

**Minutes of PCA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 31st, 2023 7-9 p.m.
Via Zoom (hosted by Sarah)**

Present: Eadit Rokach (Chair), Julie Charles, Malinda Francis, Gail James, Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill, Martin Pollak, Sarah Sheard

Regrets: Absent: Marco C. Oved

Regular Business:

1. Welcome; appreciation; land acknowledgement, introductions

2. Approval of December 13th 2022 Minutes: Some small revisions to the draft Minutes were made live by Eadit, onscreen. Lori motioned to approve the now-amended Minutes, seconded by Malinda. Passed.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Martin presented a summarized Financial Report for 2022 and walked us through it. Discussion followed and Martin answered questions. Motion to approve, by Sarah, seconded by Mali. Treasurer's Report passed.

Committee Reports:

1. Communications

Julie updated us on the PCA Website. Darrell helped update the Pocket Change Committee's activities on the PCA site, in the absence of a communications person. Malinda offered her expertise to join a Communications working group formed by Julie to help maintain the PCA online presence until a communications person can be found.

2. Membership:

Julia reported current (positive) membership numbers (96) as a response to the Earlybird initiative. The Earlybird draw will be done shortly and prizes distributed to the winners in the week following this meeting. The goal now is to encourage renewals, contact some first-timers and possibly reinstate a door-to-door canvass in May, 2023. It was recognised that having a registration booth at all PCA events would really help.

3. Phin Park and Greening:

Lori reported that the PCA rink site remains in its original location due to challenges in relocating it to the basketball court. The rink is close to completion for use this winter.

Lori reported on her meeting with the Oakvale Green Community Garden Committee. TRCA has offered funding to help with six proposed projects of the PCA and Oakvale Green Community Garden and OKRA (Oakvale Community Residents' Association). Lori outlined some of the projects for 2023, including additional signage, seasonal plantings of pollinator plants and the planting of a tiny forest of approximately 300 native saplings etc. These

projects will be cost-free to the PCA. The PCA need only commit to the maintenance of these saplings.

4. Marco has forwarded a request from Crystal Dawn, a Métis, on behalf of the Danforth Nature and Climate Expo, for Cycle Toronto and TTC, May, 2023. Crystal seeks PCA contacts, used in our Eco Fair, tips for vendors used, and has asked the PCA to promote this event. We agreed to share our contacts and vendors' list but declined to promote the Expo since the event lies outside PCA boundaries.

5. Pocket Change Project:

Lori reported their not-for-profit incorporation application to NRCan has been pushed into March due to the volume of applications. Toronto Home Retrofits is the proposed name for the Pocket Change Committee's expanded citywide mandate. Pocket Change is offering a free retrofitting webinar, the evening of February 15th.

New Business:

1. PCA Constitution and Bylaws Draft

Eadit reported that a detailed markup (in red) of revisions to the PCA's Articles of Incorporation (Letters Patent) is now available for Directors' reviewing. The revised Constitution needs to be passed before ONCA's deadline of October 2024. It will be tabled until the PCA Executive's next meeting. Members were asked to read through the changes in preparation for that next meeting. In addition, Executive members need to complete their signed consent to act as directors and forward them to Sarah. So far, only Eadit, Sarah, Gail and Lori have returned their forms.

2. Martin reported word of the sudden death of a Pocket Community member, celebrated journalist Michael Finlay, following a random assault on the Danforth. His death is now being treated by police as a homicide. Members expressed their shock and sadness at this news.

The meeting adjourned.

Minutes drafted by Sarah Sheard on February 13th, 2023.