

Meeting name	Beyond Table 91		
Date	August 19, 2023	Time: 6:17pm	
Location	1884 Davenport Road, Unit 2		
Attendees			
Amber Lee Rowe (chair), Karlene Cameron (minute-taker), Tina Conlon, Ashley Bomberry, Ana Paula Oliveira, Lumy Fuentes, Suhaib Abdilahi, Dominique Brown, David Channer, Carlos Bernardes, Rachel Butler, DPCM CSJ participant: Treasure Lyons			
Notes			
Topic	Discussion		
Land acknowledgment	Read by Amber Lee		
Check in	Members checked in. Ashley introduced herself as the new Administrative Coordinator. The table welcomed her.		
Review of previous minutes and current agenda	The minutes were reviewed. Dominique approved the minutes; Ana Paula seconded.		
Business arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dominique is currently putting the work plan together for the grant submission and hopes to get funding.• She asked if our table can apply for two CCRF funds as that is her preference. David said one can be community based and the other focusing on youth violence. Tina suggested funding for the past Sunday night shooting.• With her Food Handlers status, Dominique can only accommodate up to 10 participants —5 spots for 5 youth on a first-come first-serve basis and the rest to the community. In speaking with Bryan he advised that late October would be a good time to run the programs. If no one shows up, the date can be changed.• Amber Lee is supporting the idea of applying for two grants as Dominique suggested. With doing two grant applications, our table could extend more opportunities to youth. There has not been as much of a focus on youth initiatives at our table, and we desire to provide more options. Dominique suggested having a youth focused grant with all 10 opportunities flowing to them. Amber Lee wants these opportunity extended to the wider community not just to those attending this table. If there are no additional grant funding, then our five spaces from the grant Dominique is applying for should be prioritized for youth.• —There was a brief discussion about expired Food Handlers certificates. Tina said that the exam can be taken alone without having to do the training a second time. Amber Lee said some people were unsuccessful when they retook the exam without a refresh on content, but people working in active cooking roles would have a working memory of the details.		
Action Item			
Action		Person responsible	Deadline
Get back to Dominique about applying for two CCRF funds		David Channer	September 6
Updates and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew Costa’s Economic Social and Cultural Rights to Housing course was a success. Everyone at Bread and Bricks got a lot out of it. The course material on his website is available for the community to review and will be available for one year, though Andrew does not intend to take the site down.		

<p>CCRP Support Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lumy wants to thank the City for the Safety First workshop series being a reality. She believes we need to have more of these types of preventative workshops that put neighbours in contact with each other. The feedback is that participants want something for a longer period of time, say 3 months, to become more connected and empowered. <p>Ana Paula filmed this entire workshop series to document our positive contribution towards assisting our neighbours, and so that grant funding could possibly come for other sources like the women's funding organizations. By filming this event she hopes to do a great job that also will further demonstrate the value of the program to a larger board. Amber Lee managed some of the grant logistics and led the final self-care workshop. She validated Lumy and Ana's commitment to mitigating concerns around violence.</p> <p>Lumy asked everyone to sign thank-you cards as an expression of thanks from BT91, they will be presented to the police officers who gave a presentation for the July 4th session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students from the Canada Summer Jobs program held an Information Session on the data they collected in our community, and beyond, on the desire to develop a Land Trust in this community. We are proud of the work they did, and will continue building on their efforts. ● Amber Lee once again welcomed Ashley to the table and that shared the table looks forward to working with her over time. ● David has connected with Temesgen and recommends CCRP funding for this table, as there is not much active support. <p>The CCRF grants up to \$5000 in response to incidents in the community. This fund enables the community to address the incident, but the funds can only be accessed when an incident has taken place, not before then. Whatever event the community puts on to address the incident must have a healing aspect to it somewhere. Examples of how the fund was used in the past in response to a shooting: one group had put on a barbeque; another a basketball tournament as part of healing for the community.</p> <p>The application needs to be submitted, it comes with criteria, and applications are seldom denied. Applicants need to create their own budget; a budget template is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There was a brief discussion around the Eritrean festival incident that took place at Earls Court Park that caused the City to revoke the festival's permit. The group had initially asked for police protection before the festival began, but there was not much police intervention. David had spoken to Temesgen who had responded to that incident and who said that the attack was planned and premeditated. It was not an isolated incident as the violence also occurred in different places around the world. ● Lumy is concerned about the alcohol-in-parks pilot project that allows residents and people aged 19+ to drink in select parks. She said it would make it hard to walk safely in parks. It is good to have a drink, but Alcoholics Anonymous helps people with drinking problems, and with this pilot project the problem is now more open. Her last program Just Breathe was held in a park and many people want the program to continue; how can people come to a park in a way that makes them feel safe again. ● David said the of the nature of his unit responds to incidents of violence, but he can ask for what preventative funds can be accessed, prior to an incident and let the table know. <p>Amber Lee offered to assist Dominique with her application around youth violence prevention if needed.</p>
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Connect with Dominique to help in spiritual healing path for the community and to discuss the youth violence prevention initiative	Amber Lee Ashley	September 6
	David	September 6

Get information on whether the Youth Violence Prevention grant can be accessed prior to an incident					
Safety First Project Expression of Thanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lumy thanked everyone for a successful event. Twenty-six people registered and some completed all four days. There was a mixed engagement of youth, seniors, and new neighbours who were not familiar with the group's role in the neighbourhood and who have since offered to volunteer at The Stop. <p>The grant of \$2,500 was spent on food, facilitators, media, and gifts. Lumy will coordinate with Amber Lee and Ana Paula around photos and a report on the activities.</p> <p>Three police officers attended (a sergeant, a police officer, and a radio room officer), and they offered different perspectives. Participants complained about calling 911 and receiving no response. The officers assured them they were not being ignored and educated them on the call priority rankings (Priority 1, Priority 2, Priority 3, etc.) and how to follow up to get their call item actioned. They provided information on different apps, including the SafeTTC app that makes people feel safe and can reduce anxiety, and an information page of resources that was distributed to everyone.</p> <p>The officers will be given a thank-you card of appreciation, especially as they stayed for the full two hours. In the aftermath, two community members received a follow up from the police after months of waiting.</p>				
Other business	City of Toronto Expression of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">The City is launching a Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy (TSNS) Community Network Ambassador Program and is requesting proposals from a non-profit organization or a partnership of multiple non-profit organizations to lead the implementation of the program. This table is interested in submitting an application. <p>There has been talk that this table may be merged with another table, and Tina pointed out that transportation for some people may be an issue. Tina gave a brief overview of how this table came to be before and during Covid, and there was a general agreement that the City ought to take over the table again. DPCM took over the table during Covid as the community wanted to continue having a table, and funds came out—and are still coming out—of DPCM's budget. When DPCM took over, less community agencies were present, but CCRF remained, as did The Stop, and sometimes TCHC.</p> <p>The question came up as to whether we want other organizations involved. It was felt that forming partnerships is a heavy workload, some people are over-extended, the capacity of this table is stretched, and getting agency help would ease any stress, burden, and time. Social Planning Toronto has a project where they are figuring out how tables can work in a better way, and they will share that information when done.</p> <p>Rachel and Ashley offered to lead the project and are going ahead with the application. The deadline for submission is Monday, August 28.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will present the National Flight of the Monarch Day on Saturday, August 19. Lumy will be hosting an event at Earls Court Park from 9 am – 12 pm and will give a mini education on the butterflies. At 12 pm there will be a performance of the flight of the Monarch Butterfly. All are welcome. <p>An event will be taking place at Tommy Thompson Park. She will send flyers.</p>				
Adjournment					
Mtg. adjourned at 8:06 pm	Next meeting date:	September 20, 2023	Time: 6:00 pm	Location:	1884 Davenport Unit 2