AGENDA for
MEETING #103

Tuesday January 14, 2025
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET

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Ed Hore Chairs the meeting

Land Acknowledgement
We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishnaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Chippewa, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. We pay tribute to their legacy and the legacy of all First Peoples of Canada. Today the traditional meeting place of Toronto is still home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the communities that have grown in the treaty lands.

Urgent message from Ulla Colgrass: YQNA has existed for 22 years. It started with three residents having coffee at Starbucks, when the Waterfront was still quite undeveloped. We wanted a say in the future – and so we did with buildings, parks and the design of Queens Quay. It was very exciting, and we had plenty of volunteers who worked with politicians, planners, developers, Waterfront Toronto, the Waterfront BIA, Harbourfront Centre, the media and many other civic organizations. We learned a lot as the Waterfront grew, and many friendships were formed.

Why am I mentioning this? YQNA appears to have reached an impasse in active membership. People are interested in our neighbourhood, but we really need more people to pitch in. Our wonderful Chair Angelo Bertolas resigned after 7 years, and we are still looking for two co-chairs to replace him. It means each will chair 2 or 3 meetings a year, and talk to media when needed.

We also need volunteers to meet with Toronto Police 52 Division, with parks designers at Waterfront Toronto, or the support group for Harbourfront Centre. A second person is needed to join Liz at FoSTRA (which is a coalition of downtown NAs); and a secretary to create minutes of our public meetings from AI records. No expertise is needed, just an open mind.

So, this is my plea to you: if we want to keep YQNA alive, do step forward and pitch in. We cannot take our existence for granted. Without volunteers we could fold. For those interested in volunteering or getting more information, click here.

1. **Chair's comments**

2. **Ausma Malik, City Councillor** for Ward 10, Spadina–Fort York, and First Deputy Mayor of Toronto reports on important changes in our community, including opening Harbourfront Centre's new ice-skating rink and the return of New Year's fireworks. Also, a progress report on RESA extensions at the Island Airport.

3. **Chris Glover, MPP** for Spadina–Fort York, invites us to a free screening of a documentary about Ontario Place (popular at TIFF) on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 pm in Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre. He'll also report on provincial government news.

4. **Kevin Vuong, MP** for Spadina–Fort York, gives an insight into the currently unsettled federal government and how it affects us, with special mention on news pertaining to the Waterfront.

5. **Guest speaker Dr. Greg Evans**, Professor of Engineering at U of T is recognized for his studies on Ultra Fine Particle pollution. Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Association (BQNA) is especially exposed to this form of air pollution, which was the focus of Dr. Evans recent studies of the area. Their chair, **Joan Prowse** joins the discussion as co-guest speaker. The Waterfront must pay attention to ultra fine particle pollution stemming from aircraft and expanding gas power plants.

6. **Massimo DeMaria, Chief Operations Officer at Harbourfront Centre** reports on how the many new activities are attracting crowds and created a festive atmosphere during the holidays.

7. **Tim Kocur, Executive Director of the Waterfront BIA,** has a long history of collaborating on projects with Harbourfront Centre. He talks about current projects and how they brighten the winter season.

8. **Carolyn Johnson, treasurer**, reports on her recent meeting with Lifetime Development regarding the plans for demolishing the large garage at 200 Queens Quay W. and the following high-rise development. She also reports on YQNA's financial status.

9. All are welcome to the next YQNA meeting on Tuesday March 11, 2025.