



MINUTES OF DELEGATES' MEETING

June 25, 2008

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, 135 Scadding
Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc
Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

Executive Member Regrets:

VP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Lene Anderson, 140 The Esplanade
Mary Bailey, OWN
Cherril Baker, David B. Archer Co-op
Patricia Bear Claw, Cathedral Court Co-op
David Brewster, 55 Lombard (MTCC 596)
Joan Campbell, 80 Front Street East (Market Square)
David Crawford, 135 George Street South
Terry Eitel, Old York Tower
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op
Shirley Lewis, 55 The Esplanade
Roman Janco, MTCC 1385
Valerie Joseph, Muriel Collins Co-op
Glen Kim, Mozo Condo (MTCC 1606)
Marcus Little, The Wellington
Arlene Markow, Woodsworth Co-op
Sheri Russell, 31 Princess (FAN)
David Sangaraille, La Place St. Laurent
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower
Robert Sherrin, 261 King Street East (Abbey Lofts)
Catherine West, 1 Church Street
Connie Yang, OWN

Non-Voting Associate Members and Guests

Bridget Bayliss, Windmill Line Co-op
Stig Harvour, La Place St. Laurent
Tom Davidson, Constituency Assistant to Councillor Pam McConnell
John Kennaley, Patron Leader, MPP George Smitherman's Office

Recording Secretary: Arlyss Ponchuk

1. Registration and Refreshments

2. Meeting Starts – President – Suzanne Kavanagh

President Suzanne Kavanagh called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm prior to quorum, and chaired the meeting. Quorum was met shortly.

a) Opening Remarks

The new President introduced herself. She thanked the past Executive. She thanked David Crawford for creating the SLNA's website and Dan O'Leary for his gardening initiatives, particularly the orphan garden on Princess Street. She thanked this year's Executive for managing for the last two months in her absence.

The President conveyed how lucky we all are to live in this neighbourhood, rich in architecture, diversity and history.

Her two goals during her term on the Executive are: 1) to have the City recognize the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood as a distinct community, and 2) to enable the Heritage Conservation District Study to give more authority to the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood's Urban Design Guidelines.

She encouraged Delegates to arrive on time for meetings, as she will start at 7:00 promptly.

She encouraged people to participate as volunteers, to be included and recognized.

She summarized the SLNA's mandate, which is to serve the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, over 25,000 residents, by advocating for responsible building development, promoting public and pedestrian safety, organizing events and public celebrations, and making sure the community is heard at all levels of government.

She concluded by introducing the new Executive.

b) Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Patricia Bear Claw

Seconded by: Joan Campbell

CARRIED

c) Approval of the Minutes

Motion: to approve the May 2008 minutes as presented.

Moved by: Bruno Leps

Seconded by: David Crawford

CARRIED

d) Executive Meeting Highlights

The President reported. She asked that Delegates submit reports in advance of meetings of the Executive Committee so that the Executive can review them and bring forward any matters to the next Delegates' meeting. Committee reports will be posted on the SLNA's website.

She advised that the Executive is considering conducting meetings without a Recording Secretary, instead posting an informal one-page summary on the SLNA's website.

She recommended that policies be set rather than decisions made *ad hoc*.

She explained that the Executive vote democratically on issues, and that all Directors support motions that have passed even if they do not agree with the decision personally. She recommended that Delegates support SLNA decisions in the same way when speaking to government or in the community at large, so that the SLNA is a unified force with one voice. Delegates who are not certain of a decision should check with the Executive.

Joan Campbell added that members can also verify the SLNA's stance on issues on the SLNA's website.

The President recommended developing network of contacts in the community, to invite as many people as possible to attend meetings of the City planners and developers.

She concluded by encouraging people who would like to volunteer to contact Director Ronny Yaron.

3. Development Committee – Marcus Little

Marcus Little, Chair of the SLNA's Development Committee, reported.

60 Colborne Street (Church/King)

The planner is sending a "directions" report to Community Council in July. This kind of preliminary report conveys that the Planning Department does not like the developers' proposal.

424, 460 Adelaide Street East (Adelaide at Ontario)

The site was rezoned from commercial to residential. The developer will submit plans to the City shortly. The Development Committee has worked with this developer on the Vü condominium (Jarvis/Adelaide) and foresees a good working relationship.

St. Lawrence Market, North Market

Should parking access via Jarvis be approved, the architect has designed a glassed sunroom for the park side of the new North Market that will result in the same footprint for the Market on Saturdays. In August, Paul Obermann of Woodcliffe Development will present to the committee for the North Market redevelopment initiative a proposal for a private/public approach that includes the North Market, South Market, and St. Lawrence Hall. The committee tabled possible parking access from Market Lane Park.

Marcus Little asked Delegates to support that parking access be from Jarvis Street.

MOTION that the SLNA supports the commercial parking under the North Market only if access is provided from Jarvis Street.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

Several Delegates asked to reconsider SLNA's support of commercial parking in the North Market, and to discuss it further under Other Business. Others expressed concern that the SLNA should not reverse a past decision that was integral to North Market redevelopment. Tom Davidson recommended that Delegates review the SLNA's standing in documents online before considering altering its decision.

The Chair called the question.

CARRIED

4. Solid Waste Operations – Gerry Martel, Manager

The Chair introduced Gerry Martel, General Manager of Collections Operations at the City's Waste Management Services.

Target 70 is an initiative by the City to attain 70% waste diversion (to recycling and reusing) by 2010. Taxation for garbage pick-up will change as of July 1 for residential buildings with more than eight units and as of November 1 for freestanding homes and townhouses that have streets wide enough for garbage trucks to make door-to-door pick-ups.

This presentation focused on multi-residential buildings.

A volume-based rate structure will replace property tax-based funding for solid waste. Garbage pick-up will be charged to owners through a new utility bill that will combine water and waste charges. People can choose one of four free garbage bins: small, medium, large, or extra large. People will be surcharged if they generate more waste than the extra-large bin allows, and will receive a rebate if they generate less. Total volume allowed for a multi-residential building will be estimated based on number of units and bin size. Fees are calculated monthly based on the volume of waste measured in a cubic yard. A fee calculator is available at the City's website.

Recycling pick-up is free. The City will provide each home with a free blue recycling container or bag by late 2008. Recycling for green bin organics is deferred due to lack of processing capability at this time. Bulky/durable goods (ie. furniture, mattresses) will still be picked up curbside for free. The list of durable goods will expand as markets for reuse are identified.

City staff will monitor actual volume of waste and will if necessary recommend a 2008 density adjustment, possibly retroactive to July 1, to bring actual revenue in line with expected revenue over time.

Individuals' bins are emptied into larger bins at a central area in the building for pick-up by the City. Ways to reduce waste and reduce any surcharge include:

- fill the central bins to capacity, and only set out full bins for pick-up
- use a compactor and tune it to achieve a 3:1 compaction ratio
- do not dispose of bulky waste in waste bins--curbside pick-up is free. Anything that does not fit down your chute is a bulky/durable good.
- provide adequate curbside space for bulky waste
- do not dispose of recyclables in waste bins--recycling pick-up is free
- provide adequate bin space for recyclables. Place recycling bins in common areas (ie. mailrooms and laundry rooms)
- convert extra garbage bins to recycling bins to increase recycling capacity.
- flatten cardboard
- do not allow non-residents, including building contractors, to dispose of waste in your building: "Stay in control of your container"
- post recycling literature in the building, especially in chute rooms. The City provides free posters, brochures, and flyers.
- post a running tally of waste volume per month to encourage residents to reduce the total
- encourage staff and residents to recycle

For more information contact (416) 392-2467, www.toronto.ca/garbage/multi/index, or multires@toronto.ca.

The website has a template letter that can be distributed to residents on your own letterhead, describing the new rate structure and advising of tools available on the City's website.

Available literature:

- Toronto recycles information cards
- Toronto recycles information posters
- recycling bin stickers
- *Recycling Handbook for Owners, Property Managers, and Superintendents*
- *Waste Watch* Spring 2008 issue delivered by Canada post to all units
- articles in City Councilor newsletters and websites

- ads posted on the TTC's bus shelters and subway platforms

The Chair thanked Gerry Martell for his presentation.

Delegates took a short break at this time.

5. Canada Day Event – Connie Yang

Connie Yang distributed flyers for Delegates to post. She described the agenda for the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood's Canada Day event, including a parade from Crombie Park to St. James Park; the national anthem; speeches by MP Bob Rae, MPP George Smitherman and Councillor Pam McConnell; a martial arts display by St. Lawrence Dragons; birthday cake; jazz music; student awards for paintings and essays; barbecue; and dance.

About \$8,000 in grants has been received for the event. Additional income will be from sale of t-shirts, as well as hotdogs and drinks (\$1). Connie Yang asked Delegates to support that half the latter surplus be donated to the Seniors' Program.

Motion to endorse that half the surplus of this event go to the Seniors Program.

Moved by: Connie Yang

Seconded by: Marcus Little

CARRIED

Connie Yang asked Delegates to endorse George Smitherman as Patron Leader of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood's Canada Day.

Motion: to endorse George Smitherman as Patron Leader of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood's 2008 Canada Day.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: Catherine West

CARRIED

The Chair expressed appreciation for Connie Yang's work and George Smitherman's support for the event. She called for volunteers to have an information table for the SLNA at the event in St. James Park.

6. Open Forum – Delegates' Issues on Neighbourhood Topics

Tabled.

7. Other Business

a) Hogtown Hoedown

Al Smith of the St. Lawrence Market BIA announced a new festival, *Hogtown Hoedown*. He handed out postcard announcements for distribution. The event highlights and promotes local food, featuring the farmer's market and sixty restaurants within a square mile. The event also supports Eva's Initiatives, a charity that works with homeless youth. The BIA chose to support this cause as a positive way to deal with panhandling in the area.

Hogtown Hoedown will take place on July 18-19 in Market Lane Park. Friday night is fundraising dinner. Tickets are available at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts at \$175 per person. For a \$50 discount, Delegates can contact Al Smith. Dinner includes a five-course dinner with fine wine, cooked by chefs from Jamie Kennedy and other local restaurants. Produce from the region and the Market will be used.

Saturday's event is free to the public, and includes a police pancake breakfast, country and celtic music, a pay-what-you-can showing of the movie Babe at Rainbow Cinema with proceeds going to Eva's Initiatives, and family/kids'

entertainment with buskers, clowns, twisty balloons, face painting, cooking classes for kids and kids' artwork. Local wine, beer and food vendors will be on site.

Al Smith asked people interested in volunteering for the event to contact him. He will send a PDF file announcing the event to the SLNA's email address for distribution to Delegates, for posting.

Al Smith distributed new BIA brochures. The brochure advertises businesses in the area and has a map for easy reference.

b) Closing Remarks

The President invited Delegates to share best practices of their buildings at Delegates' meetings. She has invited the Recycle Committee in her own building to give a presentation at a Delegates' meeting.

She announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is on July 9. She invited Delegates to add items to the agenda.

She encouraged Delegates to report in September what they like about the SLNA, why they attend meetings, what they want changes, and what else they would like to see done.

She confirmed that Delegates want to hold a Delegates' meeting in July. She announced that the City will give a presentation on the North Market redevelopment initiative. She asked David Crawford to update the SLNA's website with information about the SLNA's past involvement in this initiative.

8. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges OWN for hosting tonight's meeting.

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

Corporate Secretary

President