

Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting April 11th, 2026
560 Church Pop-Up, 10am – 12pm.

Board members present

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

1. Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgment

1.3 Welcome new directors

1.4 Appointment of Exec Board Positions

- Chair – Connie Langille
- Treasure, secretary – Connie Langille
- VP Internal – Luben Blagoev
- VP External - Phil Parsons

1.5 Agenda – moved - Luben second - Scott

1.6 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

1.7 Minutes of Last Meeting – March 14, 2026 – moved - Matt second - Phil

1.8 Actions carried forward from Mar. 14

- Paul/Calvin: Attend and report back on Queens Park North Community Advisory Committee meetings; circulate meeting link.
- Tara: Send suggestions for organizations/partners for Placemaking/activation to Francesca

1.9 Financial Status

- \$7,030.98

1.10 Appointment of Committee Chairs

- Committee Chairs will be decided at first committee meeting
- CWNA has 4 committees – Heritage & Development, Placemaking, Membership, Communications

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office Follow-ups for April 11 – Francesca - **responses in red**

- Report back to the group after the March 23rd mobility plan meeting
This meeting with FIFA was rescheduled when I was out of the office. I will connect with Eddie and get back to you by the end of the week. Update will be sent when available
- Schedule a meeting on-site with MLS and concerned parties regarding pigeon feeding, coordinating with Connie on dates/times
I have reached out to MLS about this, just awaiting confirmation. I will follow up again this week. Update will be sent when available
- Include outreach to the individual feeding pigeons in 14 Dundonald and coordinate letter for communication
Included in my inquiry to MLS. Update to be sent when available
- 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 has set up a meeting the week of April 20 with the DEAP team, TPS, and Parks to discuss the plans for BHP and George Hislop. Regarding the safety network, the Leadership Table will be reconvened

soon, now under Social Development and SafeTO. They are just waiting to appoint a representative from The 519. Report out at May exec meeting

- Continue outreach to internal and external stakeholders for Placemaking/activation ideas for Church Street pedestrianization
Still ongoing. Petition is coming out hopefully this week for stakeholders to sign. Update when available
Francesca provided updates on the Church Street Placemaking project, confirming that the route has been shortened to run from Wellesley Street to Alexander, with east-west corridors remaining open. She reported that 10-12 businesses are interested in setting up patios or booths, and the team is working with organizations like Pride Toronto for weekend activation. The project will use a simple application form for organizations wanting to participate, with information being shared through a website and direct outreach to community groups. Francesca addressed questions about website accessibility, regulatory alignment, and outreach strategies. She clarified that the website will be public and not require registration, and that direct outreach through flyers and posters will be conducted to inform the public. Francesca also explained that the initiative will focus on patronizing business and activation, with specific plans for lighting and street art improvements. The pedestrianization plan will run from June 19 to August 21, with considerations for accessibility, including designated pickup and drop-off areas for wheel trans users.
- Tara: Send suggestions for organizations/partners for Placemaking/activation to Francesca
Got the email where Tara was copied. Francesca will follow up with her this week.
- Ensure ballet school and other relevant organizations are invited to participate in Placemaking/activation.
I will reach out informally as we have done for other internal stakeholders. Will work on that this week.

2.2 BIA – Jaret Sereda

- Pedestrianization of Church St. BIA is the lead. In progress, logistics being worked out
- Next event Village Fest June 19-21

2.3 Heritage & Development

- FoStra activity – committees Queens Park
- **Queen's Park** - The group discussed the formation of the Friends of Queens Park committee, agreeing to have two representatives from each of the six community associations, with one vote per association. Paul was nominated and accepted to represent CW& on the committee, with Kelvin as his alternate. The committee structure was confirmed after consultation with other groups, including FoSTRA Advocacy and Activism Committee, which also nominated representatives. Paul mentioned that design work was continuing with recent progress on heritage and forestry assessments, which resulted in a win regarding tree protection.
- Paul explained that leadership of the project has shifted to the city manager's Partnership Office, with parks and forestry now sharing ecological oversight, and outlined a "do no harm" approach for assessing proposals. The group also discussed the restoration of the Canadian Volunteers Monument, which Paul confirmed is included in the plans, and introduced a proposal for community associations to form the Friends of Queens Park North to provide ongoing community representation and stewardship.
- Francesca confirmed that businesses cannot be present in certain areas due to the city's position.
- **110 Maitland Development Issues Meeting**
- The 110 Maitland project that has been sent to the OLT due to concerns about height and density near the SickKids hospital site. Paul discussed the need to follow up on the heritage designation status of 110 Maitland, with Adam Wynn expressing concerns about the potential impact on nearby heritage properties.
- **64-66 Welles** Community Consultation – Apr 14 – Welles Comm Centre. All were invited to attend.

2.4 Placemaking

- Pedestrianization of Church St – update Francesca see preceding notes

- yongeTOmorrow – doc circulated, the next public meeting will be April 21 at the YMCA
- BHP revitalization CAC meeting March 31-update -An overview was given of the meeting. Participants expressed concerns about the proposed design elements, including an arch structure that might block the view of the park and a controversial food box placement near the World Pride mural. There was also discussion about ECHOES the AIDS Memorial proposal. The group had debated the use of a red ribbon design element in the park, with suggestions to incorporate multicolored glass components instead.
- Dundonald planters – update – no progress, Julius has been contacted but no set date for work to be done to set the planters in their proper spaces. The concern is being able to access planting material and other items without the schedule being set
- Do No Enter sign Glou.- a new sign has been installed.
- Report out Climate Change meeting - The recent climate change meeting held at the 519 focused on heat management, where they explored strategies for addressing dangerous summer temperatures, particularly for residents without air conditioning. Phil proposed organizing a fan/air conditioner bank within the community, and the group discussed logistics including collection and distribution methods, with Phil offering to explore options at his co-op building. CWNA will receive updates on the project as they are available.
- Matt updated the group about a community block party planned for June 6th at Grace McInnis's Co-op which will include a time capsule and barbecue event. It was agreed to support and publicize the event. The Co-op is turning 50 years old.

2.5 Membership – Luben

- Update – all new members from the AGM have been included in the data base.
- Focus will be on gaining new memberships.

2.6 Communications – Scott

- Update
- Connie asked to be trained on Weebly in the coming weeks.

2.7 Safety – Luben

- Update – c/o

Next steps

- Francesca: Follow up with MLS to schedule on-site meeting regarding Municipal Licensing and Standards issues, especially now that the weather is warmer.
- Bring up overall neighborhood safety concerns (beyond just the parks) at the next bi-weekly Downtown East team meeting (week of April 20th) with Toronto Police Services, Here to Help, and Parks.
- Continue outreach to organizations and businesses regarding Placemaking activation for Church Street, including development and publication of an application form for weekend activation, and ensure information is publicized via website and flyers.
- Advocate for installation of an official "No Parking" sign at 579 Yonge - Donald to enable city parking enforcement.
- Follow up with Julius on moving and reinstalling planters at Donald Planters location and address ongoing garbage/recycling issues with the business.
- Phil:
- Develop and circulate a proposal/post for a fan/air conditioner donation program, including logistics for collection, storage, and distribution, and review with Connie before wider distribution.
- Matt:
- Inquire with the co-op about potential storage space for donated fans/air conditioners. Share info in Co-op anniversary when available
- Scott:
- Provide Connie with a tutorial on running the website after April 15th.

- Connie:
- Email details/poster for June 6th Grace Co-op block party to group and assist with city Councillor's invitations if needed.
- Follow up with city contacts regarding replacement/improvement of planters and potential for additional benches/bike rings at Donald Planters, including seeking donations if needed.
- Monitor and follow up on installation of plaque at Church Street School with current principal/supervisor at TDSB

3 Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting May 9
- April 14 – 64-66 Welles & 552-570 Church Community Consultation Mtg, Welles Comm Centre, 6-7:30pm
- April 16 – Cultural District 519 6-8pm
- April 18 – AIDS Memorial meeting, Welles Comm Centre, 10:30-12:30pm