



Next Meeting: April 16, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: March 19, 2025

Present: (in person) Bev, Ingrid, Brian, Susan Davies (new member), Carolyn, Diane, Maureen, Marisa, Hannah, Joan, Dawn, MPP Chris Glover

Present: (virtual) Jacqueline, Holly

Regrets: MP Kevin Vuong's office, Councillor Ausma Malik's office, Todd, Corrie, Don

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Maureen, Seconded: Ingrid

Agenda Approved

2. Review and approval of Minutes from Feb 2025

- Updated attendance record for February 2025 meeting: Marisa sent regrets, Joan was present

- Moved: Marisa, Seconded: Jacqueline

Minutes approved as amended

3. Update from elected officials

MPP Chris Glover

- Tariff threat may be an opportunity to reinvest in supporting Canadian companies.
- Will advocate against Ontario Place redevelopment giving contracts to Austrian (Therme) and American (Live Nation) companies. Will argue for investing in Ontario companies.
- Land has not yet been given to Therme. Contract says Ontario will face \$30M fine if breach the contract; however, Bill 154 – Rebuilding Ontario Place Act exempts the government from any liability, arguably including in contract.
- Sewage no longer to be dumped in the channel/inside the breakwater; have also saved pods and Cinesphere.



- RCMP and Integrity Commissioner are investigating government's Greenbelt activities. We have saved 7,500 acres of Greenbelt.
- Supreme Court of Canada has struck down Ontario law restricting 3rd-party advertising within a year before the election.
- Next big push will be to support small businesses through tariffs. Encouraging Ontario tourism.
- Chris will write an update on the "wins" achieved.
- Bring any helpful information to Chris's office to support advocacy.
- Upcoming events:
 - March 29, Community Service Awards at Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre.
 - March 30, celebration of the first ocean-going vessel arriving at Redpath

4. Sub-committee Updates

(a) Encampment and safety

- Milton from Toronto Support and Shelter Services was to set up a community working group, within 2 weeks of the February 19, 2024 BQNA board meeting. This has not occurred yet despite BQNA follow ups.
- Community members want security to stay at the park, longer than 30 days proposed by City, to prevent encampments from returning as weather gets warmer. Need to start the working group to advocate for this.
- BQNA members report having to wait extended time for Community Safety Teams to arrive.
- Concerns include: strategy to prevent new encampments; needles on ground; continued public drug use; ensuring security remains on site; city vehicles driving in the park; ensuring adequate lighting (possibly sensor-activated lighting) throughout the park; clarify whether new encampments will now be considered trespass that will be enforced

Resolution: BQNA will send a formal letter to Ausma Malik, Tom Davidson & Marouan requesting the community working group meeting, as discussed in February 2024 meeting minutes and referencing some of the above concerns as appropriate. **(ACTION: Maureen & Jacqueline to draft letter)**

(b) Community Safety



Safety Audit

Safety audit to be done in collaboration with Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre, aiming for May 2025.

Action: Subcommittee (**Jacqueline**) to report back to the Board at April 2025 Board meeting.

Communauto

Marouan (Cllr Malik's office) reported at February 19, 2024 BQNA Board meeting that issues were resolved; however, BQNA members raised concerns raised that they are not resolved. Outstanding concerns include:

- City still allowing cars to park on non-permit streets.
- Marouan said last meeting that other neighbourhood associations would need to be consulted, to expand Communauto to their neighbourhoods to relieve pressure on BQN, yet BQN was not consulted before allowing Communauto in our neighbourhood.

Action: BQNA to request to the City to clarify what will be done to resolve these issues.

Small electrical/motorized vehicles

Concerns raised about electrical/motorized vehicles (scooters, electric bikes, and a Mercedes covered scooter vehicle) are being used illegally and unsafely on the Martin Goodman Trail. Also, lack of clear stop signs for bikes on the Martin Goodman Trail at Stadium Road and other intersections between Stadium Road and Bathurst Street. These were identified in previous safety walks.

Action: This will be added as a major topic at the April 2025 BQNA Board meeting. Staff from Councillor Malik and MPP Glover's office will be invited to speak to this issue and report on the status of solutions recommended from previous safety walks.

(c) Ports Toronto Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Update

There were 90 overnight flights in July 2024, mostly medical helicopters which are permitted to land overnight. Increased from 54 in July 2023.

Major construction work at airport to begin May 2025, including for US preclearance facility. Work will be done at night to not interfere with passenger operations during the day.



Action: Bev will distribute link to Google Drive so BQNA members can access relevant documentation.

On RESA (runway end safety area) issue: environmental assessment to be delivered in May. Will likely recommend the largest ("RESA 3") project and will have a 30-day comment period. BQNA should be ready to mobilize residents to comment.

5. Financial Update

Invoices will go out shortly. Board members are asked to submit invoices to their respective building management by June 1.

6. Update on Air Quality/Breath of Air exhibit March/April

Breath of Air Exhibit

AQ subcommittee met Monday, March 17. Exhibit opening Friday, April 4, 7-10pm. Open each weekend in April, 1-5pm, and certain Wednesday evenings.

Plans include:

- Breather's Corner
- Letter writing circle
- Postcards to politicians
- "Come play with air" (science activities)
- Give out aloe plants
- Interactive timeline of the neighbourhood history on the wall (blackboard where community members can post things)
- Historical photographs (Ingrid)
- Petition
- A talk about health impacts of ultra-fine particles (Bev)
- Artful history
- Earth Day drawings from school and Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre children

Members are asked to sign up on Google Drive for an activity they are interested in.

Outreach/advertisement:



- Website
- Email blast
- Sandwich board outside the gallery (Ingrid)
- Postcards with QR code
- Discuss with school and Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre (Carolyn)

Meeting at Arcadia Gallery on Sunday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m. for further planning.

AQ Committee

Tom Davidson rescheduling March 25 meeting.

7. Additional items not on agenda

A question was raised about the development at 10 Lower Spadina and whether and how BQNA will respond.

BQNA clarified that several actions have been taken including advocacy to city, multiple blog posts, petition, attendance at public meetings, and advocating for affordable housing.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.