

The West Bend Community Association
Minutes from January 15, 2014
Indian Road Crescent Public School

In attendance: Chair: Des McComish, David Coffey, Johanne Wilkins, Joe Costa, Tom Huras, Clive Scott, Janice LeBlanc, Celine Sconker, Irene Zeber, Tim Noronha, Ike Zimbel, Dawn Buie, Peter Goddard, Jillian Paul, Grahame Roberts, Joey Schwartz, Mark Thompson

Guest: Gord Perks

Welcome and introductions

Des introduced our guest, City Councillor Gord Perks.

Conversation with City Councillor

Gord was asked to discuss several topics. Below is a synopsis of his key points:

Traffic: There has definitely been an increase in traffic in the area (however there has been an increase in traffic all around TO and GTA). The development at St. Clair and Keele has definitely increased this problem and it will get worse over time. Trucks are using Parkside Ave and then Keele to bring construction materials into the area. There are things that can be done regarding the high level of traffic. For instance, speed bumps (you need 1,000 vehicles/day using a street to warrant this), alternating parking mid-block, using planters, etc. Dupont Street is particularly bad where it meets Annette. The issue of removal of bike lanes on Dupont depends on the outcome of a feasibility study of putting bike lanes on Bloor St. There was a question about whether something could be done about the Dupont-Dundas underpass, similar to Dufferin Street. Redoing Dufferin cost the city \$35M and the municipal budget is only \$40M.

Parks: Some investment is being made in Chelsea Park - fixing grading so that balls can't roll into the street, fixing fronting onto road by planting shrubs. With respect to Baird Park, it is challenging to seek improvement efforts as this park was recently improved. However, Councillor Perks is trying to get a ping pong table installed in this park.

Sponsorship money: City has a policy that in an election year, there can be no dollars spent on sponsorships. Suggested looking into Weston Family Foundation.

Hazardous Goods: plans do exist in our area – fire department would have the plans. (Action item: Des to contact community planner to present on this topic at an upcoming meeting).

Review of Minutes

Skating party – still interest in this if weather permits.

Suggestion to coordinate Street sales this summer in our neighborhood. Tim offered to help coordinate. (Action item: Tim on agenda for March meeting to discuss further)

Metrolinx: Vibration mats – they are installing on west side of tracks this week.

Minutes approved. Seconded by Janice.

Standing items:

Treasury Report - An update that \$1,038 in bank (plus 3 new members)

Membership & Communication – Flyer – has been reviewed at last two meetings. Decision to hand out in neighborhood. Discussed walking door to door and how to cover off neighborhood with volunteers from this group – will bring back to March/April meeting.

Future agenda items:

February – Disaster procedures (community planner)

March – Presentation from Romero House, Neighbourhood Street Sale

April – Community outreach

Move to adjourn at 9pm