

## **BIG - Annual General Meeting 2017**

**Meeting No. 1: Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**New Horizons Tower, Dovercourt Baptist Church, 1140 Bloor St. W.**

**EXECUTIVE: Jason Campbell (Co-chair) | Renée Castonguay (Co-chair) | Jeremy Fink (Treasurer) | TBD (Secretary)**

1. Call to Order

2. Introductions

3. Declaration Conflict of Interest

4. New Member Sign-up

5. Spot Talks

5.1 - **Michelle Senayah** | The Laneway Project | [thelanewayproject.ca](http://thelanewayproject.ca)

- A summary of projects completed in 2016 with snapshot of projects to come in 2017.

5.2 - **Ksenija Spasic** | PULP: paper art party 2017 & YSM Evergreen Centre for Street-Involved Youth | [pulpparty.ca](http://pulpparty.ca)

- A summary of recent events and participating artists.

5.3 - **Dyan Marie** | How We Live in Cities | [bigonbloorfestival.com/about/HowWeLiveInCities](http://bigonbloorfestival.com/about/HowWeLiveInCities)

- A summary of ecology hub at BIG on Bloor Festival 2016 & upcoming projects.

6. New Business

6.1 - Voting for BIG Executive - Co-chair and Secretary

6.2 - BIG on Bloor Festival Director Welcome - Darren Leu

7. Updates

7.1 - **Councillor Bailão's Office**

7.2 - **MPP Cristina Martin's Office**

7.3 - **MP Julie Dzerowicz's Office**

7.4 - **Bloordale BIA**

7.5 - **Bloordale Community Improvement Association**

8. Announcements

9. Officers' Reports as needed - Festival Team | Treasurer

9.1 - **Dougal Bichen - Festival Director** - BIG on Bloor Festival Report 2016

9.2 - **Carla Garnet - Curator, JOUEZ** - JOUEZ at BIG on Bloor Festival Summary 2016

9.3 - **Darren Leu - Festival Director** - BIG on Bloor Festival Visioning 2017

9.4 - **Jeremy Fink - BIG Treasurer** - Financial Report

10. Adjournment/Stand Up & Socialize

- Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 8, 2017

## 2017 Campaign - BIG is proud to support member initiatives

**BIG on Bloor Festival 2017 - July 22-23, 2017**

*More projects to come!*

### Festival Report

**BIG on Bloor Festival of Arts & Culture:** The festival includes programming to create a Bloordale destination that celebrates the area. BIG also creates projects to be launched at the Festival that bring long-term benefits to the BIA (funding pending). The festival working committee meets weekly and BIG hosts open general meetings on a monthly basis. **More festival information below.**

### THE BIG ON BLOOR FESTIVAL of Arts & Culture 2017 - [bigonbloorfestival.com](http://bigonbloorfestival.com)

2017 car-free weekend, Bloor Street from Dufferin to Lansdowne, celebrates arts, culture, community & small business with a unique community and city-building festival featuring hundreds of events, activities and exhibitions. It has drawn up to 100,000 people attending.

#### **BIG On Bloor Festival of Arts & Culture:**

1. Creates opportunity and destination to Walk Here. The festival is a welcoming way to discover Bloordale's unique small business community of diverse stores, restaurants, cafes taverns and service providers.
2. The BIG festival, BIA and BIG Awards offer recognition and appreciation to people who made an outstanding contribution to the area.
3. The table vendor marketplace is a small business incubator giving many small businesses an affordable start.
4. The festival provides volunteer opportunities to help establish a local culture of volunteerism for youth, adults and families. BIG documents high school volunteer hours to count toward high-school credits program.
5. BIG creates part-time employment for youth. Festival-paid ambassadors are on the street maintaining order on the festival days: for many it is a first job to add to their CV.
6. The festival works as information centers for community service providers to offer about services.
7. All three levels of government participate with festival stations to reach new community members and exchange ideas and concerns.
8. BIG brings original cultural programming to the street with: art, music, dance, craft, poetry, architecture and theatre.
9. The festival creates opportunities for artists to create new work and to share it with a wide and appreciative audience.
10. Creates an opportunity to take leadership, contribute, make something and be constructive. The festival fosters friendships, partnerships, good-will and discussion.

The festival raises the profile of Bloordale and indicates it as a vibrant and engaged community.

**The BIG Market Place:** More than 200 arts, crafts, and information tables! **Card-Yard:** Recycled materials animated by architecture, art and poetry! **Celebrate Here:** Main Stage performance! **Savour Bloor:** In the stores, restaurants, patios, and the Bloordale Food Court!

**BIG Awards:** Community Appreciation! **JOUEZ:** Participatory/Performance Art Projects! **PlayFair:** Games for children and adults!

**Bloor Gardens:** New sidewalks, in-ground trees, gardens and community art! **After Hours:** Local Bloordale restaurants and bars!

**More information:** [BIGonBloorFestival.com](http://BIGonBloorFestival.com)

**Get involved, rent a table, volunteer, perform on stage, be a sponsor!**