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Hello friends!

Three important topics for this newsletter:

- Provincial election
- Queen St. Official Plan Amendment
- Kingston Road YMCA development

Provincial Election - Feedback from candidates re: OMB reform

Two weeks ago GBNA asked the three major party candidates in our riding about their views with respect to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and its controversial impact on development in Toronto.

GBNA will report their responses in a separate communication next week, ahead of the June 12 election date. Our aim is to provide information that will help you make an independent and informed choice. For this reason, we encourage you to also attend the following all-candidates event.

Provincial Election - All Candidates Debate Monday June 2, 7.30pm

St John the Baptist Anglican Church
470 Woodbine Ave (just north of Kingston Road)

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Liberal Candidate - Arthur Potts
Conservative Candidate - Nicolas Johnson
NDP Candidate - Michael Prue
Green Party - Debra Scott

Questions for the candidates can be submitted to editor@beachmetro.com

"Area Specific Policy" for Queen Street

The City's much anticipated Official Plan amendment for Queen St. E. became more specific this week with the release of a draft *Area Specific Policy* for Queen St. E ([copy here](#)) to be considered at Toronto-East York Community Council on June 17. We are waiting for the companion staff report from the Planning Department before we can provide you with a complete analysis (expected around June 10th). Our initial view is positive in that the ASP draft has captured many of our concerns. It will elevate the legal status of the 2012 'Queen Street E. Urban Design Guidelines' such that they will be significantly less likely to be set

aside under OMB appeal.

Kingston Road YMCA development, public meeting, June 18, 7-8.30pm
907 Kingston Road (YMCA location)

The YMCA and its developer has briefed GBNA and the Balmy Beach Residents Association (a GBNA member group) on its proposal for a six story building with just over 100 condo units and expanded YMCA facilities. We applaud their initiative to engage community groups early in the process.

We reported in an earlier newsletter about the types of expectations GBNA would put forward, such as parking overflow into adjoining streets, traffic impacts, a good fit with the area, considerations for neighbouring properties and so on.

A date for a community meeting has now been set and GBNA encourages you to attend to learn about the plan, to ask questions and to provide your input.

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Who we are – Our Purpose

To build strong working relationships with those, such as city planners and our GTA Councillor, whose decisions have an impact on our community.

To continually raise our already strong credibility as the voice for an engaged community so as to influence policy decisions impacting our community.

To encourage, with the member Resident Associations that support us, a strong sense of community in the Greater Beach area, so that the changes that are occurring are ones that make us stronger and healthier.

To support only well considered growth and development that enhances all aspects of the community: economic, social and environmental, for the long term.

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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