



## Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting

**6 November 2012**

The Dominion on Queen, 500 Queen St. E., back room

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:15 PM

**Adjourned At:** 9:00 PM

### Attendees

#### CRBA Board Present:

Larry Webb (LW), Adam Holmes (AH), Alex Bartlett (AB), Arthur Sinclair (AS), Donna Keravica (DK), Kara Isert (KI), Laurence Lui (LL), Mike Kapil (MK), Sandra Iskandar (SI)

#### CRBA Board Absent:

Jon Goode (JG), Philip Stoop (PS) - Past President, ex-officio

#### Guest Speaker:

Councillor Pam McConnell

#### Public Attendance:

Approximately 20 people (excluding Board)

## Minutes

### Introduction

- **Opening Remarks**  
LW welcomed everyone and went over the meeting “code of conduct”.
- **Membership request**  
Some CRBA Board members are retiring and we are looking for people to put their names forward for election at the February 5, 2013 meeting. Also, volunteers are needed now to help with the following Committees:
  - Development
  - Membership
  - Business Liaison
  - Arts & Culture Liaison
  - *Corktown* NewspaperPlease volunteer yourself or your friends & family by emailing [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca)
- **Corktown Christmas Dinner Saturday, Dec. 1st**  
The annual Corktown Christmas Turkey Dinner will be December 1st at the Dominion on Queen. Please donate items for auction or door prizes. Email [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca) with donations or offers to help out in other ways.
- **Meeting Minutes**  
We are up to date with minutes from past meetings posted on the Corktown website and hope to keep it that way. Visit [www.Corktown.ca](http://www.Corktown.ca) for meeting minutes and info on upcoming events in Corktown.

- **Upcoming CRBA Meetings**

Please see [Corktown.ca](http://Corktown.ca) for more details. Guest Speakers at the December 4th meeting will be from Toronto Police Services. January 8, 2013 will be Corktown Arts & Culture night. February 5th is the Annual General Meeting and Board elections.

## Guest Speakers - Councillor Pam McConnell (PM)

- Councillor McConnell provided updates and information on several topics before taking questions:
  - **Regent Park Update.** Phase 3 is now in the planning phase and includes a \$2.5 million sports field. Renovation of the Nelson Mandela School is delayed and over budget. The Aquatic Centre has had a soft opening this week, will be fully open on November 17th and will be a welcome service for the whole community, not just Regent Park.
  - **First Parliament Site.** The land for this site is now in City hands. A Working Group is being set up and Councillor McConnell would like a CRBA representative involved. Also, funding has been set aside for a new library to be built in 2016 on or near the First Parliament site.
  - **Working Group started for Jack Layton Ferry Terminal.** Goal is to build a more memorable / special space for the Island Ferry terminal.
  - **PanAm Games Site.** In the West Don Lands, site of the PanAm Athlete's Village, infrastructure is in, building construction has started and the park is completed and is "resting and growing" until it officially opens. Infrastructure Ontario says things are on budget and on time.
  - **Good Shepherd Centre.** There are some frustrations about activities around the GSC. Councillor McConnell has spoken with the head of the Good Shepherd Society and is working with the CRBA and other community members on improving relations with the GSC, possibly setting up a Community Liaison Committee.
- **Question & Answer Session**
  - *Why is asphalt being pulled up at First Parliament Site?*
    - For archeological investigations. NB: site may be a parking lot until it is ready for development, likely after Pan Am Games.
  - *Suggestion that all parks need new, more, better lighting. What funds are available for this?*
    - PM would like to see extension of Underpass Park and other parks improvements in Corktown. She will hold a public meeting early next year to map out projects in her ward that receive Section 37 funds. Notes that most developments in Corktown are not affected by Section 37 funds as the developments do not exceed density limits.
  - *Shuter Street and its feeders are very dusty and dirty from Regent Park / Nelson Mandela School construction. What can be done to get it cleaned regularly?*
    - Construction Liaison Committee should be addressing this. PM was not aware the CLC was not working well, will follow up.
  - *Thank you to PM for adding parking along Shuter St. Request to create more attractions for adults and people without children in Corktown.*
    - Lots of amazing things coming to Corktown and its immediate neighbours that are for everyone of all ages - parks, cultural centre, etc.

- *Noise complaint about mobile shredding services operating in front of local businesses.*
  - PM will work with the affected business owner on this.

## Miscellaneous items

- **MPP Murray's Community Planning Meeting.**

(Larry Webb, Ed, Barbara) MPP Glen Murray held a Community Planning Meeting Nov. 5th for Corktown and Distillery District. Discussed First Parliament Site, planning a meeting at the site early in 2013 for interested parties. Also discussed health issues and money available from the Ontario government for studies related to health services, particularly around mental health. Anyone interested in participating in a Steering Committee on local health services, please email [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca). More info on our MPP's Community Planning can be found at [TorontoCentrePlan.org](http://TorontoCentrePlan.org).

- **Please write for the Corktown!**

(KI) Articles and advertisers are needed for the Corktown, the CRBA's seasonal newspaper. Please send any articles or ideas to [editor@corktown.ca](mailto:editor@corktown.ca) and send any feedback on anything else to [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca)

## Coming Events

Date	Event
Nov. 26, 2012	West Don Lands Committee meeting at 7PM - 39 Parliament St. (open)
Dec. 1, 2012	Corktown Christmas Turkey Dinner - Dominion on Queen. Check corktown.ca for details or call Dominion to make reservation.
Dec. 4, 2012	CRBA public meeting at 7PM - Dominion on Queen. Guest: Division 51 Police Services
Jan. 8, 2013	CRBA public meeting at 7PM - Dominion on Queen. Guest: Arts & Culture evening
Feb. 5, 2013	CRBA public meeting at 7PM - Dominion on Queen. Annual General Meeting & Board elections

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