

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting October 18th, 2025
560 Church Pop-Up, 10am – 12pm.

Board members present

Matt Bell, Kelvin Kung, Don Altman, Connie Langille, Luben Blagoev, Madison Charlton, Phil Parsons, Matt Bell
Associate members – Tara Schorr, Peter Small, Peter Morris
Guests – Judy Young, Drew Anderson-Ramsaroop
Regrets – Paul Farrelly, Scott Morrison

1. Administration

- 1.2 Land Acknowledgment
- 1.3 Agenda moved Don, second Matt
- 1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none
- 1.5 Minutes of last meeting – Sept. 13, moved Luben, second Matt

1.6 Welcome Guest

- Drew Anderson-Ramsaroop – Drew expressed his interest in CWNA, he currently works for the city in the Planning Dept. He like to bring his knowledge, compassion and real solutions to making our neighborhood feel safer and loosen tensions between our unhoused neighbours and our housed neighbours and business owners.

1.7 Review of Actions Items from Sept 13

- Committees to meet
- Oct e-blast – sent out
- Letter of condolence to MPP K Wong-Tam - sent

1.8 Financial Status

- \$6,673.08 = CWNA funds

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office – Update –

Stanley was not available, questions not yet answered. To be updated upon receipt

- 1. Progress orphan lane?
- 2. Missing rainbow signs
- 3. Update on e-bike blitz?
- 4. Encampments GHP & BHP?
- 5. Dundonald planters bulldozed – plan?
- 6. Other?

2.2 BIA – Jaret Sereda emailed

- New Halloween On Church signage hung in the Village last week
- Halloween on Church now extended to 2 days with a Beer Garden for the first time in 30 years!
Full street closure October 31st only.
- Details at halloweenonchurch.ca
- 3 NEW exciting and vibrant murals coming to the Village this week! Check out the latest mural
- "Lady Gaga" on Maitland across from O'Grady's
- The BIA has focused on cleaning up, beautifying the Village in the last 5 months, fresh paint, new colors!
- Power washing the sidewalks
- Painting out graffiti on Maitland

2.3 Heritage & Development - Don

- FoSTRA activity – committees – Affordable Housing, Don reviewed the work being done by the

committee to define affordable. So far they have identified three groups, one group can not afford anything, one group is relatively stable, able to pay rent but the market has gone past them. Then there are the people who would be first time home buyers with finances but not enough. Other issues the group is deciding what the focus should be reno-victions, rent control, use of government land for housing so not a focus yet. Groups of people are being invited to share their expertise. FoSTRA is also working on the bylaw to allow businesses in neighbourhoods.

- Kingsett challenging OLT – Kingsett is challenging the decision of the OLT. Ian will follow up with challenge and keep the exec informed of next steps
- Community Consultation 48 Isabella & 81-83 Isabella – Thurs. Sept,18 – report out
- 81 Isabella development – The meeting was a poster show with the developer and others there to answer questions. Local residents focused on bulk and height. Drew added the city is trying different approaches, full meetings and poster shows. He said at times full meetings end up in shouting matches thus the difference in approaches. The city has not yet approved the application and community input is still relevant. Drew suggested CWNA write a detailed letter to the Councillor concerning their view of the proposal.
- The issue of lack of infrastructure was raised and how Charles St is being managed. Drew stated that the city requires adequate services be available before approving an application. Drew suggested CWNA advocate for the tangible elements as in streetscape and how a development will change the neighbourhood etc. Focus on the tangible element.
- It was suggested Development call a meeting and discuss their concerns and possibly write a letter concerning the developments on Isabella St. The meeting will be in Zoom format.
- 88 Isabella St – the building is being scaled back to 50 and will be purpose built rental. The purpose can change again.
- Disruptions on Al Sparrow Lane were briefly discussed. At times the lane is not accessible to through traffic but local traffic is accommodated.
- It was noted that Kelvin and Drew where able to bring valuable insight to the development discussion. All members appreciated their participation.

2.4 Placemaking – Connie

- Morley Callaghan Bridge unveiling, Sept13. - Great success and well attended.
- Nightshift is being repaired. TDSB in charge of repairs.
- AIDS Memorial plaques being refinished. Public Art and Monuments is working with the 519 to have the restoration work done.
- Request for traffic light on Yonge at Isabella was submitted. Awaiting reply from the city.
- Open house after OLT decision, Ian & Gary as guests – Oct 21, 6-8pm – plan? KWT to attend. All exec will be on site to help with the celebration. Matt is in charge of refreshments.
- Nov. 8 Open House & mitten tree. Phil will organize refreshments with Matt & Madison.
- Two new benches have been installed on Yonge St! One is located at 515 Yonge St and one at 623 Yonge St. Both will make the walk for College To Bloor more manageable for everyone.
- Charles St Hydro to send design scope for parkette. Kelvin also expressed interest in the project, he will be kept updated.
- 519 request to support the return of Open Streets. Exec voted to support the return on Open Streets with 2 exec. voting nay. The 519 will be informed.
- Dundonald corner makeover needs to be rearranged – ideas? Wooden planters bulldozed, next steps? Exec will have a site visit to determine placement of new steel planters. All exec are welcome to attend. Tentative date Sunday Nov 19.
- No Parking signs to be posted 579 Yonge, wall of Medicine Wheel. Request has been submitted to councillor's office
- Toronto Star article & request from Gil at Sanctuary. The exec decided to remain neutral in the

situation. Gill will be updated.

2.5 Membership – Luben

- Update – Renewal sent for 86 Gloucester
- Engagement plans date? Luben looking at Nov 3rd or 5th after work hours. Luben will ask for volunteers.
- City co-op is having their AGM shortly. Luben to prepare a membership package for them.

2.6 Communications – Scott was unable to attend

- Update website with OLT decision & past minutes
- Fliers for apts, Phil and Scott to coordinate a flyer and building drop
- Mailchimp tutorial? To be discussed when Scott is available

2.7 Safety – Luben

- Update - Luben to schedule a committee meeting
- It was noted that the federal government is tabling bail reform in the near future.

3 Other

- no new items

4 Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting November 8th, 2025 – just 3 weeks!
- OLT Open House Tues 21 Oct, 6-8pm pop-up, plan? Coffee, donuts?
- BHP public consultation Oct 22 6-9pm Buddies in Bad Times
- Councillor Moise Town Hall – Oct 23, 6-8pm at the 519
- Oct 31 & Nov 1 Halloween in the Village
- Nov 8 Open House after exec meeting – mitten tree & refreshments. It was passed to allow \$300 for refreshments though donations of items are appreciated. Phil to coordinate
- AGM March 18, 2026

5 Actions Carried Forward

- Committees to call meetings, development to potentially draft letter re Isabella St proposal
- Prep for 2x open houses, posters, food etc.
- Site meeting on Dundonald for new planter arrangement
- Check in with Scott re updating website
- Phil & Scott to organize building flyer and drop.
- Luben to arrange building blitz walkabout.