

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING
April 25, 2007

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park
Secretary: Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade
VP External: Harry Renaud, 135 George St
VP Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park

At Large: Dan O’Leary, 15 Scadding

REGRETS:

At Large: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Cherril Baker, David B. Archer Co-op
Patricia Bearclaw, Cathedral Court Co-op
Keith Bricknell, The Metropole
Hugh Francis-Burns, Longboat Residents
Joan Boyd, P.A.L
Joan Campbell, Market Square
Terry Eitel, Old York Tower
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op
Hawaa Kabbashy, New Hibret Co-op

Mauel Ladron, King’s Court
Catherine Limbertie, 1 Church St
Emma McBey, O.W.N Co-op
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower
Robert Sherrin, Abbey Lofts
Wendy Stockwell, St. Lawrence Lofts
Farhan Syed, The Metropole
Frank Touby, Harmony A Housing
Catherine West, 1 Church St
Connie Yang, O.W.N.

REGRETS:

Jennifer Chan, Windmill Line Co-op
Aurie Hensman, Olde York Place

Associate Members & Guests:

Marie Copkov, 176 The Esplanade
Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell’s office
Oleg Holowaty, 25 George St
John Kennaley, George Smitherman’s office
Ed Majchrowski, TCHC Representative
Ben Marans, smartLiving St. Lawrence

Catherine McMillan, 25 George St
Jo-Anne Miller, 176 The Esplanade
Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Area
CMHC: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation

CFOT Citizens for the Old Town
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee

HRSDC: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

LEED: Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design

OMB: Ontario Municipal Board

OTTN: Old Town Toronto Network

PSB: Police Services Board

SEDERI: South East Downtown Economic Redevelopment Initiative

SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre

SLM: St. Lawrence Market

SLMN-BIA: St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area

SLNA: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

TABIA: Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)

TCHC: Toronto Community Housing Corporation

TIACAC: Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee

TPA: Toronto Port Authority

TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization

1. Registration and Refreshments

2. Opening Remarks — Paul Smith

President Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and chaired the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Wallace Simpson

Seconded by: Patricia Bearclaw

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes of the March 28th Meeting (to be approved in 2008)

Approval of the February 2007 minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Guest Speaker — Fair Vote

The Chair introduced June Macdonald and Wayne Smith of Fair Vote Canada/Ontario.

Fair Vote is a national campaign of citizens calling for public education and a referendum process for Canadians to learn about voting systems and then choose the best for each province and for Canada federally. Fair Vote promotes a voting system based on proportional representation that should make every voter equal and every vote count.

The current provincial government has fulfilled its election promise of 2003 to create a Citizens Assembly to research the voting system in Ontario. Fair Vote projects that the Citizens Assembly will recommend a mixed proportional voting system in its final report to government on May 15. During the Ontario elections on October 10, citizens will vote on a referendum question

whether to switch to the voting model selected by the Citizens Assembly.

Several Delegates questioned the proposed two-vote process (once for the local riding and once for a party), preferring a simpler single vote system. The SLNA will invite the speakers to another meeting to further educate Delegates and members of the community prior to the referendum. For more information, see www.citizensassembly.gov.on.ca and www.fairvote.ca.

The Chair stated that the SLNA is now actively looking into communicating community matters to minorities and speakers of English as a second language, to reach more people in the SLN.

The Chair thanked June Macdonald and Wayne Smith for their presentation.

6. Report from V.P. Internal

None.

7. Report from V.P. External

Harry Renaud reported. The Executive is defining the role of the V.P. External as the

By-laws contain few guidelines. Harry suggested that his role be outreach to the

three levels of governance and to community organizations. He has already attended meetings with OTTN and Councillor Pam McConnell's office. He has

found that too much of the SLNA's work is done by too few volunteers. He asked for more people to step forward and actively participate. Delegates applauded.

8. Report from Communications Committee

Ani Kounavis reported. From now on draft minutes will be distributed to voting members in advance of the meeting at which the minutes are to be approved, and only after approval will they be posted on the website for general viewing.

Ani showed an early copy of the SLNA's new brochure. It will have a limited print distribution for Councillor McConnell's Environment Day on April 28, then be finalized for broader distribution. Ani expects to report in May that the SLNA's new logo, letterhead and website are in use.

9. Report from Pam McConnell's Office — Tom Davidson

The Chair welcomed Tom Davidson. Tom reported that he just attended a public meeting on the proposed design of Sherbourne Street Park (Sherbourne/Queen's Quay/waterfront). Construction will begin in the spring and be concluded by the end of 2008.

resolved the matter. The Chair acknowledged that the redevelopment of a transfer station on Frederick Street South has generated many complaints about health hazards including dust and toxins, and fumes emitted by machinery. Marie Copkov added that the street cleaners only churn up the dust, and that Frederick Street and The Esplanade in the vicinity should be washed down daily. Tom Davidson will follow-up.

An office building is being developed at the foot of Jarvis, called Symphony, with a CITY-TV feel to it. The west side of it will be a large open hard-urban-programmable space with the possibility of an amphitheatre for concerts etc.

Tom Davidson announced that Frederick Street will receive new improved street lighting, and that improper drainage at the corner of Frederick Street and The Esplanade will be corrected.

Councillor Pam McConnell's Environment Day takes place Saturday, April 28.

A visitor who lives on Frederick Street complained of a hole near her home associated with Toronto Hydro construction just south of The Esplanade on Frederick Street. She must keep her windows closed as the hole emits a smell that makes her and her children ill. Marie Copkov, who lives nearby, confirmed the complaint. The visitor stated that neither Toronto Hydro nor Councillor McConnell's office have

Patricia Bearclaw stated that postering in the neighbourhood needs regulation. Tom advised that City Council passed a by-law a couple of months ago allowing only two categories of posters: 1) community posters concerning such local matters as a lost cat, garage sale, or political or community event, for posting only on utility poles, and 2) posters for commercial purposes for posting only on city kiosks that are still being designed and are not yet in place. He

acknowledged that by-law officers are not yet enforcing the new by-law.

Frank Touby objected that of three companies that bid on the City's purchase of street furniture, all infract City by-laws, and the one chosen posts illegal billboards. He asked the City to fine the companies. Cherril Baker questioned whether it was necessary to purchase street furniture and why it was being contracted out. Ronny Yaron described the street furniture as "space-age"-looking and inappropriate for SLN, and proposed to write a letter to SLNA's Executive to encourage intervention before they are purchased. The Chair asked Tom Davidson to follow-up.

Dan O'Leary objected to the state of parks again this spring, as some dog owners do not pick up after their pets in the winter. Also, children playing in Sherbourne Park after school are interrupted by dogs of leash. He asked for by-law officer intervention. Tom Davidson advised that a "Dogs in Parks" strategy was deferred pending further consultation, but will be reviewed again in May. The plan will determine how public spaces might be allocated for off-leash areas to accommodate dog owners. He noted that an audit of garbage in parks last month found

that 30% of waste is dog waste. Dan O'Leary advised that the volume of waste is too high to be used locally for fertilizer.

Marie Copkov asked that the public garbage can at Frederick Street and The Esplanade be replaced with a can that has a cover as strong winds blow the bag up and out of the can, strewing garbage. Tom Davidson considered its replacement part of the current street furniture program, but will "try to get that done sooner rather than later."

Marie Copkov asked that a dying tree on the northeast side of Frederick and The Esplanade be trimmed or replaced, as many promises by the City to do so have not been followed-up. She asked that the trees all along The Esplanade from Yonge Street to Parliament Street be trimmed and tended. Tom Davidson will follow-up.

The Chair noted that the Executive has decided that from now on minutes to SLNA Delegates meetings will contain primarily action items, to encourage action and follow-up. He asked Delegates to give specific details for their concerns so that specific items can be dealt with.

Paul thanked Tom Davidson for his report.

10. Report from Bill Graham's Office — Jenn Arbs
None.

11. Report from George Smitherman's Office — John Kanale

The Chair welcomed John Kanale. John reported that he brought pamphlets and other documents regarding the Citizens Assembly, and offered to email related information to the SLNA for distribution to Delegates electronically.

John announced that George Smitherman will be the Honorary Walk Leader in this

year's Ontario Walks, a walking tour of the Don Valley, on April 29. Everyone is invited to participate.

Paul Smith asked John to ask George Smitherman's office to notify Ontario Hydro of community concerns regarding reconstruction of the transfer station on

Frederick Street South and to ask them to participate in a resolution process.

The Chair thanked John Kanale for his report.

12. Report from smartliving St. Lawrence — Ben Marans

Ronny Yaron announced that smartliving St. Lawrence has been nominated for a Toronto Green Award. The public is invited to the awards ceremony at City Hall on May 1 to hear inspiring news of environmentally friendly community projects.

The Chair welcomed Ben Marans. Ben reported that since January over 1,800 people have signed the conservation pledge at community conservation initiatives held in lobbies of local condominiums, co-operatives and nonprofit residences. With smartliving's encouragement, residential buildings are now creating environment and conservation committees. Smartliving is still offering free lighting audits and free building audits, and has published a conservation resource guide.

Smartliving continues its work with neighbourhood organizations, working with SLM on retrofits to help vendors go green

and save money, and with SLCRC and other buildings to purchase solar panels.

Ben will be participating in a conservation summit at the CNE to learn of green activities province-side. A Green Living show is taking place this weekend.

Smartliving will be present at Councillor McConnell's Environment Day on April 28. The Climate Day Action Forum takes place the next day, Sunday, April 29. People can offer feedback on the City of Toronto's proposed green plan for the City at a public forum on April 29 at Exhibition Place.

Smartliving has recently analysed its program and now seeks feedback from the SLNA, with an eye to applying for more funding to extend the program, perhaps even to other communities.

The Chair thanked Ben Marans for his report. Delegates applauded.

13. Other Business

a) CPLC Report

Keith Bricknell presented a written report, regarding 911 calls by priority, cyber abuse, the police services website, Guns and Gangs Task Force, and the community consultative process. Suggested websites: www.torontopolice.on.ca, www.toronto.ca/ems/first_aid/ambulance.htm, www.phonebusters.com, anti-virus

software at www.av-comparatives.org, spyware ratings at www.spywarewarrior.com, and www.peace-project.org.

***Motion: to receive the CPLC report.
Moved by: Hugh-Francis Burns
Seconded by: Terry Eitel***

CARRIED

b) Dixon Hall

Robert Peaker, a volunteer at Dixon Hall, asked the SLNA to support Dixon Hall's participation in The Toronto Challenge, an annual walk in support of Toronto's seniors, June 10. Delegates recommended that he forward his information and call for

volunteers by email to the SLNA for distribution to Delegates, who can forward the announcement to their residences. Dixon Hall now has a poster with photos of local seniors commending the organization. See www.dixonhall.org for more.

c) Old Town Toronto

Alan Seymour reported that a meeting was held on March 20 at The Kitchen in SLM to promote positive collaboration in Old Town

Toronto. He distributed the results of two surveys.

d) Announcements

April 28: Councillor Pam McConnell's Environment Day, with a recycle depot at Sherbourne Park on The Esplanade.

development (Yonge Street and The Esplanade) as it is not in character with the neighbourhood.

May 1: The SLNA's President will be meeting with City Council to object to signage at the Hummingbird Centre

May 20: Dan O'leary will be giving talk on balcony herbs at The Kitchen.

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments, and OWN for hosting tonight's meeting.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

President