



**Next Meeting: June 11, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes: May 21, 2025**

**Present:** MPP Chris Glover, Marouan Malaeb-Proulx, Jacqueline, Bev, Joan, Brian, Holly, Maureen, Hannah, Carolyn, Andrew, Ash, Max, Ryan

**Regrets:** Diane, Ingrid

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

Moved: Maureen, Seconded: Holly

**Agenda approved.**

### **2. Review and approval of Minutes from March 2025**

Moved: Jacqueline, Seconded: Bev

**Minutes approved.**

### **3. Introduction of new members**

Andrew Axson, 28 Stadium Rd.

Ash, 34 Little Norway Cres.

Max, 410 Queens Quay W

Ryan, 410 Queens Quay W

### **4. Update from MPP Chris Glover**

- June 6 is National Day Against Gun Violence
  - Let Chris's office know if you would like to join the working group on gun violence
- 2 coyotes euthanized – believes related to Ontario Place development
- Bill 154 – exempted Ontario Place from all municipal and provincial laws



- Bill 5 – law overriding environmental laws, and repealing & replacing the Endangered Species Act – will be a rally against it outside the legislature May 22, 2025
- TDSB & TCDSB facing \$70M funding shortfalls; rally at legislature May 24, 2025
- Bentway & Fort York chosen as site for FIFA Fan Fest – Chris working with Metrolinx to ensure construction doesn't disrupt the event; working with Liberty Village BIA to ensure local businesses benefit; working with Minister of Sport to ensure event is a success
- Question from BQNA about bail reform & not releasing people with history of gun use
  - Chris says, people are being released because courts are overwhelmed, need to fix and properly fund the court system.
- Question from BQNA about Mayor Chow's comments criticizing other levels of government for insufficient funding to support FIFA event
  - Chris says currently most funding is from city and federal governments, and NDP are pushing for funding from provincial government

**5. Update from Councillor Malik's office, Marouan Malaeb-Proulx (to address Safety Sub-committee issues) / Safety Sub-committee: Proposals to City for Park improvements, Safety Walk**

- List of subcommittee's concerns was presented to Marouan in advance of the meeting and was shared with the BQNA Board as an attachment to the agenda. Numbers below reference the list of concerns. Not all items in the list were addressed at the meeting.
- #2 motion sensor lighting in 2 areas of park
  - Marouan: Parks Staff will talk to electricians about this. Parks Staff agree with BQNA's requested locations.
- #3 more permanent benches
  - Marouan: Some have been installed, looking to install more, some are on back-order; will work with the subcommittee on locations for benches.
- #4 remediation of grounds
  - Subcommittee has already spoken to Daniel Vala at the City.
- #6 location of porta-potties as current ones are being used for drug use – suggestion to move closer to Eirann Quay
  - BQNA clarifies, porta-potties were installed for children's summer camps to use, because the plumbing in the permanent washrooms was damaged by encampment residents.



- Marouan: now that permanent washrooms have been repaired, Marouan will talk to Parks Staff and have porta-potties removed
- #7, more visible bicycle-police presence – Marouan’s office cannot directly request this, but has asked for it to be raised at the appropriate meeting
- Marouan wants feedback from BQNA about “activation” of the park, e.g., do we want organizations like Harbourfront to bring in programming? Movie nights?
- BQNA raised a concern that when 3 tents were seen in the park about 2 weeks earlier, Parks Staff didn’t seem to be aware that Little Norway Park was a priority park in which no encampments were allowed.
  - Marouan: Parks staff specifically from Parks Ambassador program might not have been aware; however, Little Norway Park remains part of the “spring prevention program” with no tents allowed, at least throughout summer 2025.
  - If a tent is reported, city staff will require individuals to leave the park in 48 hours.

## **6. New Safety and Security Working Group at Arcadia**

- Have had many intruders in Arcadia, have started working group on prevention strategies. Mostly wanting to sleep indoors, but also drug paraphernalia found, human excrement found, some assaults.
- Discussion of experiences in other buildings and possible prevention measures.
- BQNA confirms that a Safety Walk will occur in July with Toronto Police, Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre and the Community Liaison Committee; Marouan will likely join.
- Reminders provided about the availability of Community Safety Teams and expanded access to community crisis response units (211 call)

**Action:** Bev to work with Marouan and safety subcommittee to get access to flyers about 211 and other “how to respond” to distribute to buildings

## **7. Air Quality Sub-committee update**

- Subcommittee provided recap of April’s Breath of Air event & BQNA 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration



- Subcommittee includes 4 BQNA members, Ports Toronto, City of Toronto Waterfront Secretariat, Toronto Public Health, representatives from City Councillor's office and MPP's office, U of T researchers
- Subcommittee gave update on May 12, 2025 meeting with University of Toronto researchers and Ports Toronto's external consultant.
- BQNA has asked City to explore possible funding sources for independent testing/monitoring of ultrafine particles

#### **8. BQNA Petition on ultrafine particles and next steps**

- Petition went live May 20 at [bqna.ca](http://bqna.ca) asking for UFPs to be regulated by federal government; now working on strategy to disseminate

#### **9. Airport Community Liaison Committee noise updates**

- US Preclearance facility to be completed by end of 2025
- BQNA raised to CLC concern that noise complaints didn't appear to be acted upon
- Hovercraft proposed from Toronto to Niagara Falls leaving from Western Gap beside the airport – concern about noise from this
- BQNA asks about public consultations and schedule of decisionmaking; Marouan will look into this and report back.

#### **10. June meeting agenda items:**

- Discuss the role of sub-committees
- List CLC's as well as sub-committees, for community members to be able to attend or join
- Decide if we hold our AGM in autumn 2025
- Ratify revised By-laws (to be circulated in advance)