



RMRA Meeting March 25, 2014

1. Attendance and Notes on Attendance:

7 exec members, approx. 10 residents/visitors. Chilly weather.

2. Community Updates

1. Lynd and Howard Park intersection – City is proposing to narrow Howard Park and restrict turns onto Dundas to right turns only, and adjust traffic and pedestrian signals to make the intersection safer. Council needs to approve this and then it needs to find its way into the budget. It is not anticipated before 2016. Josie from Master Mechanic will make some changes to her site to enhance safety as well, in terms of signage and directing traffic and parking direction on her site to calm traffic.
2. Bloor and Dundas development across from subway right at the GO train station behind the Crossways building. Condo development – 23 storeys terracing to an 8 storey building at Dundas. This was approved at the OMB. It will connect to the subway and GO. Metrolinx is working with Crossways to create a connection from that site to the transit stations.
3. Historical Society is going dormant for a while but will still have Facebook presence. The last event will be Sunday May 4th, and will focus on all of the old movie theatres on Roncey, some of which are now stores, and places where movies were filmed.
4. Wabash Town Square – timeline is to finish at the end of the summer
5. DRPG has funding and will build a park at the corner of Dundas and Roncey this year.
6. 383 Sorauen settled on terms at the OMB hearing – it is a 10 storey building that steps back to 6 storeys but there is a front façade that goes up 8 storeys so the step-back will not really be evident from the front of the building.
7. Pedestrian hazard under the bridge on Lansdowne has been noted and city departments will be resurfacing and repairing. The community is looking for the sidewalk to be widened and bike lanes, and repairing the retaining wall. It is a major route between the neighbourhood and the No Frills.

3. Special Guests

Cheri Di Novo, Meri Newton

Community liaison officers from Police Division 11 were expected but did not attend the meeting.

Cheri provided an update on a number of issues – Clean Trains, noise walls; Cheri is working towards electrification in 2015 and more information from Metrolinx; 2017 electrification is not a promise according to the transport minister – no tabled budget or time frame. Budget is intended to be tabled in May. Job creation is a big issue for NDP now, especially with loss of manufacturing jobs. Cheri's office at Dundas at Keele is available for assistance with issues and access to other politicians and provincial bureaucrats.

4. Main Event – Community Safety

Problem Properties Task Force- chaired by Gord Perks and includes city staff from health, building inspections, fire, police, etc. The committee works to solve issues having to do with properties creating problems for neighbours. Call Gord Perks office to report any problems. The committee deals with Queen and Dundas commercial properties for the most part, some rooming houses – noise, some drug issues,

Meeting adjourned just before 8 pm.