

**From:** [Corktown President](#)  
**To:** [Toronto East York Community Council](#)  
**Subject:** [External Sender] For The Record: Re: TE19.18 Changes to Business Improvement Area Boards of Management  
**Date:** January 13, 2025 11:58:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [2024 CRBA Letter-To-CMoise RE-QE-BIA August.pdf](#)

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Dear Council Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council

The Corktown Residents and Business Association incorporated in 1996 with a mandate of “Promoting measures that enhance the beauty, safety, environmental and economic viability and general quality of residents and economic life in and around the Corktown area of Toronto....”

When our board heard that Councillor Moise was going to revive the Historic Queen Street East BIA from Victoria to River Streets, our directors decided to send him the attached letter.

We look forward to working with the Corktown business community from Berkeley to River Streets in upcoming round-tables and ask that Councillor Moise lend his support in helping us continue our efforts.

Sincerely

***Coralina Lemos***

*President*

**Corktown Residents & Business Association**



**The Corktown Residents & Business Association Inc** (since 1996)

*is an Ontario nonprofit community association whose purpose is to promote “the measures that enhance the beauty, safety, environmental and economic viability and general quality of residential and economic life in and around the Corktown area of Toronto...”*

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**August 12, 2024**

**To: Councillor Chris Moise**

Cc: Tyler Johnson, Sherwin Lau, Macy Parakh

**From:** Corktown Residents & Business Association Inc. board of directors (a.k.a. CRBA)

**RE:** Proposed Queen Street BIA

**Dear Councillor Moise:**

This past April 10, during the CRBA's annual general meeting, our board was first made aware of your plans to revive the Historic Queen Street East BIA, which was officially dissolved on January 30, 2008. Since it was first announced, our board has not received any communication updates from your office despite the knowledge that extending a BIA east of Ontario Street will encroach on the CRBA representational boundaries.

With regards to upcoming CRBA events, we have significant plans, starting this fall, that exemplify why we believe it is important to maintain a distinct presence for Corktown through the CRBA. We received a Transit Expansion Construction Mitigation Grant, which has allowed us to set in motion significant plans to boost the neighbourhood's economic development, while mitigating impacts of construction associated with the Ontario Line Corktown Station. Our plans include promotions, events, and branding that includes Corktown banners and pole wraps. Outcomes will include raising pride and awareness of everything Corktown has to offer, and increase local and city-wide traffic to Corktown's local businesses, including those along our neighbourhood's section of Queen Street East.



We would therefore like to request, if plans proceed with the BIA, that:

- The QE– BIA boundary terminates at Ontario Street
- Your office continues to work collaboratively with the CRBA to help promote our events.

As this matter progresses it's important that we come to a mutual agreement that will allow the CRBA to be an integral part of this discussion.

**Kind regards**

**CRBA board of directors:**

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Kristin Halliwill, *secretary*

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