



Minutes

MEETING #43

TUESDAY, September 11, 2012

**Rainbow Room, 4th floor
Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queens Quay West**

Chaired by Steve Fry

Residents attending:

10 Yonge – Steve Fry
33 Harbour Square – Al Dolson, Ann Beauregard Dolson, Fred Taylor
55 Harbour Square – Lorna Starkie, Leah Lambert, Ulla Colgrass, Braz Menezes
77 Harbour Square – Laura Cooper, Nan Cooper
99 Harbour Square – Ginette Fournier, Margaret Hollingsworth, Dawn Watson
8 York Street – Cindy De Los Santos
208 Queens Quay West – Estelle Weynman
228 Queens Quay West – Sandra Taylor, Vesna Saltagic
230 Queens Quay West – Sara Shieh, Marie Blanchard
250 Queens Quay West – Claire Sparks
251 Queens Quay West – Angela & Allan Rivers,
260 Queens Quay West – Marcia Boyd, Carol McCanse

Guests

Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Adam Vaughan
Heather Waddell (Harbourfront Centre)
Jen Chan (rep. councillor Vaughan)
Tom Davidson (rep. councillor McConnell)
Tim Ehlich (rep. from Olivia Chow's office)

1. Adoption of Minutes from May 8, 2012 meeting

On a motion from Allan Rivers, seconded by Ulla Colgrass, the Minutes were adopted.

2. Adoption of agenda

Fred Taylor asked that we add the issue of a slip at Harbour Square Park East.
Steve Fry asked to add two very special guests: Pam McConnell, and Adam Vaughan.
On a motion by Marie Blanchard, seconded by Braz Menezes, the amended Agenda was adopted.

3. Special guest Pam McConnell

Menkes building

Negotiations have taken place with Menkes regarding Section 37 for the building at 90 Harbour Street. They agreed on 15% which comes up at \$10 million. The building will be connected via a bridge to Oxford properties (passage to Union). City staff spent huge amount of time on this

file. She suggests that when it becomes public, YQNA has a meeting with the stakeholders before the public meeting. Money will be given in 3 phases, but will not be allocated to our immediate neighbourhood.

Ferry docks

The ferry docks have been named after Jack Layton. Pam's office has been working with Olivia Chow and the OFL, project of a sculpture of Jack. Will have a steering committee to work with city staff to redesign ferry docks. First meeting in September. She is asking for a volunteer from YQNA to sit on that committee.

Questions and comments from YQNA members

Question from Braz regarding the city's planning and the Menkes and the other projects, plus Pan Am games, who is planning for this, and what is the timing?

Braz also commented that the cost to the community is much bigger than the percentage from section 37, and had concerns that by negotiating section 37 before the project is approved our hands will be tied.

Comment from Ulla: we haven't seen the plans and Menkes' approval seems like a done deal.

4. Special guest Adam Vaughan

Toronto Port Authority

Police was helping school pedestrians at the beginning of school year at Bathurst and Queens Quay. TPA continues to dump into the lake. We don't have a lot of jurisdiction in protecting the fish in this area.

Executive committee

Staff will be able to rent parks, i.e. Railway Park (roundhouse) and HTO park, to organized events. The community must be at the table. Our community would prefer that organisations rent Harbourfront Centre instead, and keep the city parks free and available for the residents.

Queen's Quay

Preparation work is under way for Queen's Quay.

Bridge to Portland should open shortly. Important to keep routes up and down from harbourfront to city.

10 York (Tridel building)

Public meeting tomorrow. No sign off yet. Conflict of interest as the city is both the seller and the regulator the seller of that lot and wants the biggest revenues from that location. Had meetings with Tridel. Critical issues have not been resolved.

Suggests that we take it to the OMB. Build Toronto should be part of planning process.

Comments from Ulla: need urban planning. The Design Review Panel doesn't address massing.

5. Guest Speaker:

Louise Lutgens, Senior Vice President, Community and Cultural Affairs Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Organizing Committee

"An Update on the Pan Am Games and its Impact on our Neighbourhood"

Presentation of a video about the Pan Am Games (Americas and Carribeans).

Para component to these games.

Dates for the PanAm games: mid-July for 16-17 days, followed by a short break and the para games.

The largest multisport event in the region: 10,000 athletes, 40+ venues, 51 sports, up to 17,000 volunteers

Hub of the games is Toronto. Many events are down the streets from our community.

Pan Am Park will be at CNE, the biggest cluster of activities.

Rogers Centre for opening and closing ceremonies.

From half a million to 1 million visitors expected.

YQNA has expressed concerns regarding traffic issues in our area.

6. Toronto Port Authority and Island Airport Update – Hal Beck

Hal sends his regrets as he couldn't attend the meeting tonight.

7. Toronto Island Park Budget Cuts and Impacts – Steve Fry

Request for proposal, open year-round, and remain free. Fundraising with Centreville and other partners. Matching donations program. Charity event will be held on September 22 to fund the park.

8. Treasurer's Report

Our account balance is \$1,838.35.

9. Committee Reports

- **Planning:**

1. We heard from Sarah Henstock that the Tridel Bldg is now down from 75 to 68 storeys and has submitted changed plans. We will see them at the meeting on September 12.
2. Menkes application (one office tower and 2 residential towers) is still under consideration by Planning. We need to see them.
3. We need to keep an eye on proposals for the lands around the Harbour Commission building, to be developed by Menkes and Oxford together. Expect great massing here as well.
4. YQNA wrote to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee contact on Sep. 3, 2012, asking them to support a freeze on all new over-sized buildings in areas with traffic congesting. We also invited members of PWIC to Adam Vaughan's public meeting tomorrow to discuss Tridel's proposal for 120 Harbour Street.
5. The PWIC asked for Transportation Services to report back with a downtown traffic report and report on accepted traffic standards in areas with massive building proposals – such as we have here with Tridel and Menkes on Harbour Street. These reports were not on the Sep. 12 PWIC agenda, so we are still looking for them.
6. We are also looking for the traffic reports submitted by Tridel and Menkes to support their applications at the Planning Department.
7. Five YQNA members met with a well-positioned lawyer who offered us advice pro bono. He suggested that we prepare to go to the OMB (cost minimum \$25,000), or at least hired our own traffic consultant (cost \$5,000).
8. A resident in Waterclub, Jason Barbeck, has a petition of 500 signatures against the Tridel tower.

9. We hope everybody will come to the public information meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. re the Tridel proposal.
10. We invited 45 media sources and so far heard back from the CBC (radio and TV coverage today) and the Globe and Mail. We hope some will attend the meeting.
11. We are still waiting to get a date, with the help of Tom Davidson, to meet with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment to discuss the sidewalk patio at Restaurant E11even on York Street. It had a 2-year permit (limit set by YQNA) and now want permanent usage. The patio closes off more than half the width of the 7 m sidewalk – about 4 meters is patio and flowers). A narrower patio next to the curb is preferred, so people can use the overhang as intended.
12. Laura Cooper reports on turning public parks into private cash cows for the City. We expect strong opposition to this, which was apparently passed by the Mayor's Executive Committee this week, as per Adam Vaughan's report above.
13. YQNA sent a detailed 10-page reply to TPA, asking for answers to many questions that TPA avoided – and still avoid re the lakefill project. It's essentially dumping the excavated earth and shale into the Bay next to the airport runway to save \$millions in disposal costs. We strongly oppose this, but the Feds have decided that an EA is not needed.
14. John Horner, an active member of BQNA has moved to Nova Scotia. Sad.

- **Parking and Traffic:**

1. By April 2013, all TTC tracks should be done and they can start putting up electric cables, with plans to restart Streetcar service around May 1st.
2. MEANWHILE: TTC buses will start a different QQ route in October 2012. Westbound buses on QQ will run as they do now, with the same stops. Eastbound buses will go on Lake Shore Blv. with stops only at: Spadina, Simcoe and Union Station (the only safe options on the busy Lake Shore). This inconvenience ends when Streetcars return on QQ in May of 2013.
3. One way for east-bound passengers to get to a QQ stop of their choice is to go east to Union Station and double back to the desired stop. We got detailed maps of this interim TTC route, which can be posted in buildings.
4. The re-stripping on Bay Street will be done before next summer.
5. Two Gardiner ramps will be closed for 6 weeks, starting Monday, Sep. 10.
6. Bay Street ramp to eastbound Gardiner
7. Expressway ramp to Jarvis Street
8. More email subscribers to the road construction information are wanted by WT -- sign on!

- **Police liaison:**

1. 52 Division CPLC is sponsoring its 5th annual fundraising event in support of youth at Contact Alternative School, at St. Patrick Street. The theme for this year's event is, "Helping Youth Create Their Future." CPLC is committed to fund scholarships of \$5000 each for two students who have the drive and initiative but not the means to obtain post-secondary education. The Fundraiser will be at Crocodile Rock, 240 Adelaide Street West on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, Silent Auction and live entertainment will be provided by musicians Steven Ambrose and the Romeos. Tickets are \$50 per person.

2. If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation or supply a product or service for the Silent Auction. To buy tickets or get more information, please contact Gloria at 52 Division #416-808- 5286, or you can contact Cyndy, Allan or Marie.
 3. Marie handed the Fundraiser's Flyer for our website.
 4. On a motion from Steven Fry, seconded by Allan River, YQNA will donate \$50 towards the scholarship, as it was done in the past.
- **Communications:**
We didn't have time for the Communications Committee Report, but Sara sent the attached report.

VARIA:

Harbour Square Park East

Fred Taylor is seeking our support regarding the small harbour adjacent Harbour Square Park East. It has been a calm refuge for canoe and kayak enthusiasts for some time and one of the last remaining sheltered areas on the harbourfront for them. Their safety is now jeopardized.

Increasingly, motorcrafts are using the slip. A water taxi firm has now developed a permanent station (including a kiosk) on the lower boardwalk to ply between mainland and the islands.

It is important to encourage public enjoyment of the waterfront in all of its facets for residents and visitors alike. The paddlers would like to demark the slip for manually powered vessels. In support, Fred suggest a formal designation as a "motorcraft exclusion zone" to improve safety and a floating dock to accommodate the padlers. He would also appreciate the support of YQNA in this endeavour and is willing to arrange a meeting with representatives of the group. Alternately he suggests that YQNA, on behalf of the MURB community would write to various oversight departments, e.g. Toronto Parks, Toronto Port Authority, Waterfront Toronto, etc.

Committee for redesigning the ferry docks in memory of Jack Layton

Fred Taylor manifested an interest in representing YQNA in that committee, as per councillor McConnell's suggestion. On a motion from Ulla, seconded by Braz, Fred Taylor will represent YQNA on that committee.

Report from Tim Ehlich (rep. from Olivia Chow's office)

Filed access of information request regarding TPA.

10. Next meeting date: Tuesday, **November 13**, 2012 (Subject to confirmation)

11. Adjournment

On a motion from Allan Rivers, seconded by Braz Menezes, the meeting was adjourned.