



# Baba Yaga Place ~ Toronto

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## Quarterly Report

April 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Housing Committee

We lost our chair, Pat Vann, who resigned for personal reasons. We are sorry to lose a dedicated and experienced senior member like Pat but she has assured us that, in the near future, she may be available for smaller assignments. Our thanks for her service and we look forward to retaining her within the BYP community. We expect to have a new chair in place at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter or the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup>. In the interim, Beth Komito-Gottlieb will add the chairing duties of this committee to her other workload as chair of the Steering Committee(SC).

In addition to looking for a new chair, we have engaged in consultations with current committee members and interested parties re the role of this committee. Do we need to redefine the role and/or make other changes? How can this committee work more effectively in its search for our future housing? That process is ongoing.

### Communications/Membership Committee

We

- were invited to be on a panel discussing housing for seniors at the CSARN (formerly Canadian Senior Artists' Network) conference in April. Our thanks to Harriet Bernstein, our Communications Coordinator, who organized our appearance and to Beth K-G who appeared on the panel. The exposure was appreciated and our participation was well-received;
- encouraged the Ontario residents (200+) on our Contact List to lobby the candidates in their ridings for the June 2018 Provincial election re the need for affordable housing for senior women. To facilitate their efforts, we included a template letter about the issue for sending to the candidates; and
- wrote the leaders of the 3 major parties (PC, NDP, Liberal) participating in the same election asking their positions and planned action re affordable housing for senior women. Other than acknowledgements, we have had no further contact with any leader. This was one of our first forays into election lobbying and we hope to use learnings from this experience to improve our efforts in the Toronto Municipal election in Fall 2018 and in the Federal election in 2019.

### Opportunities for Further Fulfilment

We are happy that the individual who became a member this quarter is ready and willing to contribute her time but our need for *working* members remains largely unfilled and is growing. Our priorities are:

1. An admin assistant to take minutes at monthly SC meetings and to complete other administrative functions.
2. Members to work on Incorporation Compliance requirements.

If interested, please contact us via email at info.babayagaplace@gmail.com and we'll provide more details.

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