

**DRAFT Meeting Notes for  
7-9 Wardlaw Crescent Community Liaison Committee  
Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

*The purpose of the Community Liaison Committee is to facilitate dialogue between community organizations, individual community members, the City of Toronto Housing Secretariat and the housing operators, in accordance with the mandate outlined in the CLC Terms of Reference. This CLC is also designed to facilitate dialogue with the City of Toronto Shelter & Support Services Division and the Salvation Army, operators of the Islington Seniors' Shelter at 2671 Islington Avenue.*

**Present:** Councillor's office – Councillor Vincent Crisanti, Amanda Da Costa – Executive Assistant; City of Toronto - Matt Hilder – Housing Secretariat, Lamia Aganagic – Housing Secretariat, Greg Katz – Housing Secretariat, Slavisa Mijatovic – Development Review, Dominik Matusik – City Planning, Ubah Tahalil – Toronto Shelter and Support Services, Arshad Valiyaveetil – Corporate Real Estate Management; YWS – Steve Doherty, Anastasia Kemp; Midaynta Community Services – Faduma Abdulle; Delta Family Resource Centre – Adi Yemane; Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Centre – Natasha Frechette, Jannette Carino; Albion Islington Square BIA – Jaimeen Baxi, Aarushi Sehgal; Toronto Police 23 Division – Staff Sergeant Gavin Jansz and NCOs; Thistletown Residents Association, John Anga; AGNEC Association - Tamara Schlosser, Danielle Xavier, Sandra Trombiero; Montgomery Sisam Architects – Jake Pauls Wolf, Kevin Hutchinson; Residents: Samrudha Jadhav, Richardo Carmen De Santis, Pablo Callea; REGRETS: Police Community Liaison Committee Richardo

**Facilitator:** Bruce Davis, Public Progress

**Committee Secretary:** Yasmin Yusuf, Public Progress

**6:30 PM Welcome and Introductions**

- Land acknowledgement
- Councillor Crisanti thanked everyone for coming and explained what the City Council had approved.
- The facilitator walked through the agenda for the meeting, requesting to push the community safety assessment plan to the next meeting and the committee agreed
- Discussed the process of creating the community liaison committee

**6:35 PM Introductions**

- Participants introduced themselves
- During the introductions there were questions raised by one committee member about the potential conflict of interest on the part of a resident member. The facilitator addressed the conflict issue and asked individual committee members to declare when and if they have a conflict and to leave the room during those items.

## 7:00 PM Council Mandated Items

The facilitator reviewed the special resolution approved by City Council,

- Mandating the formation of the joint CLC
- Requesting feedback on the building design, site plan and landscaping
- Housing Secretariat to work with the CLC and community stakeholders on the development of a community safety assessment
- General Manager of Transportation Services to consider traffic and parking issues and to work with the City Councillor to improve parking access and road safety

## 7:15 PM Wardlaw Proposal and CLC Feedback

- Presentation was done by Jake Pauls Wolf, Montgomery Sisam (design greenspace and landscape, and material used)
- The committee members discuss materials, heights, and neighborhood context
- Some of the committee members' concerns and feedback included
  - Building heights
  - Window facing neighbour's backyard overlooking adjacent properties
  - Privacy impacts
  - Lighting
- A committee member asked if we could recommend a two-storey building instead of a four storey building and the facilitator explained that that was a zoning decision made by City Council and the CLC is not in a position to undo a decision of City Council.
- Individual raised concerns about the noise, dust, lack of parking and safety concern that construction can bring to the neighbourhood

## 7:50 PM Councillor Wrap up

- The Councillor emphasized collaboration and the importance of the work that is being done
- Emphasized the commitment to addressing immediate safety concerns
- Councillor also supports ongoing community dialogue

## 8:00 PM Facilitator Wrap-up

- *Expressed appreciation for everyone, their time, and their engagement*
- *Suggested next meeting date to be Week of June 23 at 6:30 pm*

## Meeting adjourned

*A summary of this meeting has been prepared by the facilitator team and will be posted on the City's website [toronto.ca/7-9Wardlaw](https://toronto.ca/7-9Wardlaw) once CLC members have reviewed it.*