



## **Minutes – CRBA Public Meeting**

January 6, 2015 – 7 to 9 p.m.  
Little Trinity Church Annex – 403 King East

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:10 p.m.      **Adjourned At:** 9:10 p.m.

### **Attendees**

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

Matt Elliott (ME), Sandra Iskandar (SI), Kara Isert (KI), Alex Bartlett (AB), Arthur Sinclair (AS), Peter Coish (PC), Larry Webb (LW) - Past President, ex-officio

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

Mike Kapil (MK), Peter MacDonald (PM),

#### **Public Attendance:**

Approximately 30

## **Minutes**

### **Opening Remarks**

- SI welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees provided brief introductions.

### **Construction Updates**

- Cherry Street remains open, but could potentially see a partial closure for the Pan Am Games. Plans are still being finalized. CRBA will provide updates.
- Residents still experience challenges with the King-Sumach intersection signal timing, with concerns that only one or two cars can pass through the intersection. Feedback has been submitted to Transportation Services with a response expected.
- Work on the King Street bridge continues. Expected completion date is still February 2015, with TTC work following.

### **Parks & Public Spaces**

- The CRBA Parks committee continues to meet to discuss ongoing Parks Improvement Plan. A meeting will be held in February to collect feedback on design elements. The date will be posted at [corktown.ca](http://corktown.ca) once finalized.
- The refurbished skating rink at the Regent Park Athletics Ground is open.

### **Development Updates**

- An Acura dealership is being constructed immediately to the south of the Honda dealership on Eastern Avenue. The OMB was involved in approving this project.

- The Queen-River Secondary Plan has been completed by staff and is available as part of the Community Council agenda for January. City Council will consider the plan at their next meeting. Applications have been made for two developments in the area. Public meetings on these developments will likely happen in February.

### **Business Updates**

- A CRBA Business Committee has been established to connect local businesses. They can be emailed at [business@corktown.ca](mailto:business@corktown.ca). The ultimate goal is to help support local business growth and eventual consideration of a local BIA.
- Odin is targeting February 2015 for their opening. Opening was delayed due to issues involved in raising the floor height to match the street. Odin will be open from 7 a.m. to midnight daily serving a variety of food options – the business is licensed.
- The old Douglas Poole location at 385 Queen Street East is set to become a restaurant. No details yet.
- Marty Millionaire has left their space at Queen & Parliament. No confirmation yet on future use.

### **Community Events**

- December's Corktown neighbourhood holiday party was well-attended and well-reviewed. Party did not generate revenues for the CRBA, so future events may need stronger fundraising component. CRBA is looking for further feedback, ideas and volunteers for next year.
- Tickets are on sale for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/ParaPan Am Games. Logistical details relating to the event, including the location of the security fence, are close to finalized.

### **Miscellaneous**

- The next CRBA meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. The board will have several vacancies due to expiration of term limits. Business representatives are needed. Anyone interested in serving should email [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca).
- After a missed issue and some delays, the next issue of the Corktowneer will be out shortly. Content deadline for next issue will be the end of January. Email [editor@corktown.ca](mailto:editor@corktown.ca) to submit articles.
- The City's StreetARToronto program has expressed interest in painting murals on the pillars at Underpass Park, partnering with the Pan Am Path program. Art needs to be completed prior to the Pan Am Games.
- Due to the Pan Am Games, the CRBA will not be able to hold their annual summer party at Underpass Park. Future times/locations will be considered.

### **Questions & Comments**

- Residents from Sumach Street reported several incidents of vehicle break-ins and home break-ins. Have been in repeated contact with the police, but are unsatisfied with results.

Residents have obtained photos/videos of the perpetrator. CRBA will schedule the police to speak at a future meeting to discuss this and other issues. Residents were reminded to report all potential criminal activity in the neighbourhood – there is a Community Police complaint form on [corktown.ca](http://corktown.ca). Please copy [info@corktown.ca](mailto:info@corktown.ca) on any relevant communications to keep us informed.

- A resident brought up the potential for a community garden in the neighbourhood. Could be part of Parks Improvement process – will be discussed at February parks meeting.
- Concern was raised about potential noise issues relating to a business on Eastern Avenue. Tom Davidson from Councillor Pam McConnell’s office suggested resident contact him to discuss possible solutions.

## Next Meeting

Date	Event Info
Feb 3	<b>CRBA Public Meeting</b> — Annual General Meeting – Location TBA

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