

TICA TALK

News From the Toronto Island Community Association Executive

Committee Updates

TICA MANDATE

The purpose of TICA is to represent the Toronto Island Community and its members on those issues that require broad community consensus and to liaise with the Toronto Islands Residential Community Trust, the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario or other organizations as required.

NEW TICA EXECUTIVE

Your new TICA executive consists of Ellen Allen (Co-chair), Jane Davidson-Neville, Fran Ford (Treasurer), Gaye Jackson (Secretary), Pam Mazza (Vice Chair, External Relations), Kiloran McRae, Mary Middleton, Nina Nakajima, Glen Newbury, and Adam Zhelka (Co-chair).

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE **(Chaired by Nina Nakajima)**

E-group and website policies were formalized at a meeting of those involved. The policies regarding the two e-groups are shown below. Two mailing lists serve the Toronto Island community. Many Islanders belong to both lists. There may be some overlap in content, mostly of the announcement type. But please remember that not everyone has a computer or wants to join a mailing list; it would still be good to put up paper notices.

1) TORONTOISLAND@YAHOOGROUPS.COM

Moderators: Sandra Wood, Eric Zhelka

Members: Anybody (a public group). There are currently over 900 members.

Content: Information about people and events related to Toronto Island community and park. It is an announcement group rather than a discussion group. The moderators exclude postings deemed to be unrelated to the Island.

To join: Go to the website <http://groups.yahoo.com/torontoisland> and click on the button "Join This Group".

2) MYNEIGHBOURS@YAHOOGROUPS.COM

Moderators: Sandra Wood, Eric Zhelka

Members: Island residents only (a private group for Wardsies and Gonkies) with the exception of the Toronto Islands Residential Community Trust Administrator

Content: Unrestricted but must follow the principles below.

- Please ensure that your messages are safe for kids. When composing your comments, consider that they may be quoted by someone else.

- Use the same courtesy that you would show when speaking face-to-face with someone. Flames, insults, and personal attacks will not be tolerated.

- Sign your name and address on every posting. Please do not post anonymous messages.

In case of non-compliance with these principles, the moderators will employ a stepped warning system before removing the person from the group.

To join: Contact Sandy Wood at sandrawood@woodsresearch.com and provide your email address along with proof of Island residency.

PUBLIC & MEDIA RELATIONS COMMITTEE **(Chaired by Gaye Jackson)**

A brochure is in the final stages of preparation and will be available for visitors to the Garden Tour in June.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE **(Chaired by Adam Zhelka)**

Parks have agreed to relocate the parking area by the Ward's dock to a new location along the main road. Although just a very short distance away, the new spot will lessen vehicle activity in the immediate vicinity of the busy dock area and will hopefully improve aesthetics in that the vehicles will be less in the line of sight and more hidden by bushes. Strategically placed rocks or other barriers will keep vehicles out of the current spot. Look for this in the coming weeks.

May 25, 2006

Work is ongoing in the efforts to get other payment methods accepted at the city docks (i.e. credit and debit cards) but this does not appear to be happening anytime soon. Certainly James Dann (who is one of the City Staff in charge of the docks) heard about this and other concerns at the recent community meeting. As well, efforts to have Parks develop a long term capital plan for ferry and dock renewal are continuing. It is hoped that the revenues generated by the ferry service can be put back into the service rather than disappear into general revenues. Lastly, the recent unveiling of several proposals to revamp the waterfront covered many possible scenarios and included plans ranging from leaving the city ferry docks as they are to totally relocating them to a new unspecified location. Obviously, any definite plans are some time away

but this may provide an opportunity to create a more accessible and enjoyable ferry terminal. We will be watching this process develop.

At the Community Meeting on May 7, James Dann promised to make the ferry budget available to the community. Once TICA receives it, it will be available for viewing at the Trust office.

WATERFRONT ISSUES COMMITTEE
(Chaired by Pam Mazza)

CommunityAIR is looking for a volunteer to coordinate a fundraising event. There are lots of people willing to help.

Toronto Islands Residential Community Trust Matters

Marilyn Nazar, Trust Administrator
COMMUNITY MEETING

Well, we reached quorum with 56 community members in attendance. Thank you all for coming out to hear James Dann and Warren Hoselton. The budget was passed unanimously, with Douglas Epps staying after the meeting in case there were still people wanting to cast their vote. This year we cancelled the voting time that has traditionally been scheduled for the following morning as in the past, no one has shown up during that time (and it saves someone having to be at the Rectory Café for 6:30 am!). We will probably do the same next year as well, and will also include the proxy sheet with the packages that get sent out in advance.

RENOVATIONS

The first phase of Rectory renovations have been completed. They included updating the mechanics in the Café and fire proofing the building as well as new stairs and a new floor by the washrooms. The next phase will entail

replacing and refinishing the wood floors downstairs and upstairs and painting the stairwell and upstairs offices.

LEVY AND PHOTOCOPIER PAYMENTS

Invoices went out for use of the photocopier from July 2005 to end of March 2006. As well, reminders were mailed out to those of you who still have not paid your 2005/06 levy payments which were due last November. Payments can be made to the Trust office either by dropping them off in the mailbox just outside the door or in person during office hours – please do not slide them under the door.

OFFICE HOURS

The Trust office will be closed Tuesday, May 30, but will be open Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1 at the regular time. Office hours are normally on Tuesday to Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I am often in earlier or later, but call first as I may be in a meeting or out running errands for the Trust.

Community Messages

NO PERSONAL MOTORIZED VEHICLES

At the Community Meeting, Warren Hoselton reminded us that personal motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Island.

NO DUMPING OF YARD WASTE

Warren also reminded Island residents to not dump their yard waste in the meadows.

UPCOMING CONCERT

Broken Social Scene, Bloc Party, Feist, J Mascis, and Raising the Fawn will perform at Olympic Island on Saturday, June 24. This is an all ages event and gates open at 1:00pm. Islanders may enter via the back gate at the Olympic Island bridge near the Centre rides. For more information, e-mail glen@newburyng.com.