

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting December 13th, 2025
560 Church Pop-Up, 10am – 12pm.

Board members present

Present - Kelvin Kung, Don Altman, Connie Langille, Luben Blagoev, Phil Parsons, Scott Morrison
Regrets – Madison Charlton
Associate members regrets – Paul Farrelly, Tara Schorr, Peter Small
Guest – Peter Morris

1. Administration

- 1.2 Land Acknowledgment
- 1.3 Agenda moved Scott, second Luben
- 1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none
- 1.5 Minutes of last meeting – Nov. 8, moved Luben , second Scott

1.6 Actions carried forward from Nov. 8th

- Provide feedback to BIA re Halloween issues and recommendations – done
- CWNA congratulated the BIA on a wonderful event and the added art throughout the Village. CWNA shared concerns about the gates causing bottle necks and crushing along the lower end of Church St near the bars and asked the BIA to consider re-configuring the gates for the next event. It was also suggested that the Halloween event be clearly branded as a Queer event and to encourage participation and inclusion by wearing costumes. The idea of providing a QR code on all promotions to encourage enhanced awareness of the history and meaning of Halloween in the Village was relayed. Tips on protocol could also be included. The idea of adding rainbow lights to buildings or hydro poles to provide a rainbow walkway was also suggested. A meeting with Jaret will be arranged in the new year to discuss working together. Luben & Scott to design membership flyers
- Matt & Don to provide histories of their co-ops for sharing with community.
- Kelvin to present group input re Queen's Park at Dec meeting – see Heritage& Development
- Email E. LaRusic re new development on the SE corner of Yonge and Welles. E – done. E. LaRusic emailed that the development proposal for the south east corner of Yonge and Wellesley E had not changed but the developer has bought the air rights to the bank corner to prevent a future tall building from being developed.
- Luben to follow up on building membership campaign
- Committees to meet

1.7 Financial Status

- \$6,750.10 – 86 Glou. membership paid
- Holiday donations – discuss, suggestions? The group agreed to making 3 donations of \$250 again this year. The recipients will be Progress Place, Church St School and The ArQuives.

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office – Update – Stanley questions from Sept. to Dec.

- 1. Missing rainbow signs?
- 2. Orphan lane progress?
- 3. Update on e-bike blitz.
- 4. Status of Dundonald dog park proposal?
- 5. GHP reopening?
- 6. BHP garbage bins moved & needle box, bollards repaired?
- Missing rainbow signs? Staff got back to me, saying that the installations of the rainbow sign has been completed from the list of intersections that they did a study of. It looks like they missed some. There is currently a hiring freeze in the City and all divisions are forced to stop hiring with very few exceptions. This will result in a delay for all work, including this. I am trying to get it expedited but looks like it will have to be Q2/Q3 next year.
- Orphan lane progress? Confirming that the laneway is owned by the province through forfeiture. The City cannot expropriate provincial properties, and city staff is not supportive of purchasing the laneway. The City would have

to purchase the laneway from the province if they are even willing to sell.

- E-bike blitz update, enforcement? Are you talking about the blitz that ended in September? TPS had a e-bike ticketing blitz and issued 179 tickets. The City also launched a campaign for people to walk their bikes in sidewalks. This included advertising and decals on selected sidewalks.
- Status of dog park suggested for Dundonald? This is a PB project that is proposed by a resident. I understand that the CWNA has concerns about the potential for noise, etc. To the best of my knowledge, this project is moving along although @Sherwin Lau would have more details regarding timelines, consultation, etc.
- Timeline to reopen GHP? Parks staff has not provided a timeline on reopening. They are still assessing the damage to the park. I have made the request for them to open a tiny portion of the laneway to ensure that people can still cross from Isabella to Charles St. Staff has said they will update us by end of this week.
- The bins and needle box should have been moved or will be shortly. Staff has added it to their queue. Staff is also looking at the damaged bollards you mentioned

2.2 BIA – Jaret Sereda emailed

- Light up Church St. Nov 14th to Jan 1. The BIA is encouraging all businesses to light up Church St. Help is available if needed.

2.3 Heritage & Development - Don

2. FoStra activity – committees – no new updates. Committees to meet again in January.
3. Update on Queen's park revitalization – Kelvin. Kelvin and Paul attended the third meeting, a large team was present from the client's side. There was representation from several businesses and association that were associated with the project. When discussing plantings around the park it was pointed out that several of the trees were not indigenous species and that they would be manager out as they can be invasive. This was of some concern as folks have trees they prefer. The team showed a design plan with underpinnings and planting around the park. Some thought it was too heavily planted and would require extensive maintenance and be easily trampled. Others felt it was beautiful and added to the park experience. In the center of the park structures were proposed, a cafe, washrooms and kiosk. People were pretty united in feeling this was too centralized and preferred the center be a place of gathering or civic action. There was also discussion of a council fire and placing it so it blended with the surroundings. Kelvin raised concerns about a propose tree and the safety concerns that could arise also the feeling that the structure would overpower the park. The idea of movable furniture was also brought forward. There was a general feeling that too many ideas were being jammed into the one park. A space to gather and consideration to maintenance costs were priorities raised.
4. Kingsett challenging OLT decision – update, Ian requested affidavit to proceed with the OLT review. To be continued.
5. 81 Isabella St – meeting update. Don had met with developer reps. They asked that CWNA consider supporting their request to the city to build their development closer to the existing lane and reducing the setback. They said this would prevent a tall building from going up on the property to the west (the south east corner of Church and Isabella.) there was some discussion and it was decided to email E. LaRusic to discuss the matter. A report back to the group will follow.
6. 88 Isabella St demolition was discussed. Some issues have arisen and remedies found at times. There was a general question about development site issues and folks were directed to call the contact number that should be posted on each development site to raise concerns.
7. 572 Church St – hoarding up. The parking lot asphalt was removed and not much else has happened.

2.4 Placemaking – Connie

- Nightshift – suggested TDSB donate to the city. Followed up TDSB re glass replacement. Rep from TDSB responded to concerns about broken glass left in the Nightshift, attention to this will be given on next repair call. After looking into the process Connie suggested to the TDSB and Public Arts & Monuments department that the Nightshift be donated to the city. This would provide a greater over site and relief for the TDSB. Also because of the climate at the board of education protecting the iconic art piece is a real concern.
- 519 art work on 572 hording suggested for 50th anniversary. This idea was shared with the 519, Councillor's office an the city planner. When the site plan is developed this will be a consideration for the developer to include.
- Signage at Gloucester St & Gloucester Lane. One-way signage has been damaged that directs traffic the south end of Gloucester Lane. The city has been made aware and we are waiting for a resolution.
- BH Park – garbage bins and needle box have been moved back from Church St to provide a more welcoming entrance to the park.
- A email has been sent to the Gord Downie Foundation asking about their \$15,000 grants for indigenous art in the community. Waiting to hear back.

2.5 Membership – Luben

- Update – 86 Gloucester membership cheque received
- Engagement plans will be made in the new year to encourage new memberships

2.6 Communications – Scott

- Update website with OLT decision & past minutes
- Flyer for Phil's apt. Details to be worked out, size, materials etc.

2.7 Safety – Luben

- Update - Luben to schedule a committee meeting – to be determined

3 Other

- no new items

4 Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting January 10th 2026

5 Actions Carried Forward

- Continue with TD bank process for new signing officers
- Send donation cheques to recipients
- Reach out to city contacts to inquire about addressing the pigeon problem at Young Charles and report back to the group.
- Edit the November meeting minutes to clarify Donald's comment about co-op memberships and circulate the edited version for Donald's review.
- Matt and Don: Matt and Don to provide a history of the co-op
- Lubin and Scott: Create and distribute membership flyers.
- Connie in January, begin emailing provincial and city contacts about Orphan Lane to explore options for moving the issue forward.
- Check on the status of the walkway at George Hislop Park and follow up with the city for benchmarks and community communication regarding park reopening.
- Continue communications with TDSB and Monuments staff regarding potential transfer/donation of the Nightshift
- Lubin: In January, conduct a membership renewal blitz.
- Everyone to consider options for the March AGM at the January meeting.