



MINUTES OF MEETING #44
TUESDAY, November 13, 2012
Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queens Quay West
Chaired by Allan Rivers

Residents attending:

10 Yonge – Steve Fry
33 Harbour Square – Fred Taylor, Helen Skwarok
55 Harbour Square – Ulla Colgrass, Braz Menezes, Norma Starkie
65 Harbour Square – Bob & Celia Rasmussen, Friedel & Klaus Hatje
77 Harbour Square – Laura & Nan Cooper,
99 Harbour Square – Ginette Fournier
8 York Street – Cindy De Los Santos
208 Queens Quay West – Estelle Weynman
228 Queens Quay West – Sandra Taylor
230 Queens Quay West – Marie Blanchard, Sara Hsieh
250 Queens Quay West – Claire Sparks
251 Queens Quay West – Angie & Allan Rivers, Kent & Hollie Rutherford
260 Queens Quay West – Marcia Boyd, Carol McCanse, Denise Howe, Kamala-Jean Gopie

Guests

Jen Chan (rep. councillor Vaughan)
Tom Davidson (rep. councillor McConnell)

1. Adoption of Minutes from September 11, 2012 meeting
On a motion from Cindy De Los Santos, seconded by Marie Blanchard, the minutes are adopted.

2. Adoption of Agenda
On a motion from Bob Rasmussen, seconded by Braz Menezes, the agenda is adopted.

3. Special Guest Speakers: 52 Division Police Officers:
Staff Sergeant Kevin Suddes, Community Response Unit
Sgt. Brian Maslowski, Traffic Sergeant
Sgt. Mike Josifovic, CRU Sergeant
SGT Mark Randie, CRU Sergeant, Waterfront

Staff Sergeant Kevin Suddes introduced Sergeant Brian Maslowski who is in charge of traffic at 52 division.

Mark Randle has a wide range of experience (investigative services, cargo and auto theft, kidnapping) will start on Monday, He will be in charge of Waterfront area.

Meeting with crime analyst: the Waterfront area is still a very safe area. There were a couple of break-ins, but they happened mostly in the businesses. There is a small increase in domestic violence. Theft from auto is still a problem, but the targeted people are mostly visitors in the summer time.

What is the Community Response Unit (CRU)? White police cars are the Primary Response Unit (they work 3 shifts) and they answer radio calls and do patrol. They might also do traffic response.

Community Response Unit: on foot or bicycle, or traffic. If there's a problem with homeless people, or specific community problem, that unit has more time. Their role focuses more on prevention. The CRU also deals with big events: parades, demonstrations, etc.

Questions from YQNA members:

Q. Traffic: what is the experience of police with the casino?

A. Will bring a lot more revenue and traffic issues.

Q. Walkathons, runs, marathons: we cannot get out, who sets these routes?

A. Police is not notified of the events in advance. Not involved in the planning of the events.

City transportation staff receives the applications.

Q. Can we have morning patrol on Lakeshore (lower Simcoe) starting before 6 a.m. We don't feel safe: it's dark, there are homeless people, and there were some incidences of break-ins.

A. Officers from CRU don't start before 7 a.m. The Primary Response Unit does cover this area 24 hours.

Q. Traffic issues with new buildings: What role does the police play with traffic department?

A. None.

Q. Two lanes of traffic going Westbound: a little patrol would help with people who park on the street. How will you deal with the increased traffic?

A. It is going to be a challenge for emergency vehicles.

Q. What can you do with cars parked that have a handicap sticker?

A. The handicap sticker only gives you an exemption. It doesn't allow you to park in no-stopping or a no-standing zone.

Q. What can we do with people parking in private parking spots of the condo?

A. You have to pay for the tow. The number to call for non-emergency: 416-808-2222 (police communication centre).

Q. At Lakeshore and York set of lights, cars don't stop to turn right when accessing the on-ramp going westbound on the Gardiner.

A. We will have some patrol, ideally we will have some patrol on foot or on bicycle. We sent cars, but they were adding to the congestion. We also have to be mindful of the security of our officers.

4. Treasurer's Report

We have \$1,777.35. In the process of transferring our account from RBC to TD because of the increasing fees.

5. Annual General Meeting

There are no changes to the existing board and committee members:

Co-chairs: Allan Rivers, James Russell, Bob Rasmussen, and Steve Fry.

Treasurer: Angela Rivers

Secretary: Ginette Fournier

Planning and Development: James Russell, Bob Rasmussen, Braz Menezes, Ulla Colgrass, Allan Rivers, Steve Fry, Greg Gibb, Estelle Weynman, Leah Lambert, and Kelly Gorman.

Police Liaison: Marie Blanchard, Allan Rivers, and Cindy De Los Santos

Communications and Website: Steve Fry and Sara Hsieh

Waterfront Liaison: James Russell, Braz Menezes, Ulla Colgrass, and Kelly Gorman

Toronto Port Authority: Hal Beck, Bob Rasmussen, and Braz Menezes

6. Neighbourhood Representatives' Reports

Tom, (representative from Pam McConnell's office):

Jack Layton ferry terminal: working group on how to improve the terminal, public space, etc. Other partners are organizing funding initiatives (for the statue). City staff, public funding, and private sector. Waterfront Toronto will provide the expertise. Some improvements are taking place in the waiting area of the ferry terminal. Work collaboratively with city.

Improvement from Queen's Quay to the East expansion of sidewalk along Pier 27 to Sugar Beach and beyond going Eastbound. Dismantling of railway tracks. Transit plans also being made for that stretch of the street.

Maple Leaf Square: revisions to the patio at E11even. (should be 3.5 meters). New drawings came in. Will go before Committee of Adjustment soon.

Amendments passed: embedding funds for section 37 from Menkes' development at 90 Harbour Street to remove and reconstruct the off-ramps, funding timed to come right away.

Menkes: what is the final amendment on the arts funding? Public art is part of section 37: 1% of construction cost should be for public art. Menkes disputed it. It was never discussed in the negotiations of Section 37. Arrangement for around \$2 million is in progress, to be placed on-site or in the park.

Public art committee meetings are opened to the public.

Problems regarding patios: what is purpose of canopy? Was meant to be protection for pedestrians, not for the private use of restaurant owners. Same problem at Bay and Harbour.

Jen (representative from Adam Vaughan's office):

Official launch of Queen's Quay Construction will be next Friday. In touch with Waterfront Toronto and TTC. They are committed to make traffic flow smoothly. Asked for a shelter on Lake Shore Blv. in the Winter and better lighting. Liquor licence application to Amsterdam Brewery in old Wallymagoo's and Pier 4 building. Put conditions on their permit (noise, etc.).
Section 37 of Tridel: about \$5 million will be used to create affordable units within the Tridel building

7. Committee Reports

Police Liaison Committee

52 Division CPLC wants to thank YQNA for their donation to their fundraising event that was held on October 10. The CPLC also wants to relay thanks to the individual members who donated their time, effort and/or monetary contributions to the Silent Auction that helped CPLC achieve its fundraising goal.

The 16th Annual Community Police Consultative Conference will be on Saturday, November 17th. The theme is: "Criminal Prevention is everyone's responsibility." Marie and Cyndy will be representing 52 Division, along with the CPLC Co-Chair and the Community Response Unit Staff Sergeant.

For those who are interested in the Police Statistics, please check:

www.torontopolice.on.ca. Waterfront communities & Toronto Islands are shown as #77 in the neighbourhood Map.

The email addresses of the sergeants who were our guest speakers tonight are:

Staff Sergeant; kevin.suddes@torontopolice.on.ca

Sergeant Josifovic: mike.josifovic@torontopolice.on.ca

Sergeant Randle (Waterfront): <mailto:mark.randell@torontopolice.ca>

Sergeant Maslowski (traffic): brian.maslowski@torontopolice.on.ca

52 Division Telephone: 416-808-5200

Police Non-Emergency: 416-808-2222

Planning and Development

Issues regarding Menkes and Tridel: 3 times density permitted. No apparent infrastructure to support the 2030 new condos with 3,300 new residents. Large number of buildings constructed but not opened yet. The city evaluates only one building at the time and does not appear to use urban planning principles. The city had already put out the report before the community was consulted. In the case of Tridel, councillor Vaughan negotiated an innovative approach to include affordable units. In the case of Menkes, councillor McConnell was able to make the best of the current policies and obtained \$10 mill in Sec. 37 funds.. Most of the funds will go towards taking down of the off-ramps.

How these buildings meet the ground is most important. Requests have been made to Menkes' regarding their sidewalk plans, which need improvements. The design of the entire office building is poor in our eyes.

Estelle Weynman made a deputation to TEYCC at City Hall regarding Art in Public Spaces. She showed interactive art in parks elsewhere and urged the City to promote such art in the upcoming design of the York Off Ramp Park.

Port Authority: is dumping debris from tunnel excavation in the Bay. Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association will have a townhall at the community center on Monday.

Parking and Traffic:

The westbound-only traffic will continue until June 2013. Construction crews will always allow for people to be able to enter their parking garages. (Traffic issues were discussed in the Planning and Development section of these minutes.)

Communications:

We have 198 members. There were 17 information bulletins circulated to members.

Harbourfront Centre:

Heather Wadell sends her regrets

8. Other business
There was no other business
9. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Will be chaired by James Russell.
10. Adjournment
On a motion from Angie Rivers, seconded by Marcia Boyd, the meeting was adjourned.