

## Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting

May 6, 2014

Dominion on Queen (500 Queen Street East)

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:05 p.m.

**Adjourned At:** 9:03 p.m.

### Attendees

#### CRBA Board Present:

Sandra Iskandar (SI), Peter MacDonald (PM), Matt Elliott (ME), Arthur Sinclair (AS), Alex Bartlett (AB), Larry Webb (LW) - Past President, ex-officio

#### CRBA Board Regrets:

Kara Isert (KI), Michele Cummings (MC), Mike Kapil (MK), Peter Coish (PC), Nahel Fekadu (NF)

#### Guest Speaker(s):

Adam Thom, Agathom Co.

#### Public Attendance:

Approximately 26

## Minutes

### Opening Remarks

- AS chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the board members in attendance and went over the CRBA's mission statement.

### Guest Speaker – Adam Thom, Agathom Co.

- Adam Thom discussed his architecture firm Agathom Co and told his unique Corktown story. Adam and his partner Katja bought their building on Gilead Place in 2003 and have watched Corktown's evolution over the last ten years. Adam shared historical photos of the neighborhood and gave an overview of Agathom's projects both in and outside of Corktown.

### Parks & Public Spaces

- CRBA Social Committee is planned a Corktown barbecue for July 5, supported by MPP's office. Plans for a basketball tournament at Underpass Park as well as representation from Toronto 2015. Details will be made available as they're confirmed.
- Representatives from the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon presented to the West Don Lands committee on April 28 about a local cheer station for the marathon on October 19. Corktown could receive a \$1,000 honorarium plus a stage set-up. CRBA will work with Friends of Corktown Common on putting together a committee. Volunteers needed – email [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca) to express your interest.
- AS continues to follow-up with Street Art Toronto regarding possibilities of murals in Corktown. There's interest in art on the overpass columns along King Street East.

## Construction Update

- **King-Sumach intersection:** LW gave an update on this project. Regular updates are being posted to corktown.ca as construction work continues on schedule.
- **Queen Streetcar closures:** ME provided details on planned intersection closures along the 501 Queen route planned for this summer. Queen & Victoria, Queen & Leslie and Queen & Broadview will all close for several weeks, necessitating diversions. Updates on diversions impacting Corktown will be provided at corktown.ca.
- **Trinity Street traffic changes:** Residents along Trinity Street would like to convert their street to one-way northbound operation to mitigate impacts from truck traffic and high-speed traffic. Distillery residents and other stakeholders have expressed some reservations about the change. Tom Davidson from Councillor Pam McConnell's office promised to coordinate meetings with stakeholders to discuss the issue and make a final recommendation.
- **Sumach Street renaming:** LW gave overview of desire to rename the section of Sumach Street between Eastern and King to "Cherry Street" to better reflect the new Cherry Street streetcar route and eliminate confusing arising from "Old Sumach." LW has discussed this with resident Sandra Schneider who is currently polling her neighbours to determine support for the change.

## Business/Community Updates

- **510 King East retail:** Dentist office will open soon. THOR Espresso bar has signed a lease for the easternmost unit. Other tenants in the retail spaces will include a spa and a Subway sandwich restaurant.
- **Other retail news:** Atelier Bistro may become a Thai restaurant. The old even & odd space will potentially become a drycleaner.
- **501 King East restaurant:** LW provided an update on the restaurant application. Building will become Gusto 501, a companion restaurant to Gusto 101 which is located at 101 Portland at King St. W. Major renovations are planned to create a three-storey space with a retractable roof. Residents expressed support for the application but voiced some concern about the need for more parking. CRBA will continue to push for a local Green P lot.
- **118 Sumach Street – Committee of Adjustment:** AB gave a presentation on 118 Sumach Street, which is currently a convenience store. AB and family have purchased the building with plans to renovate the space. Will continue to provide a retail space in addition to two residential units. No objections noted from residents in attendance.
- **Good Shepherd Manager of Community Engagement:** LW gave an update on CRBA's work with the Good Shepherd. They have created a new position to look at the public realm including the street activity outside the shelter. Corktown Health Committee reps LW, Nancy Graham and Charlotte Lombardo have reviewed the job description, which has now been approved. Hiring process will continue. Some residents expressed concern about the nature of the position and expressed a need for security. CRBA will work to monitor outcomes.

## Development Update


- **West Don Lands Update:** ME provided updates on the West Don Lands, conveying information collected by CRBA rep Jonathan Goode at the Construction Liaison Committee. Cherry Street opening is set to happen sometime toward the end of May. The Pan Am Games facilities are now 85% complete and well on schedule. CRBA continues to express the need for a bike share station.
- **Regional Relief Line Strategy:** Ole Calderone has been attending advisory meetings relating to Metrolinx and the TTC's joint Regional Relief Line Strategy. Initial feedback will set the timeline for the project. Ole recommended CRBA endorse a letter endorsing an accelerated strategy for further consultations and design work. **BOARD VOTE:** ME moved that the CRBA board endorse Ole Calderone's recommendation. PM seconded. Carried unanimously.

### Miscellaneous

- **Potential permanent change to Queen Street bridge:** Ole Calderone brought forward the idea of permanently closing the King street connection to the Queen Street bridge to car traffic, leaving it open only to streetcars, pedestrians and cyclists. Residents and board were receptive to the idea and will continue the conversation before any decisions are made.
- **Little Trinity Church:** Beverley Williams, Associate Pastor of Little Trinity Church, provided updates on the church's activities. A grand re-opening celebration for the space at 403 King East is planned for May 25, with a jazz band and a barbecue lunch. The event will be held in conjunction with Doors Open. The new space will also include free gallery space and the church is looking at holding music in the park and other outdoor events this summer. Details will be made available at corktown.ca.

### Next Meeting

Date	Event Info
June 3	<b>CRBA Public Meeting</b> — 7-9PM at Dominion on Queen, 500 Queen St E <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Councillor Pam McConnell

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