## **Humber Bay Shores Condominium Association**

# Summary Board of Directors Meeting June 15, 2017

This summary provides information on community activities and interests discussed during the June 15, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. It does not include administrative details and financial reports.

**Present:** Don Henderson Bal Harbour President

Jim Reekie Vice President

Laura Nash Marina Del Rey Phase III Secretary

Stephanie Mahoney Treasurer

Joyce Luesink Beyond the Sea Phase I Heidi Scott Explorer at Waterview

Kathy Winter Grand Harbour A/B & Towns

Eleanor Sled-Kurrie Grand Harbour C

Bette Brooker Hearthstone by The Bay

Jim Simone Nautilus

John Cardoulis Newport Beach Tom Arkay Palace Pier

and by invitation,

Sue Grimes Recording Secretary, Broadmoor Meeting Services

**Regrets**: David White Beyond the Sea, Star Tower

John Petrie Grenadier Landing Dina Godinho Lakeside Place

Toni Lisi Marina Del Rey Phase I Tom Killeen Marina Del Rey Phase II

Jeremy Greenberg Ocean Club TBD Palace Place TBD Voyager I

Mary Hutcheon Voyager II at Waterview

Jim Faichnie Waterford Sherali Najak Waterscapes Vladyslav Kostyuk Westlake Tower

#### Canada 150 Celebrations

- Humber Bay Shores is one of four venues for City of Toronto Canada 150 celebrations.
- The event is being planned as a family day featuring food, refreshments, and music and dancing within a licensed area.
- Celebrations will run from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and conclude with a fireworks display from a barge off Huber Bay Park West point.
- There will be two stages for entertainment, food trucks and a beer garden able to accommodate 2.000 people.
- Bike racks and porta-potties will be installed.

- HBSCA has assisted City organizers regarding communications and meetings with other local groups such as Friends of Humber Bay Park (FOHBP), yacht clubs, BIAs, as well as First Capital Realty regarding overflow parking needs.
- Extra TTC buses will accommodate visitor drop-off/pick-up stations close to the venue, and will be staged on Marine Parade Drive at the end of the event to help crowds exit the area.
- HBSCA was assured by the organizers that the parkland would be cleaned after the event, with minimal effect on the environment.
- Vehicular access will only be available to yacht club members and Farmers Market vendors.

# POPS (Privately Owned Publicly Accessible Spaces) – HBSCA Position

The HBSCA position on POPS, which was approved at the April 4, 2017 Board meeting, has been published on the HBSCA Facebook page and website, and will be published in the next Humber Happenings. Mr. Henderson is preparing a letter of concern to Councilor Mark Grimes on the matter, which will include the HBSCA position statement.

### **Traffic and Transportation Meeting**

On May 29, HBSCA Executive met with Councillor Grimes, Police Services, parking enforcement representatives, and City Traffic and Transportation staff regarding ongoing community issues related to signage, signal lighting timing, line painting and trail problems.

The City Parks and Recreation staff has not provided any other City staff or the HBSCA Trail/Cycling Committee with any advanced notices of dates for trail reconstruction. However, it is known that the work will begin near the bridges, and the pedestrian walkway will be widened by six feet. A very general scope of work for the trail enhancements has been posted on the HBSCA website and Facebook page.

Police confirmed at this meeting that cyclists on the trail travelling over 20km per hour can be ticketed. HBSCA has warned the Parks and Recreation Dept. of safety issues related to speeding cyclists, and has asked for larger speed signs along the trail, especially where multiple types of users converge. Councillor Grimes is aware of the lack of response from Parks staff.

### **Architectural Community Resource Group (ACRG)**

The ACRG, on which HBSCA is represented, met on April 5 and is working with the City to develop a proposal for the building project in Humber Bay Park East which is part of the Master Plan for Humber Bay Parks. The Plan incorporates a much more modest facility than the City originally presented in September 2016, to house washrooms, a small meeting room and maintenance facilities.

### Friends of Humber Bay Park – Children's Initiative

HBSCA donated funds for the wood and stakes, and Mr. Henderson assembled and delivered the signs for the sign-painting project held at Studio Connect, a local small business.

# Walkabout with Councillor Grimes and Assistant Kim Edgar

On June 6, Mr. Reekie and Mr. Henderson conducted a Humber Bay Shores walkabout with Councillor Grimes and Assistant Kim Edgar. Issues discussed included tree replacement, Jean Augustine Park pond problems, sidewalk repairs, pedestrian crossings, garbage along the shoreline, fires at night, pruning of overgrowth for unobstructed sight lines, parking/speed enforcement, refurbishing the fountain behind Marina Del Rey, and decommissioning the fountain at Grand Harbour next to the trail. These walks are conducted from time to time, after which Councillor Grimes and Ms. Edgar add the items to a list of needed work sent to City staff.

### John Cardoulis - Stepping Down as Executive-at-Large

Although Mr. Cardoulis is stepping down as Executive-at-Large due to his commitments as President of Newport

Beach condominiums, he will remain the HBSCA representative for Newport Beach. Mr. Henderson thanked Mr. Cardoulis for his assistance with HBSCA activities.

### **Humber Happenings**

Approximately \$3,000 per issue will be saved by cancelling Canada Post delivery of Humber Happenings. The magazines will be delivered in bulk to member corporations and set up in HBSCA branded magazine racks in the mailrooms for residents to pick up. Staff in each building would store the racks away until the next issue. HBSCA will cover the one-time cost of approximately \$1,000 to supply the racks. Mr. Henderson has been distributing extra or leftover magazines to local advertisers.

## **Village Court**

Mr. Reekie advised that Mattamy Monarch was still responsible for the maintenance of the Village Court landscaping, and still have an obligation with the City under the Precinct Agreement to replace any dead trees and shrubs. Refurbishment work has begun. At some point, the five condominium corporations around Village Court will have to assume responsibility for maintenance. Ms. Scott expressed concern that the work may impede pedestrian traffic during the Canada 150 celebrations, and confirmed that she would obtain additional information at her corporation's board meeting tomorrow.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Communications Committee**

#### **Summary of HBSCA Board Meetings**

The Summary of Meeting document, as well as the HBSCA website, Humber Happenings, the HBSCA Facebook page and the Trail and Cycling Facebook page are valuable communication tools for keeping member condominiums informed. Mr. Henderson emphasized the importance of HBSCA representatives circulating the Summaries of Meetings to their Boards of Directors. For member Boards of Directors wishing additional detail, HBSCA meeting minutes and financial statements are available upon request through their HBSCA representative.

### **Traffic and Transportation Committee**

#### **Marine Parade Drive**

- Mr. Reekie advised that in an effort to improve traffic control and pedestrian safety, HBSCA Executive
  have had preliminary discussions with City Traffic and Transportation staff regarding the viability of
  turning Marine Parade Drive into a one-way westbound street. Community consultation involving local
  retail and residents would play a significant role in the decision-making process.
- A light-signalled pedestrian crossing will be installed on Marine Parade Drive at the Village Court.
- Two three-way stops are planned for Marine Parade Drive; one at Silver Moon Drive and another at Marginal Blvd. The stops will be installed once the new streets, currently owned by the developers, are assumed by the City.

#### **Street Parking Issues**

Mr. Simone raised the issue of street parked vehicles blocking roadway access around Nautilus and was told that the City cannot ticket on private property. Corporations and their management companies affected by this issue should instruct their security companies to ticket vehicles for parking on private property.

### Lake Shore Blvd W. Streetcar Track Project

Work is not expected to begin before January or February.

## **Transit Reset Study**

Mr. Cardoulis reported that the quarterly Transit Reset meeting will be held next week. The meeting will provide a progress report to the Stakeholders Advisory Committee, on which HBSCA has representation.

The formal position on the City of Toronto website regarding a Go Stop at the Christie site is that it is not feasible due to existing highway structures and overpasses. However, Light Rail Transit (LRT) is currently in the plans from the City west to the Humber Loop. HBSCA representatives are advocating to bring the LRT line a little further west to a transit hub being discussed as part of the First Capital Realty development plan for the Christie site at Park Lawn. The decision-making process will likely take two years.

## **Master Transportation Plan**

The City is drafting a plan that will incorporate input obtained during two well-attended local community meetings. HBSCA is a member of all the resource groups being consulted and reports are issued to HBSCA Directors following each meeting.

### **Planning and Infrastructure Committee**

Prior to Mattamy's take-over of Monarch, Monarch had committed to just under \$1 million for development of the park area south of Village Court. Although the take-over interrupted further discussion, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Reekie recently met with Mattamy Monarch to review the history of the HBSCA relationship with Monarch and reaffirm HBSCA's interest in participating in future planning, especially in regards to such matters as the park area south of the Village Court, visitor parking accommodation, and retail offerings. Mr. Reekie and Mr. Henderson were assured that HBSCA would have an opportunity to provide input. Lago and Riva are the two Mattamy Monarch projects currently underway.

#### **Beautification Committee**

#### Clean Up Day

Mr. Cardoulis reported that approximately 100 people participated in a successful Clean Up Day, and a lot of garbage was collected.

#### Jean Augustine Park Pond

Since Jean Augustine Park was constructed in 2007, and in spite of design changes over time, it was poorly designed and has been poorly maintained and represents a safety hazard. Last week Mr. Henderson, Mr. Cardoulis and another Newport Beach resident met with a total of 12 officials that included City Parks staff, Councillor Grimes, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to discuss a permanent solution.

As a result, a motion has been approved by Etobicoke York Council to change the design and to receive a proposal from City Parks planners and the TRCA to simplify the design from a natural pond to a more finished water feature. The meeting information is available on the link to the Toronto Meeting Management Information System (TMMIS) on the City of Toronto website. This project will also require TRCA approval.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **Farmers Market**

Promoting the Farmers Market on Facebook has generated 50 to 80 new HBSCA Facebook friends, and attendance at the Farmers Market has increased from approximately 100 to approximately 250 people per hour.

## Waterfront Festival - August 11 & 12, 2017

Planning is well underway, and all entertainment has been booked. A band will perform on Friday evening from 7 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and the Saturday event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with approximately 45 to 50 vendors attending. Video screens will be a new feature this year. The event will be promoted on Facebook. Marine Parade Drive will be closed beginning Friday at noon, except for TTC.

Eden Restaurant will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary by sponsoring the Friday evening band, a free barbeque on Friday, and T-shirt and hat giveaways. Mr. Henderson noted that Eden has been a great corporate sponsor for HBSCA events, and regularly advertises in Humber Happenings.

## Golf Tournament - July 31, 2017

To date 12 foursomes have registered of 25 foursomes needed. Mr. Reekie requested at least one foursome from every member condominium. The Golf Tournament flyer will be sent out to HBSCA members shortly, and will be posted on Facebook and the HBSCA website.

# **REVIEW OF COMMON ISSUES**

This agenda item provides a forum for member corporations to benefit from shared experiences, provide information on results from completed projects, and request input or recommendations on a variety of issues.

### **Monitoring Traffic Volume and Speed on Palace Pier Court**

City Traffic and Transportation will be installing a traffic counter on Palace Pier Court in the next month or two to monitor traffic volume and speed. At the request of HBSCA Executive, Police Services set up a digital sign for a couple of days to advise drivers of their speed and radar was also set up for a day. This type of monitoring could be considered for Marine Parade Drive in the future.

#### **Privately Purchased Fireworks Set Off in the Park**

Concern was expressed regarding fireworks being set off in the park throughout the night. It was unlawful to set off fireworks in City of Toronto parks, and HBSCA Executive has raised the issue with Councillor Grimes and recommended that if fireworks are not permitted in parks, then a proposal should be taken to Council to ban their sale in the City of Toronto. The Councillor has not yet responded to this request.

Mr. Henderson emphasized that to support HBSCA efforts on this and various other issues, and generate increased police patrols, residents need to contact call 311 to report these types of incidents. Mr. Henderson has also been requesting installation of surveillance cameras along the roadways.

#### **Green Bin Waste**

Green waste collection was discussed. The newer buildings have tri-sorters, Newport Beach and Palace Place collect green waste, and Palace Pier residents deposit green waste in a special receptacle in the garbage chute rooms on each floor where it is collected twice daily.

The City of Toronto set up a table at the most recent HBSCA Meet and Greet for member Boards of Directors, and pending legislation will require all buildings to participate in green waste collection.

#### Thank You to Grand Harbour

Mr. Henderson thanked Grand Harbour for collecting \$900 toward the Clean Up Day event. Grand Harbour is the only HBSCA member that has contributed to events in this way.

## **Garbage Collection Fees Overbilled**

When investigating why their garbage collection fees were so high, Beyond the Sea had to install cameras to

prove to the City that sometimes the trucks were lifting the bins twice to empty them completely, which generated a double charge for one bin. This matter has since been resolved, but they were not reimbursed retroactively for the overbilling. Mr. Henderson advised that for a couple of years, until they could back up their investigation with camera evidence, Bal Harbour was paying for the City's stated requirement for a second employee to assist with backing up the truck, even though there was never a second employee.

## **Property Tax Assessment**

Ms. Brooker, Hearthstone by The Bay reported that of 41 Owners who submitted a Request for Reconsideration relating to their property tax assessment, 22 had their taxes reduced.

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