

Year in Review of Delegates' Meetings

- Presentation from George Brown College regarding Community Partnerships. We were able to connect GBC with Concert Properties and they are working together on some projects.
- We participated in the OMB hearing for 251 King Street East
- Laneway naming proposal sent to city
- Received presentations from:
 - Toronto Environmental Alliance Group
 - Al Rezoski, City of Toronto, update on improvements to Lower Sherbourne St.
 - Rollo Myers, update on First Parliament site
 - Cindy Wilkie, update on West Donlands
 - Derek Goring, update on Waterfront Toronto
 - Toronto Foundation for Student Success
 - Glen Murray, M.P.P.,
 - Buskerfest
 - Scotiabank Waterfront Toronto Marathon
 - Bruce Bell, Theatre in Old Toronto
 - St. Lawrence Community Centre
 - Paul Oberman, update on LCBO and Market St.
 - Bob Rae, M.P.P.

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Webmaster: David Crawford



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

7:20 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Christopher Hume

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Guest Speaker Christopher Hume
3. Appointment of Recording Secretary for AGM
 Suzanne Kavanagh
4. Approval of AGM Agenda
5. Approval of 2010 AGM Minutes
6. Annual Report of the Board of Directors for 2010/11
7. Nomination Committee Alan Seymour
8. Elections and Procedures
9. Acceptance of incoming Board of Directors
10. Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report
 Bruno Leps
11. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report by Delegates
12. Confirmation of Accounting Firm for upcoming term
13. Adjournment

President's Report, Suzanne Kavanagh

A favourite time of time for me, a chance to reflect and celebrate on what we have accomplished. A chance as well to look forward and dream about what we can still achieve. This year has given us lots to celebrate as you can see from the committee work listed. We are also looking forward to celebrating our 30th anniversary in 2013 and are putting together some ideas. This neighbourhood association has worked hard and has been very fortunate to have many community partners and their support. We especially would like to the St. Lawrence Market Complex, the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA, and the Bulletin.

We have been able to participate in new events such as the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Neighbourhood Challenge, YIMBY Festival as well as continue favourites such as Canada Day and Environment Day. We have been able to fund raise and support the local soccer teams as well as the nutrition programs at the neighbourhood schools. We have been enlightened, inspired, and challenged by great guest speakers.

Please join me in congratulating our volunteers who help make this neighbourhood one of the best. Finally feel free to approach any Board Member if you are interested in joining a committee and speak to you! Many thanks for allowing me to serve on this Board for the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association.

Canada Day

Many thanks to Connie Yang! This woman has single-handedly run this event for years. It is an easy date to remember July 1. In addition, we are lucky to have Connie champion such a day as she reminds us of her journey and how proud she is to be a Canadian. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this year's Canada Day celebrations!

Treasurer's Report, Bruno Leps

2010 Treasurer's Report: At the end of 2010, our Association remains in a strong financial position. As a result of net new buildings joining the association our Membership Revenues increased to \$9.7K. Our Operating Costs were \$10.9K ; this is higher than normal due to the payment of two years worth of sponsorship to the Community Centre's Soccer League. On an ongoing basis our Membership Revenues cover our Operating Costs. On the Special Projects front, Canada Day had a \$ 0.7K revenue shortfall and our Beautification of the Gardens initiative had a \$1.5K revenue shortfall. The Waterfront Marathon project had a surplus of \$4.6K after allowing for the donation of \$12.3K to the Toronto Foundation For Student Success. That surplus gets added to our Community Fund which at the end of 2010 now sits at \$6.0K . As a result of their filming in the neighbourhood, Dunning Productions Inc contributed \$6K which have been used to setup the Jarvis Community Centre Fund. After taking into account the revenue shortfalls our unrestricted cash reserve at the end of 2010 is at \$15K which is what we consider to be adequate to properly manage the association.

Development Committee – Robert Sherrin, Chair Committee Members

Debra Corey	Joan Campbell	Sylvia Pellman
Stig Harvour	Monica Tang	Matt Raizenne
Cherrill Baker		

Over this past year the Development Committee has been involved in discussions on a number of projects in our area including The Post House on George Street above Adelaide, 5-7 The Esplanade, Mr Oberman's LCBO renovation and re-development of the properties on Market Street, the twin towers at 424-460 Adelaide Street East, the renovation of the Sun Building, the Greyhound Bus Site, and the various proposals for 132 Berkeley. As well there was Participant presentations made before the OMB regarding the development at 251 King Street East. Other projects discussed included the Little Trinity Church application for the restoration of the existing historical buildings, improvements to Frederick Street and George Street, the Sherbourne Street Bike lane proposals, the conversion to Condos of part of the King Edward Hotel, the Public Art proposals for the VU, the Parish Hall renovation and addition at St. James Cathedral, and the proposals for the first Parliament Site.

Basketball Court & Soccer Field Update – Matt Raizenne

During 2010, the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) Board worked with the City of Toronto to renovate and update the basketball court across from Market Lane Public School. The first part of this project, completed in September 2010, was the installation of a new court surface. During the month of November, two NHL style hockey nets were installed on the court for use during the winter months. The two hockey nets were purchased by the SLNA, along with some hockey sticks, which are kept at the Recreation Centre reception desk. Neighbourhood kids have been using both the nets and the sticks throughout the winter.

The edges around the basketball court will be anchored down in this spring, as the City of Toronto did not have time to finish this part of the project during the initial installation. The SLNA has been working with Chris Jolly of Jolly Productions to come up with some mural ideas for the concrete wall on the west end of the basketball court. The wall is currently covered in graffiti. Chris is donating his time and will install the mural in the spring of 2011.

In the fall of 2010, Matthew Raizenne from the SLNA met with Park Forestry and Recreation to discuss possible improvements to Parliament Field. This field is a real asset to the community and the SLNA would like to see it get used more often and be better maintained. Parks Forestry & Recreation agreed that improvements needed to take place and are committed to seeing these improvements happen during the spring months of 2011. Some of these improvements include: installing netting on the east end of the field (to prevent balls going onto Parliament St.); re-sodding the middle of the field on an annual basis; fixing some of the broken irrigation heads; purchasing a line painting machine for the community to use; and lastly, allowing the field to be permitted out to local non-for-profit user groups.

Mayor's Clean Up Day

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped April 24 on what was a chilly day. From that day spawned a group of volunteers who adopted one of the city gardens. Every year we hope to tackle a section of our neighbourhood, last year we mulched several of the city trees and this year we look forward to another project.

Neighbourhood Challenge

The SLNA signed up for its second Neighbourhood Challenge as part of the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Neighbourhood Challenge. The first year we won first prize and this year we won second. We are gearing up again for another fun event and hopefully will take back first prize. The Board of Directors elected to name this year's challenge in memory of Paul Oberman, who was a great contributor to our neighbourhood and this event. This event is great fun for anyone where we cheer on the marathon runners from all over the world. Just need to ring a bell, cheer, and have a great time! To date this event has allowed us to raise over \$25,000 and we have supported various projects throughout the neighbourhood and in particular, the nutrition programs through the Toronto Foundation for Student Success.

East Bayfront/Parkside/West Donlands Update – Robert Sherrin

East Bayfront/Parkside is part of the Waterfront Redevelopment under Waterfront Toronto, and although I have been to the meetings that were called for various aspects of the Waterfront I am not aware of any particular group that meets over East Bayfront/Parkside. They have, as you know, a Condo design by Moishe Safdie for Parkside, and it has been before the Waterfront Design Review Panel once. It will probably be coming back again in the near future. As to East Bayfront they have given the contract to develop the entire parcel to the Hines Group, but I have not heard about any progress towards actual design or construction. I am also aware of the progress on the redevelopment of Queen's Quay. It appears they will begin some work on this project by this fall, but entirely on the Western end. I do attend the WestDonLands committee meetings as does Sylvia Pellman. We are generally informed about the progress towards the Pan American Games village. It seems they have narrowed the field down to three applicants for the design/build for the village and will make a final decision by the fall.

Gardening Committee – Dan O'Leary

The SLNA is an active organiser, facilitator and supporter of community gardening in our neighbourhood. The gardens vary from the more 'formal', such as the Princess Park Children's Garden (which is part of the City of Toronto children's garden network) to the informal such as the Princess Street "strip garden". Gardens are maintained on public land (such as the new planters on Britain Street and the latest efforts in Princess Park) or on 'private' (though publicly accessible) space such as the West Jarvis Community Garden. The SLNA Gardening Co-coordinator works with local groups to identify and reclaim "orphan spaces" and with the City to ensure our neighbourhood parks are well maintained and that our neighbourhood is greened.

Community gardening involves a fairly large number of people, about 30 in 2010, and we try to work with other local organisations such as the local St Lawrence BIA, property owners, tenants groups and the schools. Not only do our gardening efforts help to beautify our neighbourhood, they also help build up a sense of community.

Heritage Conservation District Study – Suzanne Kavanagh

Michael Cruikshank Joan Campbell Macus Little

This committee has been working for over four years to support the committee that formulated the Urban Design Guidelines. This committee's mandate is to secure the funding to conduct a study to ensure we preserve the history and heritage of this neighbourhood. We have been working closely with our councilor's office, she has been able to secure the funding, and we have interviewed six heritage architects for conducting the study. All we need now is for the city to approve the process and undertake the study. I hope that we will have some more news before the year is out.

West Jarvis Community Initiative – Ronny Yaron

This initiative began several years ago in attempts by staff from the four buildings in the block west of Jarvis, south of the Esplanade, between Market St. and Church St. to address some common concerns. The backs of these buildings face onto a shared courtyard and driveway. There are issues of noise and vandalism from children and youth playing outdoors and loitering day and night. Also, the garden space is used as a toilet by many dogs in the area.

There have been two community meetings since 2007 to which all residents were invited, as well as some activities with youths in the area.

Residents from these buildings have been reluctant to get involved with the exception of seniors from Old York Tower, who want some relief from the noise caused by the youth and children hanging out and skateboarding around their building.

The focus of this initiative is to engage the residents in this block in developing community spirit and identifying ways to share their resources and to provide some programs for people of all ages in collaboration with some community partners in the neighbourhood. Through Councillor McConnell's office, the SLNA was given \$6000 by a film company, to be used for this initiative.

The partners in this initiative are:

SLNA - Ronny Yaron
Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) – Catherine Limbertie (resident)
Ed Majchrowski (Health Promotion Officer)
Old York Tower – Alan Seymour
New Hibret Housing Co-op – Juan Mendes
St. Lawrence Community Centre – James Caldwell
Lorraine Kimsa Young People's Theatre – Greg Thomas

Community Policing – Cathy Waiten

The Community Police Liaison Committee is comprised of community volunteers and 51 Division police service representatives who work together to identify, prioritize, and resolve policing issues in neighbourhoods throughout the division. Membership includes representation from community and business associations. In 2010 Cathy Waiten and Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel represented SLNA.

CPLC highlights for 2010 included:

- Implementation of Project NICE which focused policing attention on three key concerns in each neighbourhood. Representatives reported improvement in their respective neighbourhoods. The CPLC was recognized by the police as being a valuable community voice in raising the quality of life through an overall reduction in crime throughout the division.
- Celebrating Police Week with a BBQ at Muriel Collins Co-op in June.
- Participation in the St. Lawrence Canada Day BBQ and Youth Day in Dundas Square.
- A successful 2nd annual Building Bridges Gala in November in support of building a scholarship fund for a George Brown College Student from the 51 Division community. An award was presented to nursing student Roberta Correa.
- Participation in the annual CPC Conference in November.
- Active identification and enlistment of youth representatives which is an on-going initiative.