

**MINUTES OF MEETING #79, Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queens Quay West**

Chaired by Angelo Bertolas

1. Adoption of the agenda.

On a motion from Neal Colgrass, seconded by Ulla Colgrass, the agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of Minutes from November 19, 2019 meeting

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

3. Treasurer's Report – Angie Rivers

Treasurer Angie Rivers reported that the bank balance was \$901.42 as of December 31, 2019. Angie noted that the donations box was at the back of the room.

4. City Council Update for Ward 10 – Tom Davidson for Councillor Joe Cressy

Tom advised that the 2020 City budget has been released. Important funding information includes support for design work for the East Bayfront LRT to 30%, which would qualify the project for capital funding. The Provincial Government actions on transit have freed up City money for State of Good Repair and new lines including East Bayfront.

Tom advised that the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) decision approving the City's Zoning Bylaw Amendments regulating short term rentals through businesses such as Airbnb has led to the City releasing details of its implementation plan. It has begun with opening a registration period for operators to obtain licences. In Phase 2 to begin in the summer, the enforcement and compliance program will be published. In the meantime, 311 can still deal with problem premises.

Q & A

Q: Is the City hiring more by-law officers?

A: Enforcement will be done by MLS staff who can check the advertising websites, and impose penalties.

Q: Is it true that the Province has stated that developers can hire their own building inspectors and the City will not be involved anymore?

A: It is just a proposal so far.

Q: Is the City going to deny street occupancy for construction?

A: This idea is a work in progress and there will be City staff reports. At present any occupancy over 30 days requires Community Council approval and there are fees. These could be increased.

Q: The planners should not approve building to the lot line; they should require a larger building set-back, which would allow trees to grow.

A: The Province is inclined to over-rule City bylaws on these matters.

5. Provincial Government Update – Pranav Bakaraju for Chris Glover, MPP

Pranav advised that the Legislature is not sitting at present; it will resume after the Family Day weekend I mid-February, but the Government is still busy. He remarked that the teachers' strikes are not about wages and the challenge to the legality of the 1% wage increase cap. The issues are mandatory e-learning and large class sizes which result in less attention per student. All-day kindergarten is also under threat. All boards are now involved since the Catholic Teachers joined.

Metrolinx is holding public consultation sessions for the proposed Ontario Line next week at various locations. The closest one will be at Exhibition Place on January 29. There is some optimism that this line will be built, possibly with smaller, lighter trains running at a higher frequency.

The Province plans to end the \$1.50 fare subsidy for passengers transferring between TTC and GO Transit at the end of March.

To address issues with the Tarion New Home Warranty Program, the NDP has a bill for reform and new oversight. This prompted the Government to hold its own consultation that just ended. Chris Glover is working on a new bill concerning elevator repairs. Former MPP Han Dong had one in the works but it died, and did not address all the issues. Chris is also looking into condo legislation to cover pre-construction pricing and gaps in the Tarion coverage. Frequent complaints deal with noise, cannabis fumes, the use of personal information and board membership. This bill will involve a year of outreach before being introduced in May 2021, after work with other Toronto MPP's.

Chris is also dealing with gun violence causes under a health lens, as well as connecting with BIA's about employment opportunities for disabled people.

On March 25 Chris is hosting an Environmental Town Hall covering issues such as climate change, and waste disposal.

6. Lake Ontario Flood Control - Co-chair Angelo Bertolas and Tom Davidson

Angelo announced that YQNA is partnering with the Toronto Islands Community Association (TICA) to host an event on March 3, 2020. They are working with Joe Cressy to ensure that City staff attend, along with Adam Vaughan and Chris Glover.

He drew the audiences' attention to a flood map, obtained from Google Maps, which shows the possible impact of a lake level of 76 m. The IJC has been urged to let more water out of the dam near Cornwall and has been doing so, but is constrained by avoiding flooding at Montreal. There have been 50 years of good lake management but now we seem to be getting 100 year events more often.

Q & A

Q: Are there flood maps for the mainland? What is Waterfront Toronto (WT) doing about the issue?

A: We have asked WT but they are not co-operating. The TRCA has been asked to provide accurate mapping.

A: The March meeting will have an educational focus. For the Islands, there is an EA study for berms and raising the roads. WT's focus in the port lands is on the Don River realignment and flash floods in the City core. The lake level impact is different.

Q: In Quebec the government is buying back shoreline houses. Maybe we need to think about restoring the marsh to give the lake room to rise.

A: We need to act to get all levels of government around the Great Lakes involved.

Q: Are the IJC coming to the meeting?

A: No.

Q: Condo lobbies are at street level. Pumps and sandbags are needed at all buildings.

Q: What about the TTC tunnel?

A: There were flood issues in other parts of the City too. A Resilience Office is being set up at City Hall.

7. E-Scooter 5 Year Trial – Co-chair Angelo Bertolas

Angelo advised that the Ontario Government has authorised a pilot project for e-scooters. He noted that a University of California study found an increase in injuries with up to 14,000 head trauma incidents. We have a tourist area on the waterfront and we need to do some monitoring. Enforcement will be an issue. The vehicles are silent like bicycles but can go much faster.

Tom Davidson added that the City has to develop regulations as these scooters are currently prohibited. A City bylaw is needed. The City Manager is aware of the issues.

8. Enbridge Replacement of 20 Inch Gas Pipeline – Co-chair Angelo Bertolas

Angelo noted the handout available showing the possible three routes from Cherry Street to Bathurst Street, using Lakeshore Boulevard, Harbour Street or Queens Quay in landfilled areas. He asked members to attend the information session being held the next evening. He remarked that the 5 year moratorium on digging up Queens Quay West has just expired.

9. York (Love) Park Update - Co-chair Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn stated that the park is being called Love Park. An open house was held on January 16 and the information is now public on the WT website under Projects. YQNA has been represented on a Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The main feature of the park is to be a pond in the shape of a heart. Due to budget constraints some aspects of the original design have been cut back; for example, the pavilion will now be more of a trellis with climbing plants.

Q & A

Q: What will happen to the bents?

A: They are being demolished.

Q: What about the mature trees?

A: The condition is being assessed. The catalpa may not survive.

Q: The trees must be saved, we need shade.

Q: We also need play equipment as there are many families now in the area. It will be very important at Rees Street.

Q: We need more consultation about the trees. The roots will be intertwined after 50 years. Trees will not grow well in park soil. There has been a poor record for the street trees on Queens Quay.

Tom Davidson added that the opening date is 2022. The construction of the Rees Street park is being delayed, because the site is to be used for construction staging for a new water pipe to the Islands.

10. Rebel Nightclub Liquor Licence Appeal – Co-chair Angelo Bertolas

Angelo advised that the Rebel had applied for a new liquor licence to allow many more patrons.

After a long hearing at the Licence Appeal Tribunal the application was approved with conditions, including no music on or directed to the outdoor patio, and fewer patrons than were requested. The owners have now appealed the LAT Decision to Divisional Court. On behalf of YQNA, Ed Hore has filed a factum. He is a volunteer lawyer up against deep pockets.

11: Billy Bishop Airport – Hal Beck

Hal advised that he is a member of the Citizens' Liaison Committee and also the Noise Sub-committee. The sub-committee has now had 9 useful meetings. The new Master Plan was posted in November 2019. The Sub-committee wants a Noise Study to address the Provincial standards around ground roar from the stationary source (the airport), along with the NEF contours and flyby noise. The Terms of Reference was muddy and the RFP very bare bones. The noise consultants see gaps in the study plan. They need noise measurements at the airport and at receptors, and are asking for volunteers with south-facing balconies to host portable noise monitors. Hal noted that he has asked for a map of the permanent noise monitoring stations along the wider shoreline. The study is not looking at flyby noise, which can't be separated from ground roar by the microphones. The study is evolving. Burnside and Accoustic recommended monitoring at Ontario Place and the Eastern Gap. Their report says 10-20 dB experienced.

Hal added that on November 20 a new electric ferry is coming to the airport. Three companies are involved in providing it, and it will be the first of its kind in Canada. However, its impact on air quality will be small. We need an air quality study as well, and a volunteer to work on it. Wayne Christina has moved away. He was a valuable member of the noise sub-committee. He was tracking passenger loads and may continue to do that from his new home. So now there is a vacant spot on the subcommittee.

Pranav Bakaraju noted that BQNA has 7 locations for noise monitoring but needs a spot on Bastion Street.

Q & A

Q: Make sure airport operations respect the Tripartite Agreement.

A: Since 2008 only 4 so-called experts have presented to the public. The 25 NEF contour represents 51 dBA. The decision-makers listen to the experts. Currently there are three permanent monitors – on the ferry building, on the Police Marine Unit and on the Island fire hall.

Q: Is there any news about the RESA's?

A: The airport will have to react when the Federal Government enacts the safety regulations around RESA's in 2 to 3 years' time.

Q: How many days of monitoring will be done by the portable equipment?

A: 7 days. This is unacceptable due to variations in wind effects, aircraft noise etc.

12. Waterfront BIA News – Tim Kocur

Tim simply drew everyone's attention to the installation called LOOP at York Park.

13. Harbourfront Centre (HC) News – Heather Waddell

Heather stated that on February 3 in the Brigantine Room there will be a meeting for the Marine Use Study on the Inner Harbour with presentation at 6:30 pm. For more details see the WT website. Heather will be attending the Enbridge Gas event because of concerns about the 2021 Nordic Initiative which HCV is hosting, like the Kennedy Centre has done. The street can't be dug up at that time. More details on this event are on the HC website. In March or April HC will be undertaking much-needed roof repairs. 245 QQW (Former Pawsway) is still being marketed through a real estate broker. There is a constant problem with cyclists riding in the parks and along the promenade.

14. 200 Queens Quay West Parking Garage – Discussion

The garage currently provides parking for some condos which may need to continue. Letters have been sent to Adam Vaughan and Joe Cressy. In 1985 no visitor parking was provided at 270 QQW. There is a contract with HC for 100 spots for Harbour Point – 250, 260 and 270 QQW. The lack of visitor parking at the buildings is a problem for contractors. **Tom Davidson** noted that there is a potential buyer and a conditional sale of the site. Any planning would have to consider the agreements and the parking demand. Some other developments include commercial parking. City staff are looking into the status of the agreements.

Angelo Bertolas commented that the development might include a PATH extension. Residents noted that there was a variance for the lack of visitor parking, and that the zoning would have required 3 handicapped spots and 0.6 spaces per unit for visitors. This all predates the formation of Harbourfront Centre in 1991. One resident stated that he has copies of the reciprocal agreements.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting will tentatively be on March 10, 2020.