



Next Meeting: December 10, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: November 19, 2025

Present in person: Bev, Ingrid, Ash, Joan, Brian, Carolyn, Hannah

Present online: Corrie, Colleen, Lesley, Holly, Todd, Diane, Jacqueline

Regrets:

1. Approval of Agenda

- **Moved:** Ash, **Seconded:** Ingrid. Agenda approved.

2. Approval of October Minutes

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

3. Committee Updates

Airport Community Liaison Committee (CLC): Update from recent CLC meeting:

- There will be 50 more flights daily from Billy Bishop Airport due to Air Canada expanding operations.
- With customs preclearance, Air Canada will add new US destinations.
- Airport says they are “open to welcoming other airlines” but can’t confirm if other airlines will come.
- Hoverlink (proposed hovercraft service from Toronto to Niagara) made a presentation – they are 20-22 months from launching; have signed a 30-year lease to operate from the southwest dock wall.
- Concern that community was never consulted; BQNA representative requested a special community meeting.
- Airport CLC does not have authority over Hoverlink. However, for hovercraft passengers to get from the island to the mainland they will have to use airport property (tunnel).
- Hoverlink says they have already obtained most necessary permits. Outstanding are a refuelling permit and a navigational water permit.
- They are not planning to do any noise testing until the hovercraft are built. Will do noise testing 30-60 days before starting operations.



- Hoverlink has not apparently considered traffic impacts, or environmental/air quality impacts from increased vehicle traffic to our neighbourhood, arising from proposed new hovercraft services.

Health and Safety Committee:

- Request for Health Impact Assessment (submitted as per last meeting minutes) – response received was that the Medical Officer of Health doesn't see the need "unless things change."
- We could argue that the increase in flights and/or Hoverlink are material changes.

Air Quality Committee:

- Report from air quality testing from Ports Toronto CLC: they are only doing spot checks to identify hotspots to see how airport operations could change; not testing overall community.
- BQNA had asked for the U of T scientists to peer review the Ports Toronto testing. Ports Toronto refused claiming the U of T scientists are biased. BQNA noted the committee overseeing the U of T project included representatives from the City, Ports Toronto, and other agencies to ensure unbiased. BQNA's only role was identifying the scientists and had no influence on their findings.
- We have circulated a letter through MPP Chris Glover's office to the Ministry of Health requesting to have a biostatistician interpret health data (from air quality) specific to our community.

Toronto Emergency Measures CLC:

- Main outstanding item is to follow up with Councillor Ausma Malik's office about status of a community safety handbook that came out of CLC work.

New BQNA actions arising from above committee updates:

- Create a BQNA Board Google Drive folder to track documents, including letters to and from Toronto Public Health and Ports Toronto on air quality issues.
- Create a BQNA working group on Hoverlink, to advocate on Hoverlink-related issues mentioned above.
 - Representatives from Health and Safety Committee and Ports Toronto Airport CLC will advise the new working group.
 - BQNA Board to solicit members for the working group.
 - A Board member was identified to initially lead the working group.



- Toronto Emergency Measures CLC to follow up with Councillor Malik's office as noted above.

4. Updates to BQNA By-Laws

- The Board Chair proposes to update the head office address and mailing address.
- The Board Chair proposes to amend wording under section 12, Executive Committee/Officers of the Board, to read that an officer may not serve in the same position for three successive years "unless returned by a majority of Directors on a yearly basis."
 - This will allow executive committee members to serve beyond three years with other Directors' approval.
 - Objective is to ensure continuity in filling of executive committee roles.
- Following Board discussion, the Board Chair's proposal is amended as follows: Section 12, Executive Committee/Officers of the Board, will read, "an officer may not serve in the same position for more than three successive years unless that person is returned by acclamation."
 - This allows executive committee members to continue to serve beyond 3 years only if no other member runs against them.
- Amended proposal **Moved:** Ingrid, **Seconded:** Hannah. **Vote:** 9 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 against. Motion approved.
- Amendments to by-laws must be confirmed by general membership at an Annual General Meeting (AGM), with 10 days' advance notice to the member buildings, which was not provided prior to the November 25, 2025 AGM. Therefore, implementation of the approved motion to change the by-laws will be deferred until confirmed by the general membership at a subsequent AGM.

5. Update on Committee Work

- Board Chair notes BQNA bylaws relevant to committees:
 - Art. 13: "All committee activity will be guided by the policies of the Board"
 - Art. 9d): "It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to provide direction for and supervising the activities of the committees and receiving their reports."
- Given these bylaws, committee activities must be overseen by the Board; public communications should not be made by committee members on behalf of the BQNA without approval of the Board.
- Board requests committee leaders provide draft mission statements for their committees (for those that have not done so already).



- Agreed that mission statement will be drafted for new Health and Safety Committee.
- Additional discussions are needed between the Board and the leader of the former Little Norway Park Encampment Committee (renamed to Encampment Prevention Committee at the October 2025 Board meeting) for vision and future direction of this committee now that Little Norway Park encampments have been cleared.
 - It is understood that the Little Norway Concerned Citizens Facebook page is not affiliated with the BQNA Board committee and will not purport to speak on behalf of the BQNA.
 - Resolved to seek community input during the upcoming AGM, and then revisit the committee mission and structure at the next Board meeting following the AGM.

6. AGM Preparation

- MP Chi Nguyen will pay for the room and equipment. She will speak for 5 minutes.
- Other logistics, planning, and Board member roles for the AGM were discussed.

Adjourned 9:05 pm.

Addendum: The two bullet points in item 3 under the subheading “Health and Safety Committee” were in fact updates provided by the Air Quality Committee. To clarify, the request for a Health Impact Assessment was submitted by the BQNA Board prior to the formation of the Health & Safety Committee, and signed by the Chair of the BQNA Board and the Chair of the Air Quality Committee. The response from the Medical Officer of Health was received by the Board, not by the Health & Safety Committee. At this time the Health & Safety Committee has not reviewed, discussed or endorsed such items. The information in the Minutes about the response from the Medical Officer of Health is incomplete; the full response (received the same day as the meeting) was subsequently circulated to Board members.