

**Minutes of the Meeting of York-Eglinton BIA  
Held on October 29, 2002  
At the  
Fairbank Memorial Community Center  
2213 Dufferin Street**

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| Present were: | Mr. Arnold Rowe          | Chairman             |
|               | Mr. Nick Alampi          | Vice Chairman        |
|               | Mr. Lascelles Rose       | Treasurer            |
|               | Mr. Howard Samuels       | Board Member         |
|               | Mr. Dominic Capartorto   | Board Member         |
|               | Mr. Abdulwassie Berhan   | Board Member         |
|               | Councillor Howard Moscoe | Councillor           |
|               | Mr. Ron Nash             | Toronto City Office  |
|               | Ms. Joy Correica         | Toronto City Council |
|               | Ms. Letna Allen          | Recording Secretary  |
|               | Ms. Sue Fenaglia         | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Joe Fenaglia         | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Basil Blake          | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Enzo Torrone         | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Lascelles Rose       | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Francine Paradis     | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. John Pecchia         | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Anthony Mistretta    | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Mary Spina           | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Toni Imbrogno        | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Tom Papadimoulos     | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Enid Atkar           | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Helga Weigert        | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Michael Weigert      | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Louis Niang          | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Lorecco Pasquale     | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Phillip D'Guiseppe   | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Magdi Andrawes       | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Bernade Morales      | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Henrich Plummer      | BIA Member           |
|               | Mr. Biai Chen            | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Virginia Kyriakpoll  | BIA Member           |
|               | Ms. Jennifer Clarke      | BIA member           |
|               | Mr. Joe Torrone          | BIA member           |

**Meeting Called to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Arnold Rowe. He welcomed all the Board Members and BIA members present.

Each person was asked by the Chairman to introduce himself by name and business address.

**Reading of Minutes:**

The minutes were taken as read.

Mr. Enzo Torrone moved a motion to accept the minutes as read; this was seconded by Phillip D'Guiseppie.

The motion was put to the meeting and was unanimously carried.

**Correction of Minutes:**

The venue of the last meeting should read, the Maria Schucka Library on Eglinton Avenue West and not the Fairbank Community Center.

Mr. Joe Torrone moved a motion to adopt the minutes; this was seconded by Mr. Lorecco Pasquale.

The motion was put to the meeting and was unanimously carried.

**Matters Arising:**

• **Tree Lights**

Mr. Phill D'Guiseppe showed concern about the absence of lights in the trees. The matter was deferred pending Mr. Nick Alampi's slide presentation.

• **Structure of BIA**

The Chairman, Mr. Arnold Rowe, in his remarks outlined the structure of the BIA as stipulated by the City of Toronto. Mr. Phil D'Guiseppe questioned the election of Board Members.

Mr. Ron Nash explained to the persons present, the procedures that are required to be followed and the term of office for the Board of Directors as stipulated in the by-laws of the City with regards to the BIA. He explained that the names of the members elected at the AGM are sent to the City for approval.

Mr. Rowe mentioned that there were two vacancies to the Board to be filled but the Board was seeking to fill three (3) positions to complete the slate.

• **Nomination of Members**

The floor was opened to accept nominations for the vacant positions on the Board.

Mr. Enzo Torrone was nominated to be a member of the Board by a motion by Mr. John Neretlis. This was seconded by Mr. Nick Alampi.

This motion was put to the meeting and was unanimously carried.

Mr. John Neretlis was nominated to be a member of the Board by a motion by Mr. Joe Torrone. This was seconded by Mr. Anthony Corona.

He will replace Mr. Lefler, who verbally indicated that he no longer wished to serve on the Board.

This motion was put to the meeting and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Tom Papadimoulos was nominated to be a member of the Board by a motion by Mr. Nick Alampi. This was seconded by Mr. Enzo Torrone.

He will replace Mr. Maurice Rose, who verbally indicated that he no longer wished to serve on the Board.

This motion was put to the meeting and was unanimously carried.

- **Sub-Committees**

Mr. Nick Alampi introduced members who were on the sub-committees. He was congratulated by the Chairman for the tremendous success of the sidewalk sale. He was applauded by members.

### **Visual Presentations**

- **Parking**

A presentation was done to explain to members that ground was soon to be broken for the parking lot along Eglinton Avenue in the vicinity of Alameda Avenue. Buildings were purchased from the City for new parking lots. It was noted that merchants were not informing customers of new parking lots.

General By-Laws for tow away zones was discussed.

- **Plants Beautification**

Members discussed the plant beautification project. Mr. Alampi asked all members to assist in watering the plants to keep the area beautiful.

- **Hydro Pole Lights**

Members were told that this was a cost-sharing project between the City and the BIA. The total cost for the project was expected to be One Hundred and Six Thousand dollars (\$106,000.00). The goal for completion was February 2003 but not later than June 2003. The number of units expected was between Forty (40) and Forty-Five (45).

### **Other Presentations**

- **BIA Directory/Website**

A mall concept was discussed for the BIA directory, noting each store and a color scheme; BIA boundaries would be included in the directory. The members also discussed a website.

It was discussed that with a website we could have an on-line directory.

- **Banners**

Members discussed a banner project for next year. The number of banners expected to be located in the York-Eglinton BIA is Eighty-Five (85) for the years 2003 to 2004.

- **Advertising**

Advertising was aired in Italian and English; commercials were also played on 93.5. However commercials were not aired on Chin Radio.

- **Tree Lights**

The tree lights installation was illustrated and explained. Members were curious about why some of the lights were not working – they were informed that this was due to vandalism, kids interference and electrical problems.

- **Sidewalk Sale**

The entertainment that was given during the sidewalk sale was discussed. It was mentioned that flyers were sent out and commercials were aired on community radio stations. Flyers were printed and Twenty Three Thousand (23,000) were distributed by a contracted distributor. Two Thousand Five Hundred flyers (2,500) were hand delivered by the BIA office.

- **Street Graffiti**

Members were asked to remove graffiti if it was near to their stores.

- **Garbage**

It was noted that the main area of garbage pile-up was identified to be the tenants' garbage. The Councillors Office was in discussions with Mr. Nick Alampi for major garbage clean up of the laneways.

The Councilor proceeded to explain why charges are made for garbage. He was asked to conduct a special meeting to discuss garbage.

### **Activities for 2001-2002**

- By-Law inspectors on Eglinton.
- Busted business violation for garbage.
- The closing down of Esso on Dufferin/Eglinton
- A new library to be opened soon

### **Budget**

One Hundred and Nine thousand Dollars (\$109,00.00) would be the budget for 2003, the same as that of 2002.

The Chairman explained the importance of the budget and its purpose. He stated that funds must be held back to continue other events and/or projects. Mr. Ron Nash also explained why surplus was withheld and used later.

Francine asked for a report of monthly meetings because of problems she was experiencing.

### **Newsletter**

The Chairman stated that a newsletter was in progress.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Torrone, which was seconded by Ms. Jennifer Clarke.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.