



# CORKTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

October 18, 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

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## Welcome and Introductions

Tima Hussain, chair of the Corktown Neighbourhood Association (NA), welcomed residents, guests. All attendees introduced themselves and shared why they love the Corktown Neighbourhood.

## Area Crime Manager, Report

- Hamilton Police Services were unable to confirm an officer to attend the meeting.
- Crime reports can be made [online](#) or via phone 905-546-4925. Call 911 for all crime in progress. Residents encouraged to report all crime. Police cannot keep statistics and identify issues without reports being made.

## Treasurer's Update

Opening Bank Balance October 1, 2017	\$4,455.92
Petty Cash	\$236.80
Total October 1, 2017	\$4,692.72

## Expenses 2017

Halloween 2017	\$1,234.33
Garden Event	\$698.98
Canada 150	\$1,819.90
Bank Service Charges	\$121.60
Printing Flyers	\$121.22
School Rental	\$194.80
<b>Total Expenses 2017</b>	<b>\$4,190.83</b>

## **Revenue 2017**

Donations, T-Shirt Sales, Yoga	\$282.70
Councillor Farr Contribution	\$6,500.00
Bank Interest	\$1.51
<b>Total Revenue 2017</b>	<b>\$6,784.21</b>

<b>Bank Balance October 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$6,881.90</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$404.20</b>
<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>\$7,286.10</b>

## **Corktown NA**

- Tima discussed the main points of the Neighbourhood Action Plan: Engagement, Community Wellness & Safety, and Public Spaces, Public Art, and Parks. Listed are action and events the neighbourhood association coordinated in 2018 in response to the neighbourhood action plan:
  - On-going neighbourhood community meetings
  - Posters, flyers, website updates, e-newsletters, and social media engagement
  - Park clean-ups
  - Supporting resident-led initiatives and fundraising efforts like Yoga in Shamrock Park
  - Attendance and participation in Ward 2 Community Council Meetings
  - All Candidates Debate in association with other Ward 2 neighbourhood associations
  - 3 Neighbourhood Garage Sale
  - CP Rail Clean-Up with Stinson
  - Corktown Traffic Audit
  - Promoted Plan Local: Beautiful Streets and Spaces via online engagement and two pop-ups
  - Canada 150 mural completed in 2017 was installed in Shamrock Park
  - Established the Planning & Development Subcommittee
  - Halloween Event planned October 27, 2018

- Many of these items would not have been possible without the help of Sunil Angrish, community developer.

### **Corktown NA Planning & Development Subcommittee (PDS) Update**

- PDS formed early 2018, currently working on clarifying scope of committee. Committee was formed to help residents navigate the city planning process, facilitating discussions between residents and developers and assisting in the statutory process.
- Policy on Developer Consultation has been developed. Previous model of “consultation” was inadequate. Consultation Policy sent will be sent to developers on what is expected for public neighbourhood consultation and meaningful engagement with residents.
- 2018 Committee Accomplishments:
  - Development Map has been created in Corktown. This indicates all developments that are currently in process within the neighbourhood, pertinent information outlined for each development on pinpoint.
  - Community meetings are being held for consultation and assistance in delegation process.
- Next PDS meeting scheduled November 13, 7 PM - Planted (225 John St S). New members are welcome.
- PDS meeting for the John & Charlton development will be on November 27th, 7 PM at Planted.
- Looking ahead for 2019, neighbouring areas will work together on development map and communicate developments that affect adjacent areas.
- Email PDS at [pds@corktownhamilton.ca](mailto:pds@corktownhamilton.ca)

### **Join the NA**

- Next meeting November 6, 2018, 7 PM at Planted. Email [info@corktownhamilton.ca](mailto:info@corktownhamilton.ca) if you'd like to attend.
- If you are interested but unable to attend, contact us and we'll coordinate another time to answer any questions.

### **Updates from Jason Farr, Ward 2 Councillor**

- Recognition of current campaign and all candidates running.
- Gratitude and recognition of Neighbourhood Associations work in 2018; park clean-ups, meetings, engagement, traffic safety, etc.
- Plan Local/Beautiful Streets: public planning campaign. Neighbourhood representatives will be contacted to review the results and move forward plan. The

budget is split between 6 neighbourhoods. Results to be shared following election as part of 2019 budget.

- Augusta/Young Development: No update available.
- Augusta & Walnut building: no update since owner, Terry Cutler's attendance at a community meeting last year.
- 18-22 and 24-28 King St Gore Park Development: updated heritage preservation as per historic designation, moving forward with development and preservation. Initially 24-28 were slated to be razed but now facades will be preserved as well as a 50 ft depth of the structures.
- Patrick Birmingham, industrialist heir, has purchased the Chester's Beer of the World building at 62 King St E. Current proposal includes boutique hotel, restaurant managed by The Other Bird, and fitness studio.
- James St Baptist Church, new developer has come forward to undertake development per original concept.
- Province of Ontario is mandating for increased density. Laneway housing will be allowed moving forward without land severance applications and limited development fees, for example Wheeler Lane in Durand.
- An attendee noted the retaining wall at rail trail has been cut by the City. The forestry department is to cut back trees in area. This was undertaken to increase visibility and safety in the area.
- The City is developing a new housing and homelessness action plan. Currently there is a housing crisis, homelessness is very visible.
- Vacant buildings fund is paid into for any buildings which are left vacant for periods of time. These areas are monitored and secured for public safety.

### **Jason Thorne: General Manager Planning & Economic Development**

- Currently managing a team of 800 within department, divisions; planning, growth management, building department, economic development, tourism & culture, by-law enforcement, transportation planning & parking, and LRT office. Current goals are to attract development, new business, and grow communities sustainably.
- City requirements vs encouragement for new developments. Planning for community consultation is requirement for application. Developers are encouraged to consult prior to application while plan is still in infancy.
- Downtown Secondary Plan update: council has approved the plan. Plan has been appealed through the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). The appeals are basic and the City hopes items can be addressed easily to move forward with plan. Context of the plan is general guidelines of City requirements for development in adjacent areas.
- City wide residential zoning is being reviewed and amended in 2019 to harmonize all areas. Commercial zoning has been previously amended.

- Challenges to zoning by-laws are being reviewed, how to address the diversity of Hamilton's neighbourhoods in catch-all zoning.
- Zoning changes to include controversial items such as basement apartments which are allowed in areas but not throughout City. Airbnb: commercial in residential areas, licensing - concerns of low rental availability and high costs. The City has a [Short Term Rental Housing Survey](#) to gather resident input on the subject.
- Affordable housing: subsidized housing, market rental rate, shallow affordability - below market rent. Allowing additional units, not constraining housing supply, mix of unit types with incentives and bonusing.
- City is pushing for public realm benefits outside bonusing; appropriate sidewalks, extra walkways.

## Other

- Tima thanked everyone for attending.
- Please visit our [website](#) and social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)) for more information.

