

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
BLOOR STREET EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION  
(BENA)  
November 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

With no objections noted, Linda Brett presided as Chair of the meeting. All attendees were welcomed, and those who are members of the current executive were introduced. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

A Territorial Acknowledgement of the meeting taking place on Indigenous Land was made, following which the meeting was called to order.

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS in Attendance**

President	Linda Brett
Vice-President	Michiel Bagchus
Treasurer	Mara Epstein
Secretary	William Rankin

**MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Adrienne Chao	35 Hayden Street
Alaric da Cunha	365 Bloor Street East
Amir Rahmani	35 Hayden
Anna Caputo	388 Bloor Street East
Caroline Bucksbaum	99 Hayden Street
Christina Ostiguy	Rogers Communications
John Burt	300 Bloor Street East (Ex-Officio)
Lee Persojla	Individual
Rev. Neil Young	St. Andrew's United Church
Paul Wong	Individual
Ron and Sandra Jordan	360 Bloor Street East

**DECLARATION OF SERVICE OF NOTICE and CALL TO ORDER**

The President declared that a quorum (6 minimum) was present, and that proper notice for this meeting was given by email as required in the corporate bylaws. Fifteen of twenty members were noted as registered and in attendance. The meeting was duly called to order at 7:02 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING from March 16, 2021**

The president requested two motions – the first to waive the reading of the minutes from previous year’s AGM and the second to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021.

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes:

Moved by Michiel Bagchus

Seconded by Mara Epstein

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2021 AGM

Moved by Michiel Bagchus

Seconded by Mara Epstein

Motion Carried

## **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE: SEE FINANCIAL STATEMENT inserted below:

Presented by Mara Epstein

It was noted (with thanks) that all dues for this year were received on time. For this year, expenditures were small, and for the most part, to cover expenses for changes/additions to the BENA Website. It was also noted that surplus funds will be allocated to an approved and specific Toronto Streetscape Project.

## **WAIVER OF APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Motion to waive appointment of Auditors for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2022

Moved by Michiel Bagchus

Seconded by Ron Jordan

Motion Carried.

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The President turned over the meeting to Ron Jordan to perform as Acting Chair.

Ron advised those members present that the corporate charter indicates there is a maximum of 12 directors allowed, with a minimum requirement of 3 directors. The following four persons have agreed to stand for re-election as Directors for The Corporation:

Linda Brett  
Mara Epstein  
William Rankin  
Michiel Bagchus

The question of other nominations for service on the executive was placed before the members and thereby opened nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, the acting chair declared the nominations for position of director closed, and the four named candidates acclaimed to the Board of Directors.

It was noted that positions of responsibility for each board member would be determined at a separate meeting to occur following both of the November 9, 2021 AGM and Information Meeting being held following this AGM.

The Position of Chair for the meeting was returned to Linda Brett.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The following report was delivered and submitted by the president Linda Brett:

### Bloor Street East Neighbourhood Association (BENA)

*Table Activities and Monitoring Report as the main body of my report and you can find the most recent one on our website. Rather than minutes of our monthly meetings, this report is updated periodically to provide us with guidance on where projects and items we follow are tracked. As we like to see progress, even slow progress, this provides us with a tool that says where we were and where we hope to be.*

*The first part talks about the Operating Committee that meets monthly to discuss current issues and projects. I would now like to acknowledge those who have been attending these monthly meeting, the building and area they represent. In doing so I hope you may consider joining us and assisting in the development and upkeep of your specific area of our footprint and the betterment of the City we live in.*

*Lee Pesojola – Glen Road – new to our group as she and Timon Shaw reached out to us for assistance in the Glen Road south improvement project*

*Linda Brett – 388 Bloor St E and the Bloor Sherbourne area*

*Ron and Sandra Jordon – 360 Bloor St E – continue going west*

*John Burt and Michiel Bachgus – 300 Bloor St East at the top of Ted Rogers Way*

*Mara Epstein – Our Treasurer goes down Ted Rogers Way at the 28 Ted Rogers Way*

*John McMillan – 100 Charles St E – the corner of Charles and Ted Rogers/Way*

*William Rankin – Our Secretary – 278 Bloor St E*

*Caroline Bucksbaum – 99 Hayden – Hayden and Church area*

*Adrienne Chow, Lindsay Crumble and Paul Smith – 35 Hayden – Hayden and Yonge to Church Street*

*If I missed anyone it is not intentional.*

*311 Reporting has been a challenge in this COVID world but we have tried to keep up in each of the segments by our reps. And John Burt in particular Please note that, after our report was prepared 311 issued a new release of a Transformed 311 which we hope will be successful and able to provide us and the City with better reporting and tracking systems for both us and the City. As an aside, At the OMB hearing on the Short Stay Zoning Bylaw, the city admitted to having to sort and tabulate the complaints received by hand which hampering it in its case and review.*

### ***Other Projects and Issues***

*The Pandemic has amplified many of the City's challenges. You will see from our report some projects have been accelerated and others delayed.*

*Major infrastructure projects and Status by age:*

*Charles/Jarvis TRW intersection and road redesign – goes back to Kyle Rae's days but shows hope of resurrection if it gets tied into the Bloor St E redesign as last reported.*

*Charles/Haden Streetscape – while on the radar, it is not likely to get off the ground any time soon as it has to wait its turn.*

*Bloor St East Streetscape Project must await the next one listed, the rebuild of the Morley Callaghan (Glen Road) Footbridges' completion. We have however, been advised that with the temporary installation of the bike lanes, the time line on this could be shortened as it may not need an Environmental Study. Normalization of the intersection of Parliament and Bloor may also be completed with this project.*

*Morley Callaghan Bridge replacement has gone to tenderer and is discussed later in this meeting.*

*The upgrade of the Bloor Yonge Subway should start soon and will be a major disruption to residents for several years. Councillor Layton may have some information on this later. Finally we cannot forget the Sherbourne Subway with the elevator exit to Sherbourne Avenue (error on the sign) which I was promised for 2006 is close to completion.*

### ***Other Major Projects***

*The Bloor Yorkville Advisory Committee has been reactivated to complete the Secondary Plan for the Bloor Yorkville area which contains the old Village of Yorkville. For those of you who are unaware, this area not only includes what we think of as Yorkville today but extends all the way to Sherbourne Street and our footprint from Yonge to Sherbourne is part of this study area.*

*The first part of this project has been an historical overview. It was apparent with the first draft produced that our portion of this study area was deficient. All of the Operations Committee members participated in providing links to the history of their specific area which was funnelled to the city staff and their consultants. Information on this and the evolution of the draft history of our area will be discussed later with Gee Chung's presentation.*

*Please read the Activities and Monitoring report of more of the projects and issue we track as this is a small sample of our areas of interest.*

*Respectfully;  
Linda Brett President*

The President then invited comments from non-residential representatives:

1. Chris Ostiguy (Rogers) – the corporate buildings are preparing for a return of Rogers employees in January 2022. Of the approximate 2400 employees, there have been anywhere from 1 to 200 employees who have been working in the offices during the pandemic.
2. Reverend Neil Young of St. Andrews was able to report that the church is now open for worship and is looking forward to welcoming the members of the congregation back into the building. He also noted that members of the congregation from Bloor Street United (West of St. George) will be joining with the St. Andrews Church congregation while major renovation work is to occur on that building.
3. Alaric da Cunha of 365 Bloor Street reported that 150 of 1200 businesses have returned so far to the building, and is expecting a return by most of the tenants in February 2022.

### **TERMINATION of the BUSINESS MEETING**

#### TERMINATION

Moved by Alaric da Cunha

Seconded by Mara Epstein

Agreed that there was no further business of The Corporation to transact; the meeting was terminated at 7:30p.m.

An information meeting for all attendees was then held and included the following speakers:

<i>Jessica Bell</i>	MPP University Rosedale
<i>Mike Layton</i>	Councillor
<i>Tyler Johnson</i>	Staff representative for Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam
<i>Michiel Bagchus</i>	Member of the BENA (BoD) (Rosedale Valley presentation)
<i>Gee Chung</i>	Historian, Writer (Yorkville/Bloor St. E. History presentation)

**BLOOR STREET EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (BENA)**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**(Unaudited)**

**YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2021**

									→ 2021 →		→ 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<b>CURRENT</b>											
→	Cash in Bank	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	26,959	→	\$.....22,429
→	Petty Cash	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	40	→	\$.....0
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	→	→	→	→	→	→	<u>\$.....</u>	<u>26,999</u>	→	<u>\$.....22,429</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>											
<b>CURRENT AND LONG TERM</b>											
→	Due to Director/Member	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	3	→	\$.....23
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	→	→	→	→	→	→	<u>\$.....</u>	<u>3</u>	→	<u>\$.....23</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)</b>											
→	Prior Year Cumulative Surplus/(Deficit)	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	22,406	→	\$.....19,879
→	Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	4,590	→	\$.....2,527
	<b>CUMULATIVE SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	→	→	→	→	→	→	<u>\$.....</u>	<u>26,996</u>	→	<u>\$.....22,406</u>
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	→	→	→	→	→	→	<u>\$.....</u>	<u>26,999</u>	→	<u>\$.....22,429</u>
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**  
**(Unaudited)**

<b>REVENUE</b>											
→	Membership Dues	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	5,064	→	\$.....4,432
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>											
→	Web Site Costs	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	474	→	\$.....1,511
→	Supplies and Annual General Meeting Costs	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	→	→	\$.....394
→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	\$.....	474	→	\$.....1,905
	<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	→	→	→	→	→	→	<u>\$.....</u>	<u>4,590</u>	→	<u>\$.....2,527</u>

## LIST OF ATTENDEES and GUESTS

Dean Rogers  
Adrienne Cho  
Al Rezoski  
Alaric da Cunha  
Amir Rahmani  
Angela Jorassi  
Angela Surdi  
Anna Caputo  
Anne Chiang  
Arlene Frank  
Barbara Wiktorowicz  
C. Dale  
Caroline Bucksbaum  
Cathy Carnevali  
Celine Carvalho  
Christina Ostiguy  
David and Jennifer (388)  
Donald Piragoff  
Gee Chung  
James Hogan  
Jennifer  
Jessical Bell  
Jim Gelcer  
John Burt  
John McMillan  
John Uni  
Karin Shani

Kate Penney  
Katharine Jurcic  
Ken Deering  
Lee Persolja  
Leonard Koskitalo  
Lewis West  
Linda Brett  
Lindsey Crymble  
Mara Epstein  
Marilyn Tait  
Mary Esther Lee  
Meaghen  
Michiel Bagchus  
Mozhgan Tabibi  
Naushad Hussein  
Neil Young  
Paul Reeves  
Paul Swarney  
Paul Wong  
Peter Schwatz-lam  
Ruth Ann Sanders Nehring  
Shirley Hammond  
Susan Okun  
Terry Tedesco  
Tyler Johnson  
William Rankin  
Dr. Wilson West