



**MINUTES OF MEETING #51
TUESDAY, March 11, 2014
Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queens Quay West
Chaired by Allan Rivers**

Residents attending:

33 Harbour Square – Fred Taylor
55 Harbour Square – Ulla Colgrass, Braz Menezes
65 Harbour Square – Friedel Hatje, Klaus Hatje
77 Harbour Square – Mara Delbianco
208 Queens Quay West – Estelle Weynman, Gloria Cornell, Greg Gibb
228 Queens Quay West – Marie Blanchard
230 Queens Quay West – Sarah Hsieh
250 Queens Quay West – Claire Sparks
251 Queens Quay West – Allan Rivers, Angie Rivers, Clara Leedale, Judy Lopes, Rick Julie
260 Queens Quay West – Carol McCause, Kelly Gorman
8 York Street – Cyndy De Los Santos
34 Little Norway Crescent – Hal Beck
305 Queens Quay West – Colin Leedale

Guests

Rosario Marchese, MPP
Heather Waddell, director of planning, Harbourfront Centre
Tom Davidson (rep. Councillor McConnell)
Tim MacFarlane, Dragon Boat coordinator
Shirley Bush (1299 Bayview Ave., CAIR activist)

1. Adoption of Minutes from January 14, 2014 meeting

On a motion from Fred Taylor, seconded by Estelle Weynman, the minutes were adopted.

2. Adoption of the agenda

On a motion from Angie Rivers, seconded by Clair Sparks, the agenda was adopted.

3. Special Guest Speaker: Rosario Marchese, MPP for Trinity-Spadina

Meetings have been held to determine the future of Ontario Place. It will have 7 acres of parkland, but what will be done with the rest of the land? Condos and mixed use has been suggested. Waterfront Toronto is involved in planning the park next to the island airport, and there was talk about big development plans, but now things are moving slowly. We don't know where this will go and developers may be waiting to

see if the airport right next to the island airport will be expanded with jets. This is good, because it allows us to look at other plans – for instance, how we can link Ontario Place to the Exhibition lands. We need a plan that serves the public and not hand over 22 acres to condo developments. John Tory, former head of Ontario Place board, had a plan, but it was stalled by the Martin Prosperity Institute's different plan.

Angie: Would extended runways at the airport defeat the purpose of the park?

Rosario: Yes, and the planes would fly right over Ontario Place (provincial property). It is important to write to Minister Glen Murray (MPP) with copy to Premier Wynne. He seems conflicted by the issue and says people know his opinion on it, but I don't. So please ask him. I hope we can postpone the airport issue until after the election.

Carol: Councillors are also on the fence about the airport.

Rosario: Write to all of them and get people living in their constituency to do the same.

Shirley: What about calling mayoral candidates? If people don't know about the airport issue, they won't support us. Get the word out.

Rosario: We are fighting publicity and lots of money behind it.

Allan: Any information about the \$100 million that TPA requested from the Province and Feds for (landside) infrastructure at the airport? That idea is a disaster that would undermine the City.

Braz: I wrote minister Murray, and he said he was staying out of the this, so I took the issue to Twitter. Can you tell the House they must take a stand?

Rosario: Governments often don't answer. I was wonderfully surprised by Waterfront Toronto's opinion against expansion. This airport is tiny and limited!

Allan: What about class action lawsuits coming from our losses from an expanded airport – health, environment and real estate values?

Hal: Noise contours show no problems on airport specs, but the noise already far exceeds the allowed levels.

Rosario: I'm not too concerned with noise. Use arguments councillors can relate to. Traffic is a big issue.

On the OMB: Rosario introduced a bill to free Toronto from the OMB, and replace it with a new appeals body that is independent. It passed second reading, then went into committee where Conservatives and Liberals "changed" it to only focus on parkland allocations and Section 37 charges. Effectively, nothing will change! Developers love the OMB where they usually get what they want, and they build the legal costs into their budgets. The City is forced to spend thousands of dollars to defend the City. Toronto is mature enough to do decide developments alone. So write to Minister Murray and complain that no real reforms were proposed.

4. Heather Wadell presented some Harbourfront Centre highlights this spring. The skating rink will soon close. Easter will have programs and theatre for all ages, with environment and nature being the focus. Mariposa offers tours for adults with children free of charge. PawsWay will have activities. Look at the Easter 3-day line-up at Harbourfrontcentre.com. New programming is slated for the new squares. Farmers market may be coming on Saturdays this spring. A curated flea market will be on the 1st Sunday every month, and a Swap market that'll use tokens; also popular large

board games and chess. Large play blocks can be used for kids and parents to build structures. Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) has returned to sponsor the June 30 fireworks. Free Flicks will be back, this summer focusing on women in comedy. All activities on the new squares are low key for families.

Klaus: Any plans for having a playground? It could easily fit into the large new spaces.

Heather: No, that is not in the plans.

Ulla: A new pre-school playground is expected in the Rees Parkette across from PawsWay with Waterfront Toronto and Adam Vaughan (for funding) in charge.

5. Treasurer's Report

Angie: We now have a balance of \$1,029.29. Expenses were \$121.90 from Hostpapa for our website, and a bank fee of \$1.95

6. Police Liaison

Cyndy De Los Santos reported:

At the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) meeting, the members of the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) were the speakers. The team has a nurse from St. Michael's Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Services and 2 non-uniformed police officers from Div 51 and 52. They respond to mental health emergencies to de-escalate crises to avoid unnecessary arrests or hospital visits by providing appropriate referrals, services and resources. The team can be reached through 911 and [416-808-2222](tel:416-808-2222), if it is not an emergency.

Sergeant Robert McDougall from 52 Division's Detective Office will be in charge of Waterfront, Toronto Island and Entertainment District when Sgt Randle retires this Spring.

On April 14, four from 52 Division CPLC (one from YQNA ;) are being honoured during the Toronto Police Volunteer Appreciation Night at the Toronto Police College.

Police Week will be in May (week of May 11?). The annual BBQ fundraising is scheduled for June 12 and as in the past years, it will be in front of 52 Headquarters (255 Dundas St. West). This year, there will be no fundraising for the Contact School Scholarship because we raised enough money last year, thanks to the generous support of community members who donated money and Auction items.

Cyndy has been an excellent CPLC member for several years. She announced her resignation because she is moving to Pier 27 on Queens Quay. She was thanked for her work and was asked to stay in YQNA. Claire Sparks offered to take her place in CPLC along with our other rep Marie Blanchard.

7. Tom Davidson reported from councillor Pam McConnell's office:

The mayor's Executive Committee will have the island airport expansion on the agenda on March 25 at 9:30 am, City Hall. It is a public meeting with many deputations expected. Tom urged everyone to attend. Pam is firmly against the jet expansion and has expressed some uncertainty around the issue. There are a great

many unfinished issues in the reports collected by City Staff, done by staffers and hired consultants. She thinks a deferral in Council is likely when it meets April 1st. A final vote in Council may not bring the result we hope for right now, so our works continues with activating friends in other wards, asking them to send their protests to their local councillors.

The Gardiner Expressway: Waterfront Toronto and City Staff recommend removal of the Gardiner east of Jarvis, with a wide boulevard in its place. It will allow a mixed neighbourhood instead of a wall of condos. It will add minutes to car trips. We need to complete all the transit developments before removing the Gardiner. The York ramp will not be removed before the Pan Am Games.

Kelly: Where will the downtown relief line for the TTC be built?

Tom: Several plans are being looked at, no decision yet.

Hal: The intent is to keep traffic volume on the new boulevard the same as the Gardiner east of Jarvis has now. What additional value will this boulevard have for developers?

Tom: It will add value in planning the lower height/density near the Waterfront and higher towers north of the boulevard.

The Pinnacle application for very tall towers on Yonge St. north of the Star building is subject to another public meeting soon. The developer was told to wait because of changes being made in precinct plans. Maybe Harbour Street will be extended east of Yonge, which would affect this development and also take out the dangerous turn at Harbour and Yonge.

Klaus: \$10 million was paid by Menkes (for Harbour Plaza) in Section 37 funds towards taking down the York ramp. Is that money still untouched?

Tom: Yes, it is still there and designated to ramp removal.

8. Rebecca Keenan is Adam Vaughan's new assistant, taking the place of Jen Chan. She was unable to attend.

9. Tim MacFarlane, head of the Rusty Dragon association for dragon racers, has volunteered to form 20-person teams for dragon racing teams. He spoke about forming a York Quay team, which would train once a week in May and June, finishing at the Canada Day Dragon Race on the Islands. No age or physical restrictions – just join by contacting Tim at

<http://rustydragons.homestead.com/2014/2014YorkQuay.html>.

Also see the blog on www.yqna.ca about this outdoor adventure.

10. Hal Beck is our representative at the CLC meetings of Toronto Port Authority (TPA). He invites everyone's questions about the island airport and related issues, and will present them at the March 25 CLC meeting. Also, deputations can be made (sign up 2 weeks ahead). Transport Canada has attended these meetings.

11. Kelly Gorman is in charge of arranging the all-candidates mayoral meeting, slated for Sept. 16, 2014 at the Harbourfront Community Centre (HCC) from 6 to 10

p.m. Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association (BQNA) is partnering in this important event. The capable Nichole Swerhun is volunteering as moderator. The gym holds 600 people. Volunteers will be needed.

12. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday May 13, 2014

13. Adjournment

On a motion from Braz and seconded by Kelly, the meeting was adjourned.