

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting March 14th, 2026
560 Church Pop-Up, 10am – 12pm.

Board members present

Present - Don Altman, Connie Langille, Phil Parsons, Scott Morrison, Kelvin Kung, Matt Bell, Madison Charlton,
Associate members – Paul Farrelly, Tara Schorr, Peter Small
Absent – Luben Blagoev

1. Administration

- 1.2 Land Acknowledgment
- 1.3 Agenda moved Scott, second Matt
- 1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none
- 1.5 Minutes of last meeting – Feb. 14, moved Don, second Scott

1.6 Actions carried forward from Feb 14

- AGM Wed. March 18th - completed
- Phil: Connect with the MP's office re AGM invite. Phil spoke w office staff, unable to attend but interested in attending future exec. Meetings. Offered office space for future meeting.
- Scott: Update the website with AGM and other relevant information. In progress
- All board members: Review the AGM slide deck, especially the bylaw slides, and provide feedback or questions. In progress
- Matt: Format and send the revised bylaws to the group for final review of formatting and typos. Done
- CWNA: Send around insurance documents and information to the board for review ahead of the April meeting. In progress
- All board members: Consider and propose potential new executive members who meet the criteria (live in neighborhood, have relevant skills, etc.) for the upcoming election. In progress
- All board members expected to help set up the room for the AGM at 6:00pm at 519, including bringing ice, coffee, and helping with table setup. All will be there, Luben unable to attend
- Continue to monitor and follow up on the pedestrianization of Church Street project and report any updates to the board. Brief update, BIA & Councillor's staff working on logistics. No definite plan yet.

1.7 Financial Status

- \$6,530.98

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Governance – Don

- Revised By-Laws, Don noted change of quorum numbers in By-Laws was missed. All agreed that the number was of little consequence in the past and should stay as it is.

2.2 Councillor's Office Questions for Mar 14. – Tyler in person, Francesca via Zoom

- Does Councillor support defending the Church Street Village Character Area at the Crews & Tangos site? Will he defend the CSVCA and all its elements, without concessions, for all future developments?

Tyler will be in the meeting on Saturday to brief CWNA Board members on this matter.

- Management plans for area during Fifa? Traffic, parking enforcement, additional volume of pedestrians and vehicles on game days etc?

As Francesca is managing the Church Street pedestrianization project, I will let her take the lead on this and respond to you.

- Progress on TTC wall mural? Please see below for update from staff
- Status of the RFP / Timelines for project initiation and completion
- The latest project forecasts are as follows:
- Artist prequalification – Q2 2026
- RFP call document posting – Q2 2026 (for 6-8 weeks)
- Artist selection and award – Q4 2026
- Completion of design, fabrication, delivery and installation of the artwork n – Q3 2027
- RFP language regarding Indigenous history of the site

- The language in the RFP will emphasize that this artwork opportunity at Wellesley Station shall acknowledge and reflect the indigenous and LGBTQ2S+ history of the land upon which the station is situated.
- Transition plan so Francesca is aware of ongoing CWNA issues that have been directed to Stanley? 25 Wellesley E back lane, replacement of safety signage on Gloucester St., pigeon feeding, missing rainbow signs, proposed dog park in James Canning Gardens Park etc.? Francesca is already very much immersed in the Church-Wellesley file and knows most of the issues that the CWNA has brought to me. Before I leave I will have a briefing with her on some outstanding files including the one you have mentioned.
- Action plan for open drug use in the community? The Downtown East Action Plan has been fully funded for this year. Francesca will arrange a meeting with all parties including Toronto Police and Here to Help to discuss summer safety, open drug use, and related community concerns. Francesca will report back to Connie

2.3 BIA – Jaret Sereda

- Next event is Village Fest June 19-21, 2026
- The BIA has partnered with the city on the Pedestrianization of Church St for this summer. They will play a key roll in the execution and management of the project.

2.4 Placemaking – Connie

- Pedestrianization of Church St – March 9 meeting update. Community partners attended a walk about of the proposed closure area, Alexander to Dundonald St. Pride, the 519, Progress Place the BIA, Tyler & Francesca from councillor's office were in attendance. Francesca and Tyler provided an update on the plans so far. Closure of Church St will be from June 19 to Aug 23. The closure will accommodate Open Streets on Yonge St at the end of Aug.
- The question of shortening the closure period came up as did the question of deferring the closure until next year due to Fifa. Tara stressed the need for funding and activation to be coordinated with a project manager, questioning why would folks come to the Village if there was not activation to attract them? Tara suggested reaching out to groups outside the Village to provide potential activation. Francesca noted that the concerns are valid and they have been working on all aspects of community impact as they work through the planning. They stated there will be a robust plan around activation and community impact.

Tyler commented that in Montreal they tested the closure of St Catherine's St for three years ahead of the street reconstruction plan. This would be considered a test year for Church St. Questions about activation being robust, cleaning, garbage pickup etc were also raised. These are issues the planning team are planning for. It was also asked if the closure could be south of Wellesley so as not to interfere with the construction at 527 Church St. Francesca has not received confirmation from the developer about when they plan to start. There are lots of open questions as plans continue to evolve. CWNA will be kept informed.

- yongeTOMorrow March 10 meeting update. The Meeting was well attended. The city brought everyone up to date on the current status of yongeTOMorrow. Meeting doc will be available and circulated among st the exec. There are still years of planning.
- Letter of support sent re Echoes project proposal was sent. A copy was presented at the meeting.

2.5 Membership – Luben

- E-blast sent with update By-Laws
- Mail drop update – Phil reported postcards were placed at each apartment. We hope to see an influx of members from the building.

2.6 Communications – Scott

- Update – continued progress on the website to bring it up to date.

2.7 Safety – Luben

- Update

2.8 AGM Planning

- Planning for AGM - All aspects of the upcoming AGM were reviewed. All is ready for March 18.

2.9 Heritage & Development Don

- FoStra activity – committees
- A speaker from No More Jets discussed D. Ford's plans to take over the Island Airport. Many disagree with his plan and are rallying against it.

There was conversation about the provincial government under funding shelter beds, many of which are occupied by refugees. There is also concern about funding disappearing altogether.

- Don spoke about helping FoSTRA develop a Procedural Manual as one is needed for the organization.
- Queen's Park Revitalization - Paul, March 3 the Staff Report was released. Paul explained the University of

Toronto owns the land and it has been leased to the city since 1859. Information is available on the city's website. The next meeting will be March 17th, Paul encouraged everyone to attend. The staff report detailed how a \$50 million Weston Foundation donation would be allocated for park enhancements, including a contentious tree walk proposal and plans for a ceremonial garden. The project's design process is in Phase 3, with community feedback being considered, and the plan will return to the infrastructure and environment committee on May 2nd.

- 64 Wellesley E development update – March 9 meeting. The developer Montez has engaged MOD, lead by Gary Switzer to take charge of the site. They reviewed the current changes in the site plans. The building application needs to be reviewed by the city within 90 days.

Brick is used to face the lower floors, small retail spaces are included and a replacement space for community use. Units will be larger as the switch is from condos to apartments. There is concern that the new tower shadows a section of the AIDS Memorial for two half hour periods. It has been suggested to the developers to that the height be reduced by two floors and redistributed along the side of the north tower to prevent the shadowing on the AIDS Memorial. The issue is to not set a precedent where the AIDS Memorial is compromised.

- 506 Church St Crews & Tangos update – discussion was held in camera.

4 Upcoming Events

- AGM Wed. March 18th
- Next CWNA exec meeting April 11

Meeting was adjourned

5 Actions carried forward

- Scott: Update the website as much as possible
- Send around an insurance document after the AGM
- Francesca: Report back to the group after the March 23rd mobility plan meeting
- Francesca: Schedule a meeting on-site with MLS and concerned parties regarding pigeon feeding, coordinating with Connie on dates/times
- Francesca: Include outreach to the individual feeding pigeons in 14 Dundonald and coordinate letter for communication
- Francesca: Schedule a meeting with all relevant parties (including Toronto Police and Here to Help) to discuss summer safety, open drug use, and related community concerns
- Francesca: Continue outreach to internal and external stakeholders for Placemaking/activation ideas for Church Street pedestrianization
- Tara: Send suggestions for organizations/partners for Placemaking/activation to Francesca
- Francesca: Ensure ballet school and other relevant organizations are invited to participate in Placemaking/activation.
- All board members: AGM duties
- Paul/Calvin: Attend and report back on Queens Park North Community Advisory Committee meetings; circulate meeting link.
- Development Committee attend zoom re 506 Church