

Meeting name	Beyond Table 91	
Date	July 19, 2023	Time: 6:16 pm
Location	1884 Davenport Road, Unit 2	
Attendees		
Ana Paula Oliveira, Karlene Cameron, Lumy Fuentes, Suhaib Abdilahi, Amber Lee Rowe Lewis Grant, Dominique Brown, Tina Conlon, David Channer, Temesgen Ghebremicael, DPCM CSJ participants: Travell Brown, Nuzhat Ahsan., Treasure Lyons, Truzane Brown		
Notes		
Item	Discussion	
Land acknowledgment	Read by Amber Lee	
Check in	<p>Members checked in. Temesgen from CCRP outlined the difference between the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP) and Toronto Community Crisis Service (TCCS). TCCS is a new, alternate approach to responding to someone in crisis that focuses on health, prevention and well-being. The service provides an alternative to police enforcement, creating a community-based, client centred, trauma-informed response to non-emergency crisis calls and wellness checks. CCRP works across Toronto providing support and resources to communities impacted by violent and traumatic incidents. At this table, CCRP provides immediate supports mobilizing local resources to address individual or group needs.</p> <p>Prior to TCCS launching the four pilots, Tina became involved with Reach Out Response Network, RORN, a non-profit coalition of community stakeholders dedicated to advocating for and creating transformational change in Toronto's mental health crisis services.</p>	
Review of previous minutes	<p>Amber Lee reviewed the minutes of May 17, for context.</p> <p>Lumy moved to accept the minutes; Amber Lee seconded. CARRIED.</p>	
Business arising from the minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumy talked about her upcoming four-week program that is trusteeed by Davenport Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre and has had good registration so far. The program is for the Davenport community, and she is running the workshops as she wants to have a space where people can connect with each other. She wants to bring women together who need help so they can share their experiences and ideas on what to do in situations, and help women stop feeling like they are victims • A female police officer will be present at one of the four sessions to offer ways to connect with the police, as residents complain of being under threat all the time and that when they call the police there is no response. A few table members gave examples of the harassment they have been experiencing recently. But there is a bit of a pushback as residents say they don't want to attend the event if the police will be present; to make matters worse the planning table meetings are being held where the Police Community Partnership (PCP) 12 Division Board meets, that is on Unit 2 of 1884 Davenport. • Temesgen said that post-pandemic gaps in services have been exacerbated. The CCRP will be taking steps to have 11 Division be more active in the community • Tina emphasized that we need to follow up on the four-session workshop series as it is not the end of what we need to do. • Tina brought attention to the Moose Hide Campaign that is an indigenous-led grassroots movement of men and boys – and all Canadians – who are standing up against violence towards women and children. 	

- Rachel’s last day at DPCM was on April 14, 2023 but has continued to participate in DPCM’s community activities to-date.

Action Item

Action	Person responsible	Deadline
To ensure that a female police officer is present at Lumy’s Empowering Women—Safety First workshop on July 31	Amber Lee	July 28, 2023

New business

Report from CSJ participants on the Community Land Trust survey

- Nuzhat talked about the results of the recent community land trust survey that was sent out, to understand the needs of what is wanted in the community. What is most needed is housing, food accessibility, and recreational space. More results are anticipated for August. James Partanen from Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust made a presentation to the community at a Bread and Bricks meeting on July 28 last year and the community response was highly in favour of developing a land trust here. Flyers will be coming out to announce the presentation of the final report that will take place on August 11. The report will have more percentages and will be displayed as graphic visualization so that it is easy to understand
- Other people involved in land trusts will be invited to the presentation. Tina gave examples of Parkdale’s land trust where they acquired two rooming houses where residents were about to be renovicted. On April 1st 2022, the City of Toronto and Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) transferred 81 single-family homes and small buildings in Toronto’s west end to The Neighbourhood Land Trust (NLT). The NLT has partnered with YWCA Toronto to operate this unique social housing portfolio and ensure that it forever remains affordable housing. Two of these properties are in the Davenport area.
- All levels of our government politicians, MPP Marit Stiles, Councillor Alejandra Bravo, and MP Julie Dzerowicz have spoken in favour of land trusts. Julie is attending meetings concerning land trusts. Amber asked her if she is open to having CSJ participants learn from the same groups of people she is in discussions with. The CSJ participants at the table welcomed this opportunity, as they would like to get as many connections as they can
- Suhaib is in conversation with the City around money for purchases and said that is another contact
- Tina said there needs to be more sleuthing for buildings. As an example, 1836 Davenport, where Bamboo Bazaar was located, is an example of a piece of property that has remained empty since it closed in about April 2013. It sold in December 2017 for \$2.3 million to a private company called “Davenport Village Lofts Inc.” A Google Search shows advertisements of Davenport Village Lofts from Condos.ca, Condos Deal, Zolo, GTA-Homes, Precondo, Strata.ca, Condos HQ. At pre-construction, the project features a 6-storey tower with modern luxury suites with a mix of one bedroom, two bedroom and three-bedroom units also featuring commercial and retail space on ground level. The estimated completion date for Davenport Village Lofts is still unknown.

- Land trusts require a commitment from the community and also a lot of money. The goal at this education stage of the Gete-Onigaming Land Trust in the next six months is to find out what we will organize, and some sense of what funding sources we might be able to access.
- Eventually, we hope to conduct a feasibility study, create a business plan, a budget and a fundraising strategy in a year's time for a land trust.
- Suhaib suggested having these conversations on how we can collaborate, and Tina wants to extend the conversations to the Canada summer job students

Request to find trades training for young people

- Dominique said that Stephanie gave the go-ahead to apply for a grant. Stephanie wants the youth to start learning trades as it is the best way for them to learn and to make money. She also wants to pull in people who can set up workshops for youth; life skills first that lead to skills trades
- There was a discussion around grants. Temesgen explained that the CCRF is for incidents that happen after the fact, when something unfortunate happens. The Youth Development Unit has funding that is not tied to when an incident happens. The CCRF has a lot of prevention dollars, and the job of the community development officers is to tailor the funds to a particular issue. He encouraged members to think of creative ways to get preventative activities for the table
- Table 91 is Weston-Pelham Neighbourhood Improvement Area (NIA) as part of the Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy (TSNS). The City stopped funding the tables during the pandemic. People reached out to Tina saying they want to continue meeting. DPCM decided to continue with table meetings on July 15, 2020, calling it "Beyond Table 91," (BTB91) meeting on the third Wednesday of every month, in hopes that the city will revive Table 91, keeping the second Wednesday of the month open for them. There is need for a new community development officer, and a dedicated meeting space. This table has done a lot of things, including the creation of training opportunities. She wants to create more cohesion with the community
- Temesgen said funding is coming annually to this table and we should receive support by December. There is a possibility this table will be merged with other tables. He proposed advocating for an additional \$2500 using a community-based approach when funding safety network grants, and using the crisis response funds to see which community is impacted, and that amount is \$7500

Action Item

Action	Person responsible	Deadline
To connect with Tina around opportunities for youth to connect with other community land trusts and cultural spaces land trusts	Suhaib	August 10, 2023

Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The CSJ participants will present their findings at a public gathering in the backyard of 1900 Davenport Road on Friday, August 11, at 1 pm. The community is invited ● A movie night is taking place at Earls court Park on Wednesday, August 9, at around 9 pm. All are invited
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- A drive-by shooting took place last week Sunday. Tina asked the table how to help detraumatize from this. David said the incident took place outside of Osler, not in Pelham, but because there is such a stigma around Pelham people made assumptions. The update he got was that the community wanted to have a meeting around this, but he does not know if that meeting was ever set up
- Dominique will connect with Temesgen and David around applying for the grant

Action Item

Action	Person responsible	Deadline
Connect with Temesgen and David around the grant application	Dominique Amber Lee	By next meeting

Adjournment

Mtg. adjourned 7:51 pm	Next meeting date:	August 16, 2023	Time:	6:00 pm	Location:	1884 Davenport Unit 2
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