TICA TALK

News From the Toronto Island Community Association Executive

Committee Updates

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Considerable concern has recently been voiced regarding the garbage pickup on the Island and how the new bins and new collection system will be implemented here. A Garbage Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 21, at 7:30pm at the WIA. Councillor Pam McConnell and Rob Orpin, Director of Solid Waste Collection Services, City of Toronto will explain how the new collection service will work on the island and answer our questions.

On Thursday, October 23, at 7:30pm at the WIA, a Community Meeting will be held. The audited financial statements will be presented and voted on. Reports from the Trust and TICA committees will be presented. In addition, minor changes to the Governance By-law of the Trust will be presented and voted on. Please see the article in this issue for further details of the proposed changes. The Purchasers' List By-law has been in effect but has never officially been passed at a Community Meeting so we are taking this opportunity to ask the community to do so. It can be viewed at the Trust office or at http://torontoisland.org by clicking on "Land Trust" and then "Purchasers' List Bylaw" in the links section at the bottom of the page.

The third meeting will be presented by the Toronto Island Housing Initiative (TIHI). As reported in the last newsletter, they are working towards creating more housing on the Island. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community of its activities to date and to get feedback on the proposals being considered. There will be displays for participants to interact with (maps of the area under consideration for housing with cut outs for you to play around with). There will be members of TIHI available at the end of the Community Meeting on the 23rd to talk to anyone who would like to have more information.

Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30pm
Garbage Meeting (WIA)

Thursday, October 23 at 7:00pm
Community Meeting (WIA)

Thursday, November 6 at 7:00pm
Toronto Island Housing Initiative Meeting (AIA)

NOISE

Freya Godard

In the last couple of months the Noise Committee has been in touch with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission (the AGCO) about getting the noise from the party boats and the Guvernment night club under control. We've had promising discussions with an AGCO inspector, who has been in touch with the worst offenders.

After improving for a couple of years, the noise from Parks events was bad again this past summer. In the next few weeks we're going to be meeting with Pam McConnell about both the noise and the security problems (especially around the marina) from Parks events.

Over the winter we're hoping to set up an on-line noise log so that anyone who wants to record a noise complaint can do it on-line.

TRANSPORTATION

Here is a reminder of policies regarding vehicles on the Island.

Vehicle Code of Conduct

1. Respect the pedestrian nature of the Island Park and Community.
2. Obey the posted speed limits: 10km/h in the community, 30 km/h in the park.
3. Refrain from blocking roadways. They are used as sidewalks.
4. Park in designated area.
5. No idling.
6. Display permit tag at all times.

Community Code of Conduct re: Vehicles

1. Minimize use of vehicles when possible.
2. Ensure the vehicle you are bringing over is within size guidelines.
3. Ensure the driver is aware of the Vehicle Code of Conduct, notably the speed limits, idling, and not blocking the roadways.
4. Be responsible for the vehicle when it is on the Island.
5. If you are getting an oversize vehicle, make sure your neighbours are aware of the situation and are in agreement. Have someone responsible there to receive the vehicle.
6. Follow up with your neighbours in case problems have arisen.

Criteria for Permanent Vehicles

1. No personally owned vehicles.
2. Vehicles to be appropriately licensed and insured.
3. Vehicle operator to be clearly identified on all vehicles. (Beasley, Parks, etc.)
4. Permits to be clearly displayed at all times.
5. Parking options must be available away from community.
6. Limit multiple vehicles operated by individual organization. (Marina, Artscape, etc.)
7. Must operate according to Vehicle Code of Conduct.
8. Periodic review of all permanent vehicles and removal of those not conforming to criteria.

GOVERNANCE BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

The TIRCT Governance By-law contains the rules for the governance of the Trust. It was approved by the board of directors and approved by the community in September of 1994. Amendments were made and approved by the community in March of 2000, the only significant one being the change in quorum for official community meetings to 50 people. Over the past year or so, Alison Stirling and Pam Mazza have been working on additional amendments to update the document. In February of this year, TICA executive members attended a seminar with Alison Stirling and Mary-Ann Haney so that we could become more familiar with the by-law and to discuss the proposed amendments. Most of the amendments are not of great significance but below is an overview.

The section on who is a member of TICA has been clarified by removing references to "protected occupants" which no longer exist. Aside from that, who can be a member of TICA remains the same. The three options for voting (by show of hands, by secret ballot at a meeting, and by secret ballot at a polling station) also remain the same. For practical reasons, polling stations will no longer be required to be open for two hours following a community meeting. The Membership and Election Committees are now referred to as the Voting Committee and does not require a board member to sit on it. Electronic notice is now an acceptable method of providing notice to a community meeting if requested by the member.

For the full documents or more details, please contact the Trust office.

Community Messages

FERRY DOCKS WAITING SHED

James Dann, Manager Enterprises, Toronto Island, Ferry Docks, Golf Courses

We will be expanding the enclosed waiting area and adding two substantially larger heaters. The previous heating unit was far too undersized for the existing space. The previous walls will be re-used with additions added on to increase the size. This should accommodate more benches and we are exploring tables as well.