Pocket Community Association
Annual General Meeting
Welcoming the First Nations School
May 16, 2017
Welcome

• Parliamentarian – Elisa McFarlane
• Elected representatives – Peter Tabuns, MPP; Paula Fletcher, City Councillor; Jennifer Story, School Trustee; regrets – Julie Dabrusin, MP
• Members
• Other guests
• PCA executive
• Regrets
• Quorum
• Agenda
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7:00-7:15 Welcome and Traditional Acknowledgement

7:15-7:30 Elections of 2017 Board

7:30-7:55 Speaker - Jonathan Kakegamic, Principal, First Nations School of Toronto

7:55-8:00 Motion about TTC Greenspace

8:00-8:20 Break – Lemon Square Bake Off & Refreshments
Identify Your Priorities for the Pocket

8:20-8:45 Announcement of Bake Off Winner
Committee Reports

8:45-9:00 Community Discussion
Door Prize Draw

9:00 Adjourn
Thanks

• To the First Nations School of Toronto
• To our community sponsors:
  - VON DONUTS
    713 Danforth
  - NORMANDIE BISTRO
    820 Danforth
• To tonight’s speakers
• To the great team of executive members, committee members and volunteers during the past year... and to tonight’s bakers
Reflecting on 2016 & 2017 – PCA Mission

The PCA’s mission is to:

• Promote a strong, vibrant, walkable, livable and safe community

• Empower residents of our neighbourhood through community involvement, and

• Liaise with local officials and organizations on behalf of the Pocket community
Strong, Vibrant, Walkable, Livable and Safe Community

- Events
- Committees
- Art in the Park
- Road mural
- Neighbourhood support
- Walkability consultations
- Communications
- Membership benefits
- Governance
Empower Residents

**Town hall**

- **Tuesday May 31**
- **POCKET TOWN HALL MEETING**
- Eastern Commerce Collegiate
  16 Phin Ave.
  Please use Phin Ave. Doors
  Tuesday May 31st 7pm to 9pm

  * "Our Evolving Community"
  * The transformation of Eastern Commerce
  * Welcoming First Nations K-12 school
  * Caused by the Toronto District School Board
  * Planning underway for an Avenue Study of the Danforth
  * Special Guest: Dr. Duke Redbird
  * Stephen Wicksens, Danforth East Community Association
  * Refreshments provided

**Community canvass**

- Door-to-door canvass of Chatham Avenue to hear residents’ views on contra-flow bike lane

**Community design**

- Condor, Ravina, Baird – design, placement
Liaison

• Worked with TTC to maintain Oakvale Green & liaised re water drainage, fence repair at Queen Victoria, and permanent Shudell solution

• Began developing relationship with Toronto First Nations School which moved to the former Eastern Collegiate in January 2017

• Liaised with Mosque regarding the February 2017 vigil and ongoing relationship
Other Business

- Secretary’s report
- Approval of minutes for 2016 AGM
- Treasurer’s report
- Elections
- Speaker – Principal Jonathan Kakegamic
- Motion
# Treasurer’s Report - Income

The Pocket Community Association  
Profit & Loss  
January through December 2016

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Total income in 2016 = $18,251
## Treasurer’s Report – Expenses & Net

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List of Nominees – Elected by acclamation

• Susan McMurray – chair
• Robyn Switzer – vice chair
• Rebecca Nelson – secretary
• Coline Morrison – treasurer
• Gemma Parker – membership coordinator
• Garvey Chi – communications coordinator
• Lori Zucchiatti O’Neill – fundraising coordinator
• Allison Evans – member at large
• Dalreen Fobler – member at large
Jonathan Kakegamic, Principal
First Nations School of Toronto

Introduction by Jennifer Story, School Trustee, Toronto District School Board

• In her introduction, Trustee Story talked about the history behind the move of the school to the former Eastern Commerce and also about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She said how lucky FNST is to have Jonathan Kakegamic here, having recruited him from the school in Thunder Bay where he was Principal for several years.

• Principal Kakegamic spoke of his personal and professional history and experience, and how that motivated him to move to Toronto to accept the position.

• The First Nations School of Toronto moved into its present facility in January 2017, after a challenging move during the two weeks school was closed for Christmas holidays. Its vision is to empower future leaders with a strong cultural identity to be contributing members in a global society.

• The school currently runs Kindergarten to Grade 8, with a special Grade 9 program also offered. In Fall 2017, the school will expand to include a full Grade 9 offering. By 2020, FNST will offer full K-12 education.

• Principal Kakegamic invites the community to join the school each Friday afternoon at 2 pm for drumming and circle.

• The community is also welcome to join FNST at its Pow Wow on Friday, June 23rd in the football field. (Sunrise ceremony; Pow Wow begins at noon)
Motion - passed

That the Pocket Community Association formally relinquish its Memorandum of Understanding with the Toronto Transit Commission concerning maintenance of the PCA portion of Oakvale Green,
in accordance with City Council’s decision under item PE15.6 on December 13-15, 2016,
in order to facilitate turning over control and maintenance of the space to Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation,
with the understanding in writing that Parks will maintain the space according to the same standards as those currently adhered to by the TTC.
- Break -

- Lemon Square Bake Off!
- Refreshments
- Identify your priorities for the Pocket

- Information tables
- Sign up to be a volunteer!
Events

Old Favourites:
• Park clean up
• Easter Egg Hunt
• Victoria Day Fireworks
  (PCA promotes but does not run this event)
• Street Sale (this year – June 17\textsuperscript{th})
• Movies
• Neighbourhood Party in Phin Park
• Halloween
• Pumpkin Parade
• Santa – raised about $700 for Humane Society + boxes of toys for Eastview Community Centre
• Holiday Food Drive for Eastview

New Events:
• Road mural

Great Volunteers and Sponsors!
Oakvale Green – TTC

• Shudell Entrance
  – New fence and pathway
  – Entrance moved to prevent erosion of the pathway
Oakvale Green – TTC (continued)

• Worked with TTC on other maintenance and repair
  – Replaced portion of the fence and installed a new safety entrance at Queen Victoria entrance
  – Removed large wasps nest
  – Planted and replaced trees throughout the space
  – Grading and cleaning of the Catch Basin near the bridge
Greening

Pocket Tree Project
• Ongoing tree planting and occasional watering by city
• Tree losses:
  – About 10% of newly planted trees
  – Several mature trees
  – Some in danger due to heavy pruning

Phin Park
• Butterfly highway. Greg Barsoski is spearheading a push to plant butterfly and bird friendly plants in Phin. If it goes ahead, will include a canoe planter to represent our lost river. Canoe donation appreciated.
Herb Garden (formerly Project X)

- Over $4,500 raised!
- Herb garden built on May 8th by Gardenzillla
- Plants to come in next couple weeks. Red pots are for passive irrigation
- Concept is for people to take as needed leaving enough for all
PCA Outreach & Membership

• Street Captain - Captain Ellen Titus, keeps it all organized & together
• 26 Street Captains & 22 streets, door to door membership drive in May
• Maintains an accumulative membership of ~600 and 391 renewed for 2016 (increase from previous year)
• Membership Benefits: email communications on fun events & activities, committee projects, contests, a lot more ...

  Most importantly - you are supporting your neighborhood, helping to build a thriving, inclusive, safe and walkable community AND giving the neighbourhood a strong voice on issues that concern us

• Joining the PCA membership is easy
  • on-line www.thepocket.ca
  • via your street captain & PCA events membership table
Art in Phin Park Project

- Artist in Residence – Jerry Silverberg
  - Monday to Thursday 11:00 - 3:00
  - Collage, Puppetry, Print & Book Making
- Special Guest Artists – Drum circle, Origami, Storytelling & Music
- Three great years so far, and seeking funds for 2017
  - 2014 TAC grant for $7500 – July & August
  - 2015 TAC grant for $4,000 – August
  - 2016 TAC grant for $8,000 – July & August
- PCA also contributes funds
Safety

• Continuing to follow up on action items from community safety/walkability consultation

• Ongoing liaison with Toronto Police 55 Division
Neighbourhood Support & Emergency Management

• Identified as a priority issue at 2014 AGM; at 2015 town hall, participants identified possible initiatives and committee was established

• 2016-17
  – Organized St. John's Ambulance full-day emergency first aid training
  – Updated "Neighbourhood Support Resource List" in January
  – Prepared "Get Emergency Ready: Your 72-hour Emergency Kit" checklist
  – Posted "Snow Clearing" guide on website
  – Prepared FAQ list (home heating/cooling, basement flooding, etc.)
  – Created welcome packages for people moving into The Pocket

thepocket.ca – Resources & Links for many of the above materials
Fundraising

Donations of $100+

- Pocket Neighbourhood Party = $505 from silent auction
- Pocket Neighbourhood Party = $279 from general donations
- Paula Fletcher, City Councillor = $200
- Easter Egg Hunt = $135
- Phin Park Clean-up Day = $109
- Art in the Park = $100
Energy & Environment

• At neighbourhood party booth:
  – Did a formulation for homemade dishwasher detergent
  – Demonstrated gadgets including The Pocket Plug

• Committee expanded in 2017 to look at ambitious idea for addressing climate change right here in the Pocket – now called the “Pocket Change” project
  – Donald Trump may be the only human left who still denies that our climate is changing due to our consumption of fossil fuels.
  – Buildings account for roughly 22% of greenhouse gas emissions. The easiest and cheapest way of reducing GHGs is to better insulate our buildings.
  – Ontario Government and City of Toronto are offering funds to help do that. Experience suggests that it's cheaper and more effective to do this on a community-wide basis.
  – Will be returning to PCA with recommendation for a feasibility study into how we can make the Pocket a carbon-free or "net zero" community – funding is available for such studies
Pocket Change

Addressing climate change right here in the Pocket

AGM attendees discussed the proposed “Pocket Change” project and expressed enthusiasm about learning more regarding the next phase
Please get involved...
Thank you!