

Friends of Trinity Bellwoods Meeting Agenda
Trinity Bellwoods Recreation Centre
October 23, 2019
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

(Attendees: KatherineM, MariaK, EmilijaK, AnnaH, BruceV)
(Regrets: Carolyn W, Councillor Cressy's office, Patricia)

1. Friends Terms of Reference – Katherine will coordinate
 - a. Purpose of terms of reference would be to grow the membership and create greater transparency about role of Friends of Trinity Bellwoods regarding:
 - i. Regular public meetings (fall, winter, spring)
 - ii. How we communicate (upcoming website redesign)
 - iii. Focus on park infrastructure, green space and park programming
 - iv. **(Action)** Katherine will draft it
2. Adopt a Tree Program – New Program Coordinator, Emilija
 - a. Emilija is going to be the new program manager
 - b. This year, we introduced a watering crew with some successes as well as challenges.
 - c. Signage for watering carts could help publicize the Adopt-a-tree program. **(Action)** Katherine will share the file with Emilija.
 - d. **(Action)** Before the 2020 spring watering program, let people know that we have X number of new trees that were planted and that we need X number of new adopters.
 - e. Signs that identify the names of the species can help engage people in the program, so we'll use the tree tags that have that info next year.
 - f. Our park supervisor is Grant Drygas. Emilija will call to find out how many trees have been planted this fall and get a heads up on any future plantings **(Action)**.
 - g. Emilija is going to think about whether or not the watering crew continues.
 - h. Individual adoption will continue.
 - i. People interested in helping out should email adoptatree@trinitybellwoods.ca
3. Greenhouse
 - a. Primary expenditure is organic planting mediums like soil and worm castings.
 - b. We might need a worm bin. Worms help make soil.
 - c. The lockbox is working fine. Some people have keys.
 - d. We need basic signage at the greenhouse i.e. "This is a community green house. For more information about how to access the green house, please contact @trinitybellwoods.ca." **(Action)** Katherine will make.
4. Pumpkin Parade – 5:00 PM -9:30 PM on Nov. 1st
 - a. This year, we have had 52,000 people see our Pumpkin Parade FB event listing. We have a partnership with Shadowland Theatre Group and we will have an open firepit with marsh mellow roasting.

- b. Last year, we had 76 pumpkins.
 - c. This year, we are hoping to have two carts with volunteers who will take pumpkins off the porches on Crawford Street.
 - d. We will drop a note on people's doors on Crawford Street so that they can let us know if they don't want us to take their pumpkins
 - e. Last year, we had 400 people show up but it was not a great turnout because of the rain. We hope to double that this year.
 - f. Event cost is @\$300. Emilija is helping Katherine with organizing. Cecelia P has done a great job on social media and we have a photographer lined up.
5. Banking
- a. Should we use FB to solicit donations for Friends of Trinity Bellwoods?
 - b. Sian also spoke about possibly using a "parking meter" to solicit coin donations for Friends of Trinity Bellwoods.
 - c. Will there be a Farmers' Market donation to Friends of Trinity Bellwoods this year?
 - d. At 2019 movie nights, we paid for two bicycle valets at \$500 each to keep people's bikes off the grass and the trees during the movie nights. This year, lower number of people attended the movie nights due to poor weather, conflict with school nights, competition from other movie nights in the community, etc. Expenditure will be assessed next year.
6. Spring 2020 Calendar of Events
- a. Friends of Trinity Bellwoods will host a Clean Up Day on April 26, 2020
 - b. Where/when will the Environment Day be held in 2020 for the ward?
 - c. A Jane's Walk of Friends of Trinity Bellwoods could be a goal for 2020. What else? How about a FB poll asking people what they would like to see in 2020 (**Action**)?
7. Market Report
- a. Market report was read
8. Other
- a. (**Action**) Ask for more bike racks at park entrances
 - b. How about year-round access to washroom facilities with big signage clarifying accessibility? The community center is closed on Sunday evenings. There are so many people in the park in the evenings. Washroom access would help.
 - c. The City Master Plan has been released for Exhibition Place. It is very aspirational and is worth a look. Exhibition Place is city parkland. It should not be privatized.