



**Next Meeting: May 21, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes: April 15, 2026**

**Present in person: Bev, Joan, Josh, Hannah**

**Present online: Brian, Jacqueline, Lesley, Diane, Ash, Corrie**

**Regrets: Colleen, Ingrid**

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

- Amended to add brief update on emergency handbook.
- **Moved:** Ash; **Seconded:** Joan. Agenda approved as amended.

### **2. Approval of March Minutes**

- Amended to add: “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.”
- **Moved:** Brian; **Seconded:** Ash. Minutes approved as amended.

### **3. Airport and Jets Proposal**

- We been contacted by Toronto Star and CBC National since our position paper was published.
- Community meeting with MPP Chris Glover and Deputy Mayor (DM) Ausma Malik on this topic on April 20.
- MP Chi Nguyen hosting a virtual meeting April 28.
- Federal Liberal Party sources have indicated they have seen no opposition to this other than NOJetsTO – so Board is encouraging BQNA members to write letters, and to encourage our building management to write letters showing opposition.
- Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was paused by Toronto Port Authority by letter dated December 1, 2025 (see last month’s minutes) as is the CLC’s noise subcommittee’s work. We sent a letter in reply April 7, 2026 objecting to this, which is on the BQNA website.



- BQNA received a reply from Toronto Port Authority – will be distributed to the Board after our meeting. Refers to engagement for “the airport expansion project.”
- We have not previously heard about any “airport expansion project” and will write back to request clarification and express concerns.
- Only within the last few days, the government and media have begun framing the narrative as “airport expansion”; efforts have been made by BQNA members to push back on this characterization, write letters to the editor, etc.
- A BQNA member phoned the Toronto Port Authority’s noise phone number due to loud noises after 11pm and learned that this was work on the Runway End Safety Area construction (RESA). Concern that due to the suspension of the CLC, we did not learn about this construction work in advance. Yet Toronto Port Authority is advertising to the public that there is a CLC and that they will consult with the public on the RESA work.
- BQNA has reached out to DM Malik’s office to schedule a meeting to discuss these issues.
- Toronto Star has done a walkaround of our neighbourhood with BQNA leaders and interviewed BQNA leaders. Reporter wasn’t aware of how close the airport is to the community and will highlight the vibrancy of our community and the impacts of introducing jets. Video and print story should come out next week.
- We will reach out to FOSTRA and other community and neighbourhood groups to clarify/educate on issues and request support.
- **Action:** BQNA Chair will contact all the community groups in our ward who attended a meeting previously set up by MP Nguyen, providing our position paper and requesting support.
- **Action:** BQNA’s FOSTRA representative will contact FOSTRA about this.

#### 4. AGM Planning

- Proposal to focus AGM on health impacts of airport, including potential expansion, and hold it in June instead of October.
- Brainstorming of subtopics and related topics:
  - Need for evidence based decisionmaking.
  - Emphasis on this being public land, and need for a public role in the decisionmaking.
  - Beauty of waterfront communities and comparison to waterfront development including parkland in other global cities.
  - Mental health impacts, as well as physical health and economic impact.



- Environmental and wildlife impacts.
- Positive health impacts for humans of preserving and spending time in natural areas.
- Celebrate waterfront for what it is now and how much better it could be – positive vision.
- More information/education about how many people already use the waterfront especially in summer, and the benefits and facilities already available (festivals; parkland; cultural spaces like Corleck, Siloes, National Ballet of Canada; Music Garden) – both to celebrate the waterfront, and inform the public on what could be lost to the city if jets are introduced.
- Consider how to constrain a discussion because this could be extremely broad.
  - Possible option is a panel with one panellist on each subtopic.
- Consider how to include interactive elements to engage community members, as well as a solution focus with practical actions community members can take.
  - Possible option: if there is a panellist on each subtopic, then after the panel discussion, set up one table on each subtopic; attendees can go to whichever table they're most interested in and discuss, what practical actions can community members take on this topic?
- Present in a way that is respectful of community members who support the airport, without watering down BQNA's agreed-upon position, e.g. by focusing on the evidence of impacts.
- Consider adding Indigenous perspective; perhaps an Elder would be able to speak about the environment and impacts.
- Aim to have the AGM on June 3.
- Add brief comments directly from community members not just the expert panellists.
- Invite media.
- **Action:** Subcommittee created to plan AGM, will have an initial meeting within two weeks of today's Board meeting.

## 5. Community Events

- Since we will be doing the AGM earlier, no longer considering doing a pre-AGM community event to advertise the AGM.
- Waterfront Business Improvement Area (BIA) responded to our event proposals just today; asking BQNA for a letter of support for their cultural development pilot project for which BIA may get funding:
  - September



- Spadina Pier (the pier just east of the Malting Siloes, with the closed underground parking lot, west end of the Music Garden) – which may be resurfaced and turned into a park by mid-2027
- Building on 2025 Water/Fall festival to create “ongoing cultural collaboration” creating a year-round parks and cultural destination
- Artistic project mapping, cultural markers, etc.
- By fall, BIA may have some additional funds to support at least one of the BQNA’s proposed events, during the pilot period
  - Likely supporting something small in fall 2026
  - Then a greater amount of designated money for 2027
- **Resolved:** BQNA will write the letter of support and say we will do an event in September, likely related to a celebration of the neighbourhood.

#### **6. Local Issues and City Response (Off Leash Dogs, Traffic)**

- After the incident a few years ago when a child was badly bitten, greater bylaw officer presence to ensure dogs remained on-leash. More recently this presence is gone and lots of dogs are let off-leash. Issues with safety for other dogs, people who are afraid of dogs, members’ dogs reactions to another dog approaching, etc.
- A BQNA member engaged DM Malik; has received an update that bylaw officers will do more inspections in the parks identified.
- Toronto 311 has also replied for each park saying they are working on having more bylaw officers at these parks.
- Consider a subcommittee to address the issue? E.g. to advocate for greater enforcement, for placing signs in the parks.
- FIFA presentation: will ask Michael Vieira, Community Relations at TTC, who wishes to present to BQNA on TTC and traffic plans for FIFA, to provide 3 potential dates for a presentation.

#### **7. Emergency Management Handbooks**

- Last email from Toronto Emergency Management (TEM) suggested it would be the responsibility of the BQNA to distribute the handbooks. TEM would only drop them off in 3-4 locations in the neighbourhood, although there are 14 buildings.
- BQNA determined it is not realistic for BQNA to do this; BQNA will write to TEM to insist on continuing with the agreed-upon distribution plan including distribution at the Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre.



Adjourned 8:50 pm.