



## **Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting**

December 2, 2014 – 7 to 9 p.m.  
Little Trinity Church Annex – 403 King East

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:12 p.m.      **Adjourned At:** 9:04 p.m.

### **Attendees**

#### **CRBA Board Present:**

Matt Elliott (ME), Michele Cummings (MC), Larry Webb (LW) - Past President, ex-officio

#### **CRBA Board Regrets:**

Peter Coish (PC), Mike Kapil (MK), Peter MacDonald (PM), Sandra Iskandar (SI), Kara Isert (KI), Alex Bartlett (AB), Arthur Sinclair (AS)

#### **Public Attendance:**

Approximately 20

## **Minutes**

### **Opening Remarks**

- MC welcomed everyone to the meeting and went over the CRBA mission statement and code of conduct.

### **Construction Updates**

- The newly reconstructed intersection at King East & Sumach Street continues to be reviewed. The West Don Lands Committee has submitted feedback to the Transportation Services department at the city. Traffic light sequencing has been identified as needing adjusting, as some of the turning phases are very short. The alignment of the bike paths through the intersection is also a potential hazard.
- A section of contraflow bike lane was installed on Sumach north of King. This was a mistake by the contractor and will be blacked out until approvals are given for a Sumach contraflow lane extending from King to Shuter.
- Infrastructure Ontario has provided an update on the work to repair the King Street bridge. The new completion date target is February 2015. The TTC will need to do work on the streetcar tracks following the bridge work, which will result in a further delay. CRBA continues to monitor.
- Cherry Street and Old Eastern Avenue have opened following pressure put on Infrastructure Ontario via a survey and letter-writing campaign.
- LW is working through the process of formally renaming Sumach Street between Eastern and King to Cherry Street. Signatures are being collected from residents on Old Sumach.

### **Parks & Public Spaces**

- Winter operations have begun at Corktown Common. Washrooms are closed and pathways will not be cleared.
- The second phase of Underpass Park is materially complete but opening has been delayed until a Record of Site Condition is obtained from the Ministry of Environment. CRBA is monitoring.
- The CRBA Parks committee continues to meet to discuss ongoing Parks Improvement Plan. Sumach-Shuter Park will be the next park they look at for redesign.
- BikeShare Toronto is planning to expand into Corktown with more stations. Amanda Smith, the CRBA Cycling rep, received an email indicating stations would be placed in early 2015. Preliminary locations: Queen & River southwest corner, King & St. Lawrence southwest corner, 51 Division, Sackville & Queen, Daniels Spectrum.
- Regent Park Athletics Ground construction continues. The refurbished hockey rink is scheduled to open in December with an opening event.
- A pathway has been extended to the sidewalk on Sumach Street near Percy Park, providing a better connection to the park.

### **Development Updates**

- River Street between King & Queen is still planned for a “gateway improvement” with a gateway to Corktown element. The design has yet to be started, but the CRBA will be involved in the process.
- An Anishnawbe Health building is planned for Cherry and Front. Douglas Cardinal was originally going to serve as architect, but has since dropped out. Anishnawbe has indicated they continue to look for architectural excellence.
- The redevelopment of the Sing Tao building between Richmond & Adelaide remains on hold, but Great Gulf is expected to submit a new design and plan in February 2015.
- CRBA continues to monitor the development plan at 93-95 Berkeley/112-124 Parliament. The developer has recently resubmitted their proposal based on comments from the design review committee and is waiting to hear from heritage preservation. Details are forthcoming.
- The Queen-River Secondary Plan is close to finalized and will be debated at the Community Council meetings in January. Public meetings on development applications for the area will follow.
- Daniels Corporation has presented a plan for the redevelopment of the Government Nightclub on Sherbourne Street. They’re proposing a mixed-use plan with residential, commercial and institutional use, with George Brown College using some of the space. The development is outside Corktown but CRBA is monitoring.

### **Business Updates**

- Work continues on new retail along King East. Wine Rack and Odin Hus are expected to open in early 2015.
- Renovations continue at the Dominion on Queen. Hoping for a quick re-opening.
- Gusto 501, the restaurant planned for 501 King East, received its necessary minor exceptions at the Committee of Adjustment. Construction will begin in 2015. Residents are concerned

about parking capacity with restaurants opening. The CRBA continues to advocate for a Green P lot underneath the overpass at King & Sumach.

- The building at 573 King East has been sold and plans are in the work to create a restaurant space. Few details have emerged.

### Community Events

- The Corktown neighbourhood holiday party will be Sunday, December 7 at Fusilli Ristorante from 5 to 9 p.m. Socrates Apallas and team have led the organizational efforts. Event will include free appetizers, a cash bar, music and a silent auction with items donated from local business. All are welcome.
- Several neighbourhoods including Corktown are building a coordinated plan for neighbourhood events during the Pan Am Games in summer 2015. The goal is to ensure athletes, their families, visitors and local residents know what's happening locally. There will be a neighbourhood guide for local shops and hotels. Riverside, Corktown, St. Lawrence, Regent Park, Distillery and Evergreen Brickworks are participating. Socrates Apallas is the CRBA rep.

### Miscellaneous

- A public meeting on the Billy Bishop Island Airport Expansion will be held on December 9. Details are at corktown.ca for those interested in the issue.
- Concerns have been raised about vehicles pulling U-turns coming off the DVP to Eastern Avenue. Potential conflicts with pedestrians crossing Eastern Avenue. No immediate solution, but community will monitor.

### Next Meeting

| Date  | Event Info   |
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| Jan 6 | <b>CRBA Public Meeting</b> — 7-9PM at Little Trinity Church Annex, 403 King East |

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