Church Wellesley Neighbourhood Association

Minutes Monthly Meeting June 13th, 2026
560 Church Pop-Up, 10am – 12pm.

Board members present
Present - Don Altman, Connie Langille, Scott Morrison, Matt Bell, Phil Parsons, Luben Blagoev
Associate members – Paul Farrelly, Peter Small,
Absent – Madison Charlton, Carolyn Merriam, Tara Schorr
Community members – Georgia Wilder, Maggie Laidlaw

1.Administration

1.2 Land Acknowledgement
1.3 Welcome guest - Maggie Laidlaw, Maggie introduced herself, she is on the condo board at 22 Wellesley E a member building. She hopes to learn more about the association and ways to improve communication with residents. The group did a round of introductions
1.3 Agenda – moved Scott second Phil
1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none
1.5 Minutes of Last Meetings – May 9th – c/o revision needed

1.6 Actions carried forward from May 9th

- Pedestrianization of Church St – update was given on the pieces necessary to move forward with the pilot, security, permits etc. Work continues
- Queens Park Revitalization – Paul's update below

1.72 Financial Status

- $7,004.73

2 Activities Report Out

2.1 Councillor's Office Follow-ups from April 11 meeting – Francesca not available

- C/O to August

2.2 Questions for Councillor – Zahra

- 579 Yonge St update
- Zahra provided updates on several property issues at 579 Yonge Street, an enclosure must be removed from city property by the end of the week, and the property owner is exploring alternative waste storage arrangements. Regarding 27 Wellesley Street, Zahra has been unable to get responses from Corey and plans to escalate the matter further if no update is received by Tuesday. At George Hislop Park, city staff are removing fencing while trying to minimize turf damage, and Zahra is following up with Margaret about the anticipated timeline for when benches will be available for use.
- Park Improvements and Safety Concerns
- Zahra provided updates on park improvements in the ward, noting that site visits have been conducted and responses are expected this week regarding timelines and safety concerns.
- Issues with Barbara Hall Park, including garbage, antisocial behaviour, and drug-related problems spilling into the neighbourhood. Zahra acknowledged these concerns and mentioned ongoing work with the Downtown East Action Plan to address issues in the park, promising to follow up with more information after a meeting with Francesca.
- Zahra's talked about her upcoming departure from Moise's office at the end of July and her offer to handle any remaining concerns via email. The group expressed their appreciation for the work Zahra has done and wished her well in her next endeavors.

2.2 BIA

- Pedestrianization of Church St. June 29 – Aug 21
- The work being done was discussed, new planters, art installations all to be ready for June 29 when the pilot begins. Volunteers are needed. Sign up on the BIA website
- Donation for Pedestrianization of Church St – It was agreed to donate $1,000 to the BIA to support the Pilot Project on Church St. in exchange for branding for CWNA. Options on branding to be brought to the BIA.

- Next event Village Fest June 19-21

2.5 Heritage & Development

- FoSTRA activity – committees
- Don
- Paul reported on a position paper on Billy Bishop airport expansion that was critical of the federal government's survey, which he recommended supporting and emailing to appropriate office.
- Queens Park update – Paul
- A significant breakthrough regarding Queen's Park North where a heritage and forest management approach was successfully implemented through community collaboration. The Friends of Queen's Park North group, including Paul, achieved influence over the project by bringing together seven associations and securing representation on advisory committees. CWNA expressed appreciation for Paul's leadership in this collaborative community effort.
- 64-66 Welles Community Consultation at City Hall July 8
- It was decided if no member was available to attend to send a letter of support. The development still needs to go to city council meeting in July.
- 90-94 Isabella St.
- The group heard of the revised development plan that preserves building 94 in its entirety while making it thinner, with the developer indicating no specific timeline due to the need for condo funding. The developer committed to not removing mature trees that don't interfere with building footprints, though there was some discrepancy between the developer's statement and their mock-up drawing. The discussion highlighted concerns about the lack of accountability in developer commitments and noted that the project's timeline is uncertain given current market conditions.
- Cultural District to be brought forward June 24 at council.

2.6 Placemaking

- Safety Meeting – review was given of initial meeting. The group is in the organization stage. The group is smaller than before. Phil asked about membership for his apartment building as before. Connie will ask at the next meeting. Of note Sanctuary was not included, when asked the SN staff restated wanting to start small.
- TTC Service Standards Review - discussion – Don will attend the review. The new app to report unsavory behaviour on the TTC was briefly discussed. Take a pic and send it in, a voice over the TTC PA system calls out the person. There was confusion as to how it would actually work or be of any benefit.
- TTC mural update – Kelvin - absent
- Dundonald planters – update & watering schedule. Matt said he would help water the planters. New ring & posts have been requested as some are missing and to also prevent illegal parking at the east corner of the site.
- GH Park fencing – discussion. The ongoing fencing has caused community concerns as most benches are fenced in. Parks said it is looking at reviving the lawns and will keep the community informed.
- Mural for Nightshift south wall – Design will be circulated to exec and school staff prior to work being done.
- TC Talks Panel June 10 – report out – Connie reported the evening went well. It was attended by several community members. Panelist were from 8 80 Cities, Allan Gardens and city Transportation. Existing projects were outlined in Toronto and around the world and how the same principals can be applied to Toronto. The expansion of Allan Gardens was outlined and the idea to expand the horticultural area as well as the on site education opportunities with the larger space. Additional markets and community space would also enhance the project to the communities benefit.

2.7 Membership – Luben

- Update -
- Luben to connect with Maggie and provide her the tools for her to send out information for the building.

2.8 Communications – Scott

- Update -
- Scott to go over website with Connie after the meeting today so she can do basic updating etc.

2.9 Other

- CNWA insurance - the group discussed the advantages of having Directors insurance and agreed to apply. Connie will do the necessary forms and present to group for approval.
- Georgia offered Foy House as a meeting space for CWNA once the development begins and 560 Church needs to be vacated. All expressed appreciation for the offer.

3 Upcoming Events

- Next CWNA exec meeting August 8
- Happy Pride & Happy Canada Day