

**YQNA MINUTES OF MEETING #74, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queens Quay West
Chaired by Angelo Bertolas**

1. Adoption of the agenda.

On a motion from **Angelo Bertolas**, seconded by **Ulla Colgrass**, the agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of Minutes from May 15 and September 11, 2018 meetings

On a motion from **Allan Rivers**, seconded by **Ulla Colgrass**, the Minutes were adopted without amendment.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Angie Rivers** reported that the bank balance stands at \$1242.35 as of the end of October. Expenses are bank charges of \$1.95 per month and \$200 per annum for the web site. Angie asked all in attendance to donate.

4. Ward 28 Update from Tom Davidson

Tom noted that from the beginning of December we will all be represented by Councillor Joe Cressy, Ward 10. Under the 25 ward structure imposed by the Province, the City has no governance structure so it will have to be developed. A report from the Clerk will come before Council at its first business meeting. The Community Councils will have to be re-organized. Councillors will probably need to rely more on citizen representatives to help with local democracy.

Councillors' offices need staffing numbers to start hiring. By mid-December there needs to be an adjustment to the budget envelope to cover the new larger wards. Tom will be working with Joe Cressy until the end of November. After that he will be looking for a job. At present he is preparing backgrounders and handing-over notes for Cressy and Kristyn Wong Tam who are inheriting parts of the old Ward 28. Cressy is meeting with new and old Resident's Associations across Ward 10.

Allan Rivers read a tribute to Tom for his years working with YQNA and presented him with a small gift on behalf of YQNA.

Angelo Bertolas passed the chair to **Allan Rivers**

5. Annual General Meeting – Election of Executive Members

Co-Chairs: **Allan Rivers** nominated **Angelo Bertolas**, who agreed to continue;
Angelo Bertolas nominated **Carolyn Johnson**, who accepted.

Secretary: **Carolyn Johnson** nominated **Daphne Lavers**, who accepted.

Treasurer: **Angelo Bertolas** nominated **Angie Rivers**, who agreed to continue.

Police Liaison: Chair **Claire Sparks** asked for assistance as **Wayne Christian** is now too busy to attend meetings. **Rita Lecours** volunteered.

Planning Committee: Chair **Ulla Colgrass** agreed to continue.

All candidates were acclaimed.

Angelo Bertolas resumed the Chair.

6. Council Update

Angelo Bertolas advised that a group of residents' associations (RA's) have sent a joint letter to Mayor John Tory asking for adequate staffing levels. Hal Beck commented that Tory has said that more citizens will be involved in running the City. Angelo noted that a group of 8 RA's who came together to run the all candidates' meeting before the election will be meeting with Joe Cressy on Thursday. Tory is looking at a formal, but unpaid, process. There are about 14 RA's in Ward 10.

7. Update from MPP Chris Glover

Legislative Assistant **Pranav Bakaraju** addressed the meeting in lieu of Glover who had a last-minute conflict. Chris was recently in Iqaluit on a fact-finding mission concerning how Nunavut does democracy. Last week the House was not sitting for Constituency Week.

Government activity includes the passage of Bill 2 (White Pines), Bill 4 (Cancelling Cap and Trade), Bill 5 (restructuring Toronto Council) and Bill 36 (Cannabis). Coming soon is Bill 47 concerning employment. Environmental legislation is also coming as the PC government will not adopt the Paris Accord on climate change.

In other news, City Council will be meeting on December 4 and 5 starting at 9:30. The West Donlands flood mitigation is under way. East of Union Station Metrolinx is building three new tracks including one north of the Gardiner. Metrolinx has a Citizen's Advisory Committee. The Premier has plans for Ontario Place, and Chris is convening a group to work on this issue.

Q & A

Q. What is happening at Ontario Place?

A. There are rumours about a casino and a mall. Things happen without consultation.

Q. Will there be a New Year Levee?

A. Starting to plan for it.

Q. This government seems to be all about repealing and cancelling things. Are there any positives?

A. The West Donlands work is going ahead. With the recent scandals, the Premier did act to remove people.

8. Update from MP Adam Vaughan.

Adam remarked that Queens Park hates Toronto. He advised that next Saturday he is holding a Town Hall concerning the Ports Modernization Study. Transport Canada will be in attendance. There are deficiencies with the current Toronto Port Authority (TPA), including autocratic powers and lack of public consultation. He invited everyone to attend.

Adam noted that he has been meeting about ecological protection for the waterfront. This includes the Don River Mouth naturalization, bird sanctuaries on the Islands and Leslie Street Spit, and protection for the ravines and lower Don. It is a big project for the Minister with good funding for Federal protection and City stewardship of the sanctuaries.

The Waterfront Toronto (WT) program continues. There is an audit by the Province to try to blow it up. The controversy over Sidewalk Labs is a problem. We must protect WT. The Province does not understand the process WT has followed. The casino project was killed on the parking need, for four spaces per slot machine.

The Federal Government will have to take on the climate change portfolio and also directly fund municipalities, universities, schools and housing (MUSH Sector) which need fortification. They need energy efficiencies and investments. The Federal Government will renew funding by various means to bypass the Province. They will build and mend what the Premier breaks.

Toronto Council needs to change its Procedural By-law to deal with the Committee structure. Concerning proposals to upload parts of the TTC, the system needs co-ordinated subways, streetcars and buses. The Provincial interest is in the real estate that the TTC and the City own. Federal funding is based on ridership numbers rather than per capita of population in Toronto. The Federal Government funds transit in Toronto, not Provincial infrastructure, like the waterfront LRT. There is a focus on cities across Canada. The Government is protecting cities.

Regarding housing, a \$40 billion housing fund was agreed with the Wynne government which is locked in for 10 years, to help TCHC and other social housing.

As for immigration, the numbers have fallen from a bulge from Nigeria last Spring. Hoels and motels were used to address the surge. Over 50% of refugees were children under 12, 70% are true refugees. The city's housing crisis is not caused by refugees, it is caused by a lack of housing. Immigrants build the City. Most migrants come because of climate change. 85% of adults have university degrees, 83% speak English. The City needs to build housing with Federal help.

Q & A

Q. We always support WT. How much more can we do? How can we get John Tory to help?

A. Talk about the careful, sequential, incremental and transparent work done by WT. Emphasise that Sidewalk is a small piece. Without WT everything else is just start-stop; with WT it is steady progress.

Q. Polluted water flows into Lake Ontario and we have flooded streets. Carbon Tax revenue needs to be used to fund mitigation measures.

A. Adam is talking to Big City Mayors about these issues. Toronto has a backlog of repairs. If you don't manage your water, it manages you. We need to put pollution money into infrastructure.

9. Guest Speaker Robin Lobb, President of Toronto Entertainment District RA (TEDRA)

Robin works at Baycrest Hospital and teaches at Georgian College in Barrie. He works with big data. He brought a slideshow but quickly moved to a more informal chat about Sidewalk Labs. Robin said that he has on-going chats with Sidewalk and wants to know how they can give back to the community, since urban data can be collected without specific consent. He has a goal of improving data collection. In some European cities this

kind of data is being collected and used, by the public as well as agencies. In Smart Cities the public is now vigilant about security.

At Quayside, the site at Parliament Slip, the focus is on building with timber up to 12 storeys, as well as providing parkland and using the slip with pedestrian bridges. The old silos will remain. Sidewalk is about 18 months into its work, and is pursuing approvals. This site is a launch pad or showpiece for its ideas.

Q & A

Q. How does timber behave in fire or floods?

A. This is engineered wood, not typical framing. It chars rather than burns and maintains its integrity as well as concrete. Flooding is not an issue for the material.

Q. Surveillance can be beneficial or not.

A. Consider starting polling in vertical communities to lead to better engagement and data. Just looking at voting records can lead to distortions, such as a relationship between dog ownership and turnout!

Q. Who will pay for the sensors and equipment?

A. Sidewalk will do so. They plan to monetize the products, not the data. They will “test to destruction” and accept failure.

Q. What about dog parks? Can we use the silos?

Q. There are issues with polling data. Will legislation apply here?

A. Laws will apply. Our data needs to be kept in Canada.

Q. Could there be a Sidewalk 2 for existing buildings?

A. Possibly. They are using a vacant site as a testbed.

10. Airport Update from Hal Beck

Hal reported that Ports Toronto has had a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) since 2008 which has held 31 quarterly meetings. The next one is November 27, and they are open to the public. Topics have included noise, the Pedestrian Tunnel EA, the terminal expansion and the airfield rehabilitation, updates from Bryan Bowen, Waterfront Secretariat, and the Eireann Quay remodelling. They have had a presentation by the Mississaugas of the New Credit.

Fixed Base Operations or on-site maintenance has been moved to the north-east side of the space. There was a 2017 Noise Management Report, and currently a 2018 Master Plan. Field Trips have covered fire & emergency services, and fuel storage.

There is a Noise Management Sub-committee to consider noise contours over water and Provincial standards. The group includes Hal, Wayne Christian, representatives from BQNA and Angela Homewood. A Kings Landing resident is pushing for better mitigation. They have 5 objectives for a six month process. The MOE needs to address Provincial standards. The NEF modelling is only for a single flyby but there are multiple flyby's. Transport Canada will be attending. Hal said that he has heavily criticized the Noise Management

Report and is has been pulled. The Ground Run-up Enclosure opened in Spring 2017 but repairs were moved to Sudbury six months later. The airport is currently conducting calm weather trials.

Regarding the 2018 Master Plan, there were meetings starting with a PIC in February. It is a four phase process but there has been no data collection. At the July PIC number 2 all that was shown were development concepts to fill up the site. Hal noted that his critique has been sent to Adam Vaughan. There is no recent news about a port study.

11. Harbourfront Centre Update from Heather Waddell.

Heather mentioned a speakers' series on a Festival of Cool from Nordic countries. There will be three free talks in late November in the HC theatre. The event will include a Nordic marketplace, films, concerts beside the skating rink. More details are provided on the website.

12. Ports Toronto Update from Ed Hore

Ed advised that he is the head of Waterfront for All (WfA) which has sent submissions to the Ports Modernization Review. There are 56 acres at the Eastern Gap which are almost derelict. Ports wants to lease a large building for film studios. Is this a good use of lands at the water's edge. How can the edge be made accessible to the public? At present, TPA can sell its land and keep the money, rather than using it for the public good.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Allan Rivers, seconded by Carolyn Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2019.