foreign owned company? Needs to be a living park, not a for-profit project that requires a fee and decreases public land. No response from the Ontario government to these points. BQNA will post the upcoming public meeting – advertisements for this being posted in Trillium Park.

### - Update from Ports Toronto CLC meeting on Feb 15

Bev gave Ports Toronto a detailed list of noise complaints and suggestions for reducing noise in early morning. Ports Toronto will respond at next CLC and also at next Noise Subcommittee meeting later this month. Also new Terms of Reference being drawn up for CLC membership and clarity about the goals of the CLC.

### - Harbourfront skating rink

See update from MP Kevin Vuong above.

## 7. Survey and postcard update

**ACTION:** Max will print out copies of the survey – need them for next public meeting. Max/Ingrid will continue working on web version when time allows. Ingrid to concentrate on postcard design. See item 10.

## 8. Financial Report.

Ingrid circulated this. Will be sending out invoices to all the building reps soon. It is noted that not all buildings in the community have a BQNA representative.

## **9. New Business – Motion for Post 2033 use of island airport location**

Parks Canada is creating more public space. Correspondence with Minister Guilbeault's office has generated interest in supporting the expansion of Toronto Island as a complete park should the Tripartite Agreement not be renewed in 2033 and the airport lands become free for alternative uses. Discussion if BQNA could support this idea. It was agreed to put forward this motion:--

**Motion: Should the Tripartite Agreement not be renewed in 2033, the BQNA supports the development of public parkland on Toronto Island as an alternative use for the island airport land.**

Moved by Diane Jameson; Seconded by Jacqueline McLaughlin  
Passed. No Objections

## **10. Any Other Business- Upcoming Public Meeting May/June**

We discussed having a public meeting in May/June. This would enhance awareness of the BQNA and issues in our community; bring more members and build the number of building reps. Ideas for the public meeting:

- Invite Marianne to talk about the Air Quality project and what's next
- Bomb Scare public meeting follow up – TPS spokesperson
- Bryan Bowen speaker on what's next with construction projects and plans for public space

**We will discuss this more at next meeting in April**

**ACTION:** Ingrid to design post card; Max to print surveys for local distribution and at public meeting

**Next meeting: Wed April 12.** In person and via zoom. Would be great to see people in person – particularly as the Spring weather is imminent.