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Hello friends!

As 2014 draws to a close, this newsletter is meant foremost to thank you for your continuing support throughout the year. It is the motivation that keeps us going!

### The year in summary

While GBNA's agenda was dominated by very controversial developments in former years, 2014 provided more time to focus on many Policy issues that fundamentally influence our neighbourhoods. With our member Neighbourhood Associations, GBNA has worked with Councillor McMahon, City Planners and policy makers on topics that included:

- Advocating for, and seeing implementation of, Official Plan Amendment 151 respecting Queen Street in the Beach
- Support for Private Member Bills 20 and 39, which proposed reforms to the role of the Ontario Municipal Board
- Submission of comments into the Provincial Land Use Planning and Appeal Systems Consultations
- Submission of comments to the City on Draft Official Plan Policies for Healthy Neighbourhoods and Neighbourhoods
- Support for the 'Letter of Mandate' direction by Premier Wynne for recommendations regarding OMB review and Municipal "ranked ballots" election models
- Monthly 'round table' meetings to help coordinate among our local Neighbourhood Associations

Details of our positions and recommendations were shared in our 2014 newsletters, copies available at [gbna-toronto.com](http://gbna-toronto.com). (The GBNA site now includes a convenient link to most of the active development applications in our ward 32).

### The future

From our activities, we hope you have come to know GBNA as an organization that cares deeply about how our communities evolve in a growing and developing City. We do not oppose development but insist that all development is respectful of applicable city and provincial land use planning policies and that the community plays a strong role in shaping those policies. We believe that our elected officials and public administrative staff should be open to community concerns and be transparent in their decision making.

We plan to stay the course in 2015.

We hope that we have delivered again to your expectations this year. Thank you for your encouragement and support, have a wonderful holiday season and stay in touch in 2015!

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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. Associate member groups: Beach Hill Neighbourhood Ass'n; Kingston Road Village Neighbourhood Ass'n.

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