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FALL 2021 Newsletter Articles

Beach Triangle Residents Association

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 6th, 2021

Virtual Participation via ZOOM

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See Annual Report and AGM Agenda in this Newsletter

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'HISTORY' COMES TO THE BEACH

Edythe Gerrard

On October 22nd, 2021, a big new neighbour is coming to 1661 Queen Street East in the Beach.

'History' has been in development for three years, with the goals of anchoring the community, delivering music and culture, driving economic activity and creating employment opportunities.

The new venue will be brought to us by Drake and Live Nation. It is a 2,500 capacity concert venue. It will feature a convertible general admission area and a reserved seating configuration. It is a mid-size space that will be important for artist development and touring acts. They plan to host 200 events a year, to include live entertainment, galas, concerts, community programming and events.

To compare the amount of seating at the new venue: The Royal Alex seats 1,244, The Princess of Wales seats 2,000, and the Elgin/Wintergarden theatres combined seat 3,589.

The groups that will appear are already listed on Ticketmaster.

Councillor Brad Bradford said "when Drake attaches his name to a project you know it will be world class....it is going to be



something special."

Drake was born in Toronto in 1986 and he is a big fan of his city. He even gave us our nick name of "the 6ix", based on the original area code, 416, and the six communities that came together to make today's Toronto. About 'History', he said he enjoyed playing in smaller venues like this one. He wants to create an incredible experience for artists and fans.

Live Entertainment has been around since the '90s. Live Nation Entertainment was formed in 2010 when Ticketmaster was acquired. It is the world's largest ticketed seller and promoter.

I have lived at 1800 Queen Street East for almost 45 years, so I question aspects of my new neighbour just three blocks to the west. Among my concerns:

Is there adequate parking? (The police are concerned that there may be show-goers parking on neighborhood streets.)

Will TTC service be adequate (especially during shows)?

Are there adequate nearby pubs/restaurants to serve the crowds that will be there?

Will there be a broad range of programming? (Announced shows appeal to a younger crowd)

Will security be adequate? (Recent long-weekend fiascos give cause for concern)

Welcome 'History' to the Beach, let us know what you think: BTRA.com or ellisjohn@rogers.com.

HOME HISTORY

Three Cedars #6:

The Troublesome Third Storey Invaders

John Ellis

On November 1st, 1973, my wife, Beverley and our children, Douglas and Amber, moved into 52 Rainsford Road. The previous five articles were "Moving In", Winter 2017; "Early Renovations", Spring 2018; "Driveway Adventures", Winter, 2018; "Porch Adventures", Spring 2019; and "Dining Room Adventures", Winter, 2019.

In 2015 the first clue that we had invaders in the attic was when, during a heavy rainfall, we saw water dripping down the second storey stairway wall! The next morning I was on the phone to a local roofer. He quickly found the problem. The shingles on the south slope of the roof were in bad shape and raccoons had chosen a bare spot near the roof edge to claw through the roof deck, letting in the rain.

How to get them out? I found a source in Scarborough who would rent me two cages with doors that would trap the raccoons once they went inside for tempting treats. The cost: \$300.00. The traps were delivered, immediately baited, and hoisted into the attic.

Meanwhile, the roofing company got busy with re-shingling.

The next day, I clambered back into the attic and, to my dismay, found that these raccoons weren't one bit hungry – the traps were not occupied. The roofers now pointed out that they had to repair the hole in the roof and shingle over it.

I decided to try chasing the raccoons out through the hole. As they scampered effortlessly away, I struggled to stay on the rafters and not plunge through the ceiling below. All I got from this was a hole in my shirt due to a protruding nail. The roofers shingled over the hole.

NOW what could I do? In desperation, I hatched a bizarre plan. We would see if they would exit through the house!

That evening, we set it up. Happy that the house still had

rooms with doors, we shut all of the doors to the hallway on both floors, but left the front door open. I then put the ladder up in the second floor hallway to the attic and pushed the attic door open. Bev stationed herself in the downstairs hallway in front of the kitchen door and I crouched to wait and watch at the east end of the second-story hallway.



It seemed to take forever, but finally I saw the mother raccoon poke her head out of the attic door. She looked around warily and then retreated. After another long wait, she came out again and tentatively tested the top step on the step ladder. Satisfied, she then walked down the ladder, down the hallway, down the stairs, and out the front door! Success! But what about the babies?

After another long wait, a baby raccoon (cute as can be) poked its little head out, checked the scene, tested the ladder, and followed mama's example down the ladder, the hallway, the stairs, and out the front door.

Not long after, two more followed suit. Now just one left.

This one made us wait a long time but finally looked out and then retreated. Awhile later, it repeated the cautious scanning of the territory but now it tested the top step of the ladder. My spirit soared – almost done! Then it retreated yet again!

Now I was getting worried. I waited fretfully. Finally, the timid creature came out again and with some fumbling, descended the ladder, moseyed down the hallway and the stairs, and out the front door.

With great relief, I got the useless traps out of the attic, closed the door and took down the ladder, while Bev reopened the hallway doors and closed the front door (quickly, as I recall!).

Our Raccoon Adventure was over and our roof was repaired!

Next: A look at the longer-term history of Three Cedars and some final notes.



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Beach Triangle Residents Association Annual Reports

June 01, 2019 to May 31, 2021

Presented at the Annual General Meeting held Wednesday, September 29, 18:30
[Corpus Christi Church Meeting Room] [and/or Virtually by Zoom]

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m., Chair
2. Approval of Agenda: Chair
3. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting: Secretary (N/A: No AGM in 2020)
4. President's/Vice President's Reports: President/Vice President
5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer
6. Newsletter/Website Report: John Ellis/Jared Brookes
7. Old Business/New Business: Chair
8. By-law Amendments: Chair
9. Nominating Committee Report: Jeff Levitt
10. Election: Chair
11. Adjournment: 8:00 p.m., Chair

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hans Looije, President

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in restrictions on public gatherings that prevented holding of an Annual Meeting in 2020. We therefore are now reporting for two years.

Under the expert management of director Laura Inward, the 2019 Street Fest event was a great success, addressing our goal to increase the connection of Beach Triangle inhabitants and businesses. As a result of extensive publicity, an estimated 350 residents (big and small), ventured onto Dixon Avenue to enjoy food, friendship and music along with bike tune-ups, kid's activities, local fire and police demonstrations, and even Super Heroes. Thank you to the BTRA, Barrett Inward Real Estate Group, Velotique, Spokes 32, Plastic-Free Beach Toronto, Welbanks Mortgage, Kathryn Crichton, Mateo Lewis, Kyokushin Karate, Toronto Fire, Toronto Police, City of Toronto, and Ruth Allen for their sponsorship and involvement in the event.

Turnout for the 2019 Annual General Meeting barely made quorum despite greater promotion and great speakers. It was decided that in future we would plan on minimal attendance.

In 2020, regarding Board Meetings, we adopted a policy of the Secretary reporting monthly actions and decisions by e-mail, with approval also by e-mail. This successfully enabled the Board to be active and functional without face-to-face meetings.

Beach Triangle businesses were severely affected by the pandemic. Meat on the Beach, a long-time newsletter advertiser, closed after decades of service (although not due to COVID-19). Happily, most of the staff was hired by Bruno's at Queen and Woodbine.

Regarding the environment, flooding of Woodbine Beach in 2019 was noteworthy.

Until the pandemic closed down public meetings, Jeff and/or I attended most meetings dealing with issues that related to the Triangle and residents. BTRA maintained membership in the Confederation of Resident Ratepayer Association (CORRA) and Greater Beach Resident's Association (GBRA).

In the fall 2020 newsletter, I reviewed decades of life with my late wife in the Beach Triangle and my service to area residents. I am moving out of Toronto to live with my son and his family.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeff Levitt, Vice-President

From 2019 to 2021, I have been very active in monitoring development applications at Queen and Coxwell, and Queen and Kingston Road; representing BTRA policy to ensure compliance with the city's Urban Design Guidelines for Queen Street –

guidelines we worked hard to establish. I also served on a committee regarding restructuring of the Ontario Municipal Board.

We supported the signalized intersection on Woodbine at Columbine, as frequently called for by area residents.

COMMUNICATION REPORT

John Ellis, Robert Looije

In 2019, our new Webmaster, Robert Looije, worked with the former Webmaster to restore and upgrade the website. Two newsletters were distributed throughout the Triangle. Content included articles about a shooting on Queen at Woodbine, Triangle history, Historical Society updates, safe intersections, closing of Queen at Kingston Road for months of construction, and business challenges.

Ad rates were increased by 45 per cent but the value of the Triangle Topics newsletter was proven, as every advertiser continued without complaint (ad revenue is the only source of income for the BTRA).

In 2020, Robert Looije and his wife, Skye Vandenberg, resigned as Webmaster and Greenery Chair respectively, due to moving out of Toronto. Happily, Jared Brookes volunteered to take on Robert's role as Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, and Facebook Manager. Jared has been oriented by Robert, and was appointed as a BTRA Director.

In the fall 2020 newsletter, we reported on the Ashbridges Bay Landform Project, introduced an 'In the News' feature (historic news coverage of Triangle streets), area developments, Historical Society updates, and the closing of Day's End Hotel (but continuing as a women's hostel).

Again due to the pandemic, only one newsletter was produced in 2021. Because of a growing problem in finding volunteer distributors, we hired a professional company (at a very reasonable cost).

TREASURER'S REPORTS

John Ellis, Treasurer

June 01 2019 to May 31 2020			June 01 2020-May 31 2021		
Balance: June 01 2019		\$2840.74	Balance: June 01 2020		\$2688.70
REVENUE			REVENUE		
Advertising Revenue	\$1570.00		Advertising Revenue	\$890.00	
Bank Interest	.89		Bank Interest	1.17	
Total Income		\$1570.89	Total Income		\$891.35
EXPENSE			EXPENSE		
Printing	\$779.05		Printing	\$387.05	
Street Fest	850.00		Events	-0-	
E-transfer Fees	10.50		E-transfer Fees	4.50	
AGM (2 x \$19.19)	38.38		AGM	-0-	
CORRA Membership ¹	45.00		CORRA Membership	45.00	
Total Expense		\$1722.93	Total Expense		\$436.55
Balance: May 31 2020		\$2688.70	Balance: May 31 2021		\$3143.50

Notes:

1. In 2019 we printed two newsletters but only one in 2020, decreasing printing costs by \$392.00.
2. Printing only one newsletter resulted in a decrease in ad revenue of \$680.00.
3. No Street Fest event in 2020 resulted in a decrease in Expense of \$850.00.
4. Thus, we closed the 2020-2021 fiscal year with a net gain of \$454.80 over 2019-2020.

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CORRA: Confederation of Resident and Ratepayers Association

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

(A copy of the complete By-law is available on request)

7.1 Current:

"The Board shall consist of a minimum of seven and a maximum of eleven members, including Past Presidents who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the ensuing fiscal year. If there are more candidates than required, a ballot shall be used in the election, with the seven members receiving the largest number of votes being elected. In the event of a tie, a run-off ballot will be used."

Amendment:

- a. Delete 'including Past Presidents' because this position was eliminated.
- b. Delete 'seven' and, after 'being elected', add 'within the target range of directors to be elected' because the limit is really up to eleven.

7.2 Current:

"As soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting, the directors elected at the Annual General Meeting shall choose from among their own number the following Executive: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer; and shall appoint directors to as many Committee Chair positions as deemed appropriate."

Amendment:

Replace 'two Vice-Presidents' with 'Vice-President' (The position of Second Vice-President was eliminated.)

7.7 Current:

"The First Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President, and the Second Vice-President in the absence of the President and First Vice-President."

Amendment:

Delete 'First' and 'and the Second Vice-President in the absence of the President and First Vice-President'. (The positions of First Vice-President and Second Vice-President were eliminated.)

9.1 Current:

"Candidates for the Board will have attested to or demonstrated an interest in devoting their time and talents to the operation of the BTRA. Candidates for President or Vice-President must have served a minimum of one year on the Board of Directors."

Amendment:

In the second sentence, after 'Candidates for', add 'appointment as' to make clear that this condition applies only to appointments to positions of President or Vice-President.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

(An election in 2020 wasn't possible due to no AGM being held,)

Seeking Re-election:

1. John Ellis, Secretary-Treasurer, Ad Manager
2. Dawn Barbieri, Environmental Chair
3. Edythe Gerrard, At Large
4. Laura Inward, Community Connection Chair
5. Jeffrey Levitt, Vice-President, Zoning Chair
6. Christy Watt, At Large

Seeking Election:

1. Jared Brookes, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Facebook Manager
2. Lisa Lafave, 30-year Triangle Resident

The positions of President and Greenery Chair are presently vacant.

John Ellis, Secretary-Treasurer

Hans Looije, President

TBETHS UPDATE

John Ellis

The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society has suffered disruption due to COVID-19, as has all other associations and businesses in the Beach. Nevertheless, use of ZOOM technology has permitted Board meetings to continue and the resumption of Event presentations for the membership. There was a 'learning curve' as the first virtual presentation, "What Made Them Decide to Enlist? A Look at the Boys of Malvern" was launched in November. This was followed by the biggest turnout in TBETHS history in March 2021, for Brian Floody, "Talks about his Father, Wally Floody, and the Great Escape", and more record turnouts for Adam Bunch's presentation on "The Toronto Book of Love", and finally, for Paul Warner's presentation "The Price Brothers and Building the Beach". [Most of the homes on Queen Street between Kingston Road and Lark are Price Brothers homes.] Events will resume in September.

TBETHS has upgraded the website and made great progress in converting over 13,000 hand-written library index cards on Beach history into digital format to be added to a search program on the website (TBETHS.com) in order to make Beach history conveniently accessible to the world.

Despite the pandemic, a successful membership campaign was executed, resulting in 69 members, the second-best result ever.

The Society is taking action, through a member's Project Team, to question a proposed development at 1631 Queen which would result in a 20-storey tower on Eastern Avenue. Concern firstly focuses on possible implications for the Urban Design Guidelines for Queen, intended to maintain the 'village' character by limiting street faces to four stories and, secondly, on implications for Eastern Avenue.

Finally, the resignations of Uwe Sehmrau, President, and Clyde Robinson, Vice-President, both due to personal commitments, resulted in John Ellis becoming President, Deborah Livingston-Lowe becoming Secretary, and Glenn Chadwick adding Membership Secretary to his Events Manager responsibilities.



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IN THE NEWS... RAINSFORD ROAD

John Ellis

During my frequent historical research projects, I treasure the excellent Toronto Public Library archival service for The Globe and Mail and the Toronto Star. I recently decided to look at historical items for streets in the Beach Triangle – first, Rainsford Road. In the last newsletter, we looked at the strange story regarding the explosion that destroyed the original 49 Rainsford Road. As time goes on, I'll look for such news about the other streets in the Beach Triangle.

The tragic accident at 45 Rainsford Road

FOUR IN ONE FAMILY ARE KILLED BY GAS

Wife and Three Children of F. J. Hogarth of Rainsford Road Asphyxiated.

Illuminating gas wiped out the family of Frederick J. Hogarth, 45 Rainsford road, late yesterday afternoon. His wife, aged 31, and four children, Helen, five; Archie, four; Willie, three, and Baby Fred, nine months, were found asphyxiated in the kitchen. The tragedy was discovered by William Brown, a cousin of Mrs. Hogarth, on his return from work at 5.30.

Almost crazed by the sight of Mrs. Hogarth and the three children dead on the floor, Mr. Brown rushed out of the house and raised the alarm. Three doctors, Drs. J. P. Coates, 1889 Queen east, Dr. Chas. Clark, 1986 Queen east, and Dr. Burgess, 2 Glen Manor drive, were called. The doctors and neighbors worked on Mrs. Hogarth and the children till the palmtor from the Consumer Gas Works arrived. Two nurses were also rushed to the scene. The rescue party worked for two hours, and were forced to give up.

Coroner Burgess reported the affair to Chief Coroner Johnston, and after investigation, it was decided that

death was accidental and no inquest would be held.

The theory held by the neighbors and the police is that Mrs. Hogarth had been in the kitchen washing the dinner dishes, and the children were assisting her, when it is believed that she left the room. The children were playing house and making a make believe supper. During the mother's absence the children probably turned on the four large burners and the gas escaped with great rapidity. The children had shut themselves in the room.

It is thought that the mother smelt the gas and rushing to the kitchen found her kiddies unconscious. The sight caused her to faint. Mrs. Hogarth had attempted to reach her baby, for when found, she was lying on her face with the infant in her arms.

Mr. Hogarth, who is a member of the plumbing firm of Hogarth and Fiddes, 122 King street east, has lived in Toronto over 20 years. Mrs. Hogarth's parents are a well-known family of Whitby.

Toronto Star, March 19, 1919

Footnote: Frederick Hogarth was the son of Henry Hogarth, plumber, who owned the handsome Queen Anne brick residence at 1903 Queen Street East, on the City of Toronto Heritage Registry List.

FIVE OF FAMILY BURIED

Mother and Four Children, Victims of Gas, Laid to Rest.

Hundreds of people congregated in St. John's Cemetery, Norway, on Saturday to witness the interment of Mrs. Eva Hogarth and her four small children who died accidentally last Tuesday from asphyxiation. A short service was conducted at their late home, 45 Rainsford road, by Rev. A. E. McGill, acting rector of St. John's Anglican Church, many friends and relatives of deceased being present.

Two hearses, the first carrying the dead mother and the second carrying the bodies of the children, led the funeral procession. A line of motor cars, the first carrying Fred Hogarth the husband and father, brought up the rear. As the house was only a few blocks away from the cemetery many people attended both services. The deceased were laid to rest in the Hogarth Plot, the mother in the grave to the north and the four children Helen aged 5, Archie, aged 4, William, aged 3, and the baby Benjamin, 9 months alongside.

Toronto Star, March 24, 1919

CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: BEACHES CHILD CARE CENTRE

Jeff Levitt

Triangle residents are likely aware from articles in the Beach Metro News and Councillor Bradford's newsletter that the City of Toronto intends to redevelop the site of the present Beaches Child Care Centre located at 1631 Queen St. E. (S.E. corner of Queen St. and Coxwell Ave.).

The redevelopment is part of the City's Housing Now initiative to repurpose City-owned sites to provide affordable rental, market rental, and market ownership housing options.



The proposed redevelopment will consist of a single building with heights of 6 storeys facing Queen St., 18 storeys (plus 2 storey mechanical penthouse) facing Eastern Ave., and 12 storeys in the middle. The building will be entirely rental, with a total of 279 units of which 50% are targeted as being affordable.

The redevelopment has raised many questions in the community, including the appropriateness of an 18 storey building facing Eastern Ave., and also about compliance with the applicable urban design guidelines and Site and Area Specific Policy of the Official Plan which limit the height of buildings on the site to 6 storeys. In particular, there is concern that the height of the redevelopment may serve as a precedent for future developments along Queen St. also seeking to exceed the 6 storey height limit under the design guidelines and Official Plan policy.

Councillor Bradford and City Staff are fully supportive of the redevelopment, and do not believe that it will serve as a precedent for future developments along Queen St., due to the uniqueness of the 1631 Queen St. site (in terms of its depth, frontage on two main streets – Queen and Eastern – and lack of adjacent low rise residential properties).

Two Community Consultation Meetings have taken place, and the redevelopment is scheduled to be considered by Toronto and East York Community Council on September 21 and by City Council on September 30.

BTRA has advocated for City Planning Staff to clearly state, in the Final Report to City Council on the project, the planning rationale for why the redevelopment of 1631 Queen St will not set a precedent for future development along Queen St. E.

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