



**Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on zoom**

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2022

Present: Joan Prowse, Bev Thorpe, Maureen Callaghan, Hal Beck, Diane Jameson, Ingrid van der Zande, Daiana Ferrari (MP Vuong's office), MP Kevin Vuong, Chris Glover

Regrets: Corrie, Hardeep. Note Hardeep cannot make Wednesday evening meetings

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes from January 11

Maureen moved to approve the Agenda; seconded by Bev

2. Follow up with agencies and public outreach Response post Dec 1st Public Meeting about Emergency Planning from

There has been no concrete response from Detective Scott Purches, TPS regarding the next public meeting that we asked TPS to take the lead in coordinating. Specific issues we need them to respond to were laid out in letter sent to them from BQNA and YQNA.

Joan will send the letter again, copy to YQNA, reiterating that we need a second public meeting for the community to hear how the 3 levels of government will answer the specific questions raised in this letter.

3. Meeting date with Councillor Malik

Jacqueline will follow up with Bushra regarding a mutually suitable date to have a meeting with Cllr Ausma Malik.

4. 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. Joan asked Nicole Swerhun to facilitate this meeting; now have her proposal and costing of approx. \$8,000. Focus of the public meeting needs to focus on solutions to reduce emissions outlined in the U of T study. Kevin Vuong can help provide the space and logistics; how to cover her fee is still up for

discussion. He would be happy to investigate possibilities; would be good to have 3 levels of government cover the cost. Joan will speak to Chris Glover and Cllr Malik regarding need for funding.

5. Items for upcoming Ports Toronto CLC meeting on Feb 15

Bev received, and will present, feedback from community about noise complaints and possible solutions to reduce noise from BBTCA in the early morning hours. Hal gave brief overview of agenda items for this upcoming meeting regarding new Terms of Reference. Hal gave overview of ongoing problems with noise and unsuitability of Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF) modeling for BBTCA due to its close proximity to dense population and location on the water. There are no experienced engineers in Transport Canada that can answer or discuss the concerns with the NEF. Hal will keep MP Vuong updated on next steps to try to resolve this. Bev will report back at next BQNA March about proposed new terms of Reference for CLC participants

6. Update on 545 Lake Shore/Shelter

Lease for Shelter will be extended to Sept 2026, unless the developer wants the site to start building

Jacqueline reported back on Harm Reduction initiative. Safe injection site will only apply to residents at the shelter. Note that our ward houses all ten safe injection sites in Toronto. Since 2021, there have been 591 overdoses in Toronto alone. Fundamental problem of lack of housing exacerbates these stats. MP Vuong is holding a town hall meeting on Feb 15th. Please help communicate this meeting. Social media post to come.

7. Update on Harbourfront Skating Rink closure

Chris Glover and Kevin Vuong met with Executive Director of Harbourfront to emphasize need for community consultation prior to any decisions made about closure of public spaces. It is also noted that the Rees St slip is closed off and the bridge is no longer functional. MP Vuong has filed a formal petition at House of Commons seeking clarity on financial decision making. Asks BQNA to post and circulate this widely. Harbourfront has committed to an information session sometime in Spring 2023.

YQNA and BQNA to hold small meeting to discuss next steps – Bev to report back at next meeting.

8. Provincial government update

Chris Glover notes that all buildings built after 2018 have no rent control. His main concern is erosion of democratic rights in the province. Health care crisis, Green Belt property deals and change in how candidates are elected to Court of Justice underscores need to act.

9. Survey and postcard. Ingrid will investigate a free version for the survey.

10. Next meeting: Wed March 8 in person and via zoom.