

Hello friends!

How time flies. It is amazing that GBNA is almost celebrating it's second anniversary! In this update we'll briefly cover the upcoming Annual Meeting as well as several of other GBNA activities.

Queen & Woodbine

All of us continue to wait for the 'Shell' site OMB decision and not much can be reported until that time. However, we have already started our preparations for the '200 Woodbine' OMB hearing (north west corner of Queen and Woodbine) in February. We will share the 'Shell' decision with you as soon as it becomes available.

Ontario Planning Consultation

Our November 13 newsletter covered the Provincial Consultation taking place to discuss certain aspects of land use planning processes. However, the Consultation excludes the OMB's operations, practices and procedures, or it's elimination. At the December 9th Consultation workshop, GBNA will advance the position that citizens cannot have a meaningful voice in planning matters where there is an appeal to the OMB, as:

- the public can be effectively denied an opportunity to make representations to municipal council in respect of a proposed development when an appeal is made to the OMB of a 'non-decision' by the municipality within the mandated time period (as was the case with the 'Shell' site),
- even if the public has made representations to council about a proposed development, in the event of an appeal to the OMB it is the OMB, and not council, which makes the final decision, and
- effective participation at the OMB requires a legal and expert witness team, which is in most cases beyond the capacity of the public and RAs.

(The Beach Triangle RA and the Toronto Beach East RA are also registered participants at the December 9th workshop).

Parking in the Beach

The GBNA 'Parking' workgroup is entering the final phase of it's work plan on this complex issue. It will be submitting recommendations for a GBNA action plan in the near future. If you are concerned about this issue, please feel free to contact us by reply email to advise us of your interest in participating in the planning of the project.

GBNA Annual meeting

2013 has been an exciting year for GBNA, with multiple community meetings, input to Council, playing a role at the OMB and more. Many residents have joined our mailing list and have volunteered their support.

As we grow, we believe we can do more. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on December 17th will include a review of new GBNA projects and priorities for 2014.

The AGM will be attended by the Resident Associations that are voting members of GBNA (see the list below). Their support of GBNA has been outstanding and our work is only possible through their very active involvement.

Your input to GBNA

Please share any recommendations for the AGM with your Resident Association or email your questions or thoughts directly with us to be tabled at the meeting.

The Season of giving

On a closing note, this is the season to help those less fortunate than us. We hope you support one of the many charity drives by local churches, Community Centre 55 food drive and many others. Among creative examples, take a look at the 'Daily flag for Daily Bread' initiative organized by Leuty and Violet Ave residents at this [link](#).

Thank you, have a wonderful holiday season!

Jan Hykamp, on behalf of all of GBNA

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GBNA member groups

GBNA is an umbrella association with the following members:

Beach Triangle RA
Kew Beach NA
Toronto Beach East RA
Balmy Beach RA
Beach Waterfront CA
Norwood Park RA
Friends of Glen Davis Ravine

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