

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting August 10th, 2024
560 Church St & Zoom - 10am – 12pm.

Board members present – Connie Langille, Don Altman, Wasim Ghani, Phil Parsons
Via Zoom - Luben Blagoev, Scott Morrison, Paul Farrelly, Neil Gibb
Regrets – Tara Schorr, Peter Small, Jonathan Grimm, Robert Packham

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Agenda - moved by Luben, seconded by Phil

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - no conflict was declared

1.5 Minutes of Last Meetings – June 8th - moved by Phil, seconded by Luben

1.6 Review of Action items from June 8th.

Review of Actions from June

- All committees update website information – Send updated info to Connie, she will forward to Trevor
- Draft newsletter
- All committees to meet
- New exec send in photos and bios for website, continuing exec refresh pics and bio if needed

1.7 Financial Status

- \$7,352.66

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office - Stanley Jonathan sent the following report

- **Safety Meeting Sept - overview, format**

- The town hall will be held in the 519 on September 19, 6pm
- It will be in a theatre format. Councillor Moise, our team members, and city staff will be present. Residents will be seated. During the Q&A period, someone from our team will reach out to the resident for them to ask questions to Councillor Moise
- Town hall will be around 2-3 hours, and please RSVP before attending as we require RSVPs
- Please RSVP here: <https://www.universe.com/events/bay-cloverhill-church-wellesley-mcgill-granby-upper-jarvis-neighbourhood-tickets-GPR821>
- If you have any more questions feel free to email me at stanley.jonathan@toronto.ca

DEAP - 2025 - 2030 main changes that impact the Village

- Councillor Moise understands that safety has been a big issue in the Downtown East over the past few years, and he along with city staff, developed the Downtown East Action Plan (DEAP)
- There is no program like it in the rest of Toronto that is so specific to a neighbourhood
- Implementation will happen next year, after the budget is approved and passed by Council
- So, how will it impact Church-Wellesley residents?
 - Enhanced cleaning service for sidewalks, cycling infrastructure and laneways, streets, street furniture, and parks
 - Hot spots for enhanced cleaning include: BHP (2x cleaning daily) and Church-Wellesley neighbourhood
 - Faster response times for bylaw enforcement
 - Improved access to safe indoor/outdoor spaces for marginalized people in Downtown East
 - Community and clean streets initiative – work with CWBIA and community agencies to enhance cleanliness
 - New neighbourhood grant program - fund resident-led group and association to work to advance central outcomes of the DEAP with community activation projects (\$50k in total - I believe CWNA can apply for this grant)
 - Development of a good neighbours guide for service providers in the Downtown East

- A lot more initiatives for the DT East, can be seen in the attachment provided
- **James Canning Gardens Park - plans to incorporate east 14 Dundonald into park, funding?**
 - Sherwin Lau is taking lead on this project because it originates from TCP, he is trying to set up a meeting between our office and PF&R to see what can be done. He is out of the office this week, will inquire when he gets back on Monday.
- **Norman Jewison Park expansion to TPA lot**
 - TPA is very hesitant to let go of the parking lot
 - However, the current lot is designated as parks and open space in the long-term, so they know they will not be able to hold it forever
 - CreateTO, the city's real estate agency is conducting a review of TPA assets and the 13 Isabella lot is part of that review
 - CreateTO will go to Executive Committee in November with the findings of the review, there should be a deposition opportunity for community members to voice their support for an expanded park
- **Maybe worthwhile to put in the meeting? - Church St Garage Bar Site**
 - The garage bar site, along with the properties nearby have been bought up by a new company called RDI holdings
 - They do not have immediate plans to redevelop the site - especially since they would need to acquire the Starbucks lot which they do not own currently.
 - We have advised them to do community consultation prior to any rezoning applications to ensure that the businesses that are currently in the lot are retained in the future.

2.2 BIA

New ED to be hired

Adam is in charge of events and grant writing

2.3 Development & Heritage

- Update website – work in progress
- Paul reviewed Church St Garage site. He will be in contact with Planner if any applications are submitted.

2.4 Safety

- Update website – work in progress
- There was no report out

2.5 Membership - Luben

- Update website
- Newsletter, suggestions were made for the fall newsletter.

2.6 Communications - Scott

- Update website information
- Transfer of website - Scott is arranging to meet with Trevor Hennig to facilitate the hand over of the website. Scott will keep us informed of process.

2.7 Placemaking

- Meeting for a pedestrian walkway to replace the parking spaces for a safer pedestrian space. There was no give from Toronto Parking Authority to give the parking spaces for safe pedestrian walkway.
- Incorporating 14 Dundonald St into James Canning Gardens, contact has been made with Margaret Best from Parks to look at what the process is to upgrade the site and better blend it with the current park. Sherwin Lau from councillor's office is looking into the it as well. As the space is now closed for rehabilitation it is a good time to find options.
- DEAP will give added services to our community. See outline in correspondence from Stanley at councillor's office.

3. Other

- Process for CWNA positions - A discussion was had to clarify how CWNA arrives at positions the organization can support. All agreed there are multiple issues to consider and though all members do not support all potential positions there are enough core issues that all can agree upon to support and move forward on. It was recognized that when taking a position CWNA potential consider impact and exec capacity to follow through. It was suggested that CWNA consider using a mediator from the city Safety Network to help the exec. identify a list of manageable positions and those that may need to be put aside for the time being.
- All agreed that decisions on potential positions to support would be decided by a simple majority vote of exec members. Those that did not receive a majority vote would be parked and possibly reviewed in the future.

4. Actions to carry forward from August

- All committees update website information – Send updated info to Connie, she will forward to Trevor
- Draft newsletter - to be done
- 86 Gloucester St membership

5. Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting **September 14th, 2024**
- Councillor Moise Town Hall **September 19th 6pm**