



Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:00 - 9:00 p.m
In person and via Zoom:

Present: Corrie Galloway, Ingrid van der Zande, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Maureen Callaghan, Bev Thorpe, Joan Prowse, Max Moore, Lesley Monette, Marie-Monique Giroux, Carolyn and Brian Gottheil, Diane Jameson

Guests: MEP Chris Glover, MP Kevin Vuong

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from April 10, 2024

- Minutes with correction approved: Moved by Lesley; Seconded by Brian
- Agenda approved: Moved by Diane; Seconded by Ingrid

2. Elected representative updates

2.1 MP Kevin Vuong

- In response to our request to contact Health Canada and Transport Canada to include currently unregulated Ultra Fine Particles (UFPs) in air quality regulations, Daiana is working with Ottawa office to move this forward, but it is a very slow process with staffers. MP Vuong will keep pushing this forward and keep us updated in future meetings.
- Kevin gave us an update on Bill C63 known as the On Line Harms Act.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/online-harms.html>

Much of our legislation came out pre internet era; Kevin believes the federal government has gone too far and not paid enough attention to details. As it comes back for debate, this issue will increase the public discussion. A lot of academics and experts in this space have been critical.

- Decriminalization of drug use has not been a success in BC and the Provincial govt has asked Feds to recriminalize. Vancouver experience has relevance for Toronto. But Medical Officer for Health in Toronto still supports decriminalization. Problematic.

ACTION: Kevin to compile history of BC decriminalization and why they decided to reverse course to help us better understand this issue.

- RESA (Runway Extension Safety Area). The Tripartite Agreement allows Dash 8 planes to fly, as long as they could actually take off and land on the current runway (with less weight); all the small planes, helicopters, etc. do so with no problem. New RESA requirements would require landfilling in the lake. Kevin points out that it is the large airplanes that make the airport

financially viable....so need to fulfil the RESA is for these planes to continue to fly. But this will require opening up the Tripartite Agreement ahead of its deadline in 2033.

What is the BQNA opinion on this? The BQNA should poll each building and ask this question at the AGM. It was decided to hold the BQNA AGM in September, 2024.

ACTION: To increase the community's general understanding of these issues, Joan will compile information about the RESA and the TPA as well as an overview of the airport finances.

2.2 MEP Chris Glover:

Chris pointed out that all his new and upcoming events are on his newsletter including guest articles by Toronto historian Adam Bunch [!https://www.chrisglovermpp.ca/newsletter](https://www.chrisglovermpp.ca/newsletter)

Chris gave an overview of all the Earth Day summit activities he coordinated.

- Re climate change mitigation, it is noted that the new development planned at 545 Lake Shore is not going to use hydro thermal (which is successfully operating at The Well). Can we put pressure on Canderel to do so? Chris has video of the presentation of hydro thermal operations and cost savings. He pointed out the group: Seniors for Climate Action Now <https://seniorsforclimateactionnow.org/>

ACTION: Bev will work with her Atrium Board member colleague who is interested in hydro thermal to ask Canderel and the City Planning head why this is not going ahead. Arcadia Co-op also interested. Bev will draft letter and copy to Ausma, and BQNA listserve.

- Bird Safe Windows: Rally May 10 at 9.45 am at 7 Queens Park East. We now have a video from Margaret Atwood endorsing this petition. Note, we now have an eagles Nest on the island. https://www.chrisglovermpp.ca/protect_migratory_birds
- Background: An estimated 25 million birds in Canada die each year due to collisions with windows on buildings, including many migratory and bird Species at Risk; but materials to prevent the collision of birds into windows can proactively be incorporated into the designs of new buildings. The Canadian Standards Association has established a national standard for Bird Friendly Building Design which has been adopted by some municipalities and supporters want the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to Incorporate the CSA 2019 Bird Friendly Building Design standard into the Ontario Building Code, requiring bird-friendly materials to be used in new residential and commercial building windows. Note: at one building in Chicago – over 1000 birds died.
- Ontario Place: Auditor Generals' report coming soon. May be as damning as the Green Belt. Ontario Place for All has a law suit against Bill 154 which exonerates public staffers even retroactively. Ontario Place Protectors taking action. 195 bird species at Ontario Place – all

nesting. Hopefully will not cut down trees during nesting season. Go to Ontario Place for All for details.

- May 13 demonstration planned in front of Superior Court. Appointments of judges – committee is being stacked with conservatives to ensure election of conservative judges. Bill 166 would in effect allow Minister to determine what is free speech and what is hate speech on university campuses. For the Minister to take that power would overrule judges. Notwithstanding Clause increasingly used to override legislation.

Chris is now head of his party's Democratic Reform, Tech and Innovation. Also pushing for proportional representation.

Thank you to Kevin and Chris for the updates.

3. Air Quality report and executive summary public release.

We internally discussed how best to do this. We agreed to:

Hold a public meeting on Wed June 5 @ 6.30 pm by the docks

Jacqueline will find out if room available at WNC in case of rain

We will ask Jay Paleja, Shane Bonthron to attend and Cllr Ausma Malik to comment

Marianne Hatzopoulo, lead researcher from U of T will attend

Idea to have a parent talking about children's health. Corrie to talk to Diane who had a monitor on her building.

Media: --

Lesley and Bev to draft Press Release once Executive Summary from U of T is finalized.

Maureen, Diane and Jacqueline to do media list. Note Maureen in hospital end of May - she will update media list and send to Lesley. Diane will hold the list and be coordinator.

Lesley to contact Chris for his media list; as well as lists from Bushra and Daiana

Max can send out press release on Friday and then follow up on Monday first thing to all media.

Joan will prepare a poster about the community partnership

Brian to pick up food. Brian to talk to Diane about how to order pizzas.

Ingrid to do blog post once content and poster is done.

Note: Joan gone from May 24 to June 2.

4. Meeting adjourned. 9.05 pm