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## Quarterly Report

October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### General

The last quarter of 2018, shortened by the holiday season, was marked by smaller group interactions and one-on-ones. Our accomplishments include:

- an October meeting with Adam Vaughan, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development (Housing and Urban Affairs). He was very helpful. Mr Vaughan clarified the process for applying for government funding, confirmed the appeal of our pillars and principles to CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), answered our questions and recommended we talk with Tom Clement, the Executive Director of Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto(CHFT);
- a December meeting with Tom Clement who answered our questions and is prepared to provide further advice. He recommended a lawyer who could help us with the compliance requirements of our incorporated status;
- a meeting scheduled for January with the recommended lawyer; and
- a bank balance of \$2100+ (includes an honorarium paid for our participation at the April CSARN conference).

### Benefits of Membership

Sometimes we are asked the question: what am I getting for my \$35 annual membership? It is a fair question for members, especially non-working, to ask periodically. Below is a partial list of what you have gotten for your membership dues in 2018.

- Completion of BYP Incorporation
- Outreach to developers (includes \$ costs for production of media material plus time of individuals)
- Meetings with potential advisors (plus prep. time by attendees)
- Meeting with Adam Vaughan (plus prep. time by attendees)
- Website (includes \$ cost of hosting and volunteer maintenance)
- Inter-agency cooperation
- Appearances at housing-related forums (includes prep. time)
- Media coverage which includes reaching out and doing interviews with print and broadcast media
- Frequent interactions between SC members via different media (audio, text, face-to-face meetings) to provide governance and deal with the expected/unexpected issues which arise in an organization

### In 2019

In addition to the bread and butter activities of BYP organizational life, we expect to:

- have our first AGM in late spring or early summer (2019 members will be invited);
- resolve the leadership issues and reboot the Housing and Communications/Membership committees;
- continue fulfilling our responsibilities as a not-for-profit corporation;
- resume dialogue with a developer who showed some late-2018 interest in the BYP model; and
- complete the upgrade of our website.

### Opportunities for Further Fulfillment

As always we have a great need for energetic members to contribute a few hours each month to help share the burden on the current small group. Our priority is an **Admin Assistant** to take minutes at the monthly Steering Committee meetings and to complete other administrative functions. We also need members to work on fundraising/financial, incorporation compliance and website maintenance issues.

If interested, please contact us via email at [info.babayagaplace@gmail.com](mailto:info.babayagaplace@gmail.com) and we'll provide more details. If you would like to become involved but you are not excited by what we have described above, please contact us and we can discuss what skills you would like to bring to the BYP table.

**Working Towards Realizing Our Vision!**