



**MINUTES OF THE
DELEGATES' MEETING**
April 29, 2009
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, 65 Scadding
 Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
 VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade
 Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc
 VP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
 At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
 At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
 At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

Executive Member Regrets:

None

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Catherine Limberti - 1 Church St.
 Catherine West - 1 Church St.
 Patricia Bearclaw - Cathedral Court Coop
 Margaret McQuade - David B. Archer
 Cherril Baker - David B. Archer
 Lois Thomson - David B. Archer
 Joan Campbell - 80 Front Street E.
 Oleg Holowaty - 25 George St. South
 David Crawford - 135 George Street South
 Donna Patterson - King's Court
 Robert Sherrin - 231 King St. E.
 George Millbrandt - Longboat Residents Association
 Joan Campbell - Market Square
 Dell Brown - Marketview Housing Coop
 Farriel Sharma - Marketview Housing Coop
 Abdi Nur - Muriel Collins Coop

Hawaa Kabbashy - New Hibret Coop Homes
 Terry Eitel - Old York Tower
 Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding
 Randy Bath - 15 Scadding
 Marcus Little - The Wellington
 Emma McBey - OWN
 Mary Bailey - OWN
 Connie Yang - OWN
 Karl Froehr - Windmill Line
 Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Coop
 Arlene Markow - Woodsworth Coop
 Becky Street - MTCC 1385

Regrets:

Allan Seymour - Old York Tower

Associate Members & Guests:

Doug Maybank - SLCRC
 Al Smith - SLMN BIA
 Mark Fernandez - smartLiving St. Lawrence

Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell's Office
 Christina Bouchard - City of Toronto Transportation
 Services

Darek Fiedukiewicz, Recording Secretary**1. REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS****2. OPENING OF MEETING****2.1 Opening Remarks**

Suzanne Kavanagh (President) stated that she would be chairing the meeting. She called the session to order at 7:00 P.M.

2.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Environment Day
- 2 Motions to be Tabled
- Food Drive
- Children's Play Garden

It was resolved to accept the agenda with the additions mentioned. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: K. Froehr
 SECONDED BY: M. Raizenne

2.3 Approval of Minutes

The delegates reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2009.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on February 25, 2009 as distributed. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: M. Raizenne
 SECONDED BY: J. Williams

2.4 Executive Meeting Highlights (Matt Raizenne)

M. Raizenne reported that the SLNA Executive had discussed a number of topics at its last meeting.

The committee will put forward two motions to the delegates to provide funding toward flowers for the Esplanade and tree watering. Fund-raising activities are also being considered.

The committee spoke about the events planned for Environment Day. A flyer was circulated announcing that the event will take place on May 2nd between 10am and 2pm in Sherbourne Park.

Finally, an update was received from the Development Committee.

S. Kavanagh reported that she met with Pam McConnell and discussed various items. She announced that funding would be forthcoming for the Heritage Conservation District Study. Heritage Lighting demonstrations are planned at the Front Street buildings, St. James Cathedral and St. Lawrence Hall. A September date is proposed to coincide with the Old Town Toronto Festival. A ceremonial tree planting will take place at Environment Day to kick-off the landscaping plan around the Hydro Transformer site in Sherbourne Park.

S. Kavanagh stated that the improvements for the Jarvis Promenade were passed at TEYCC and the underpass will be completed in June. Sherbourne Street should be the next to receive attention.

Work on 18 Lower Jarvis will be phased with \$100,000 (\$37) funding to be made available with the first building and additional amounts of \$400,000 and \$1,000,000 to follow.

The BIA is working with the City Arts Project on two initiatives including murals at the basketball court in Crombie Park. The City Arts Project has been asked to make a presentation to the delegates about their work which will be carried out in May 2009.

A walking tour has been requested with P. McConnell and City Staff and a community safety audit will take place. P. McConnell has agreed to investigate the condition of the yard-work by the Staples store.

S. Kavanagh stated that she and M. Little attended an East York Council meeting on March 26th and spoke about the Jarvis Street crossing at Lakeshore. A motion was passed to make this area safer.

Finally, S. Kavanagh announced that Sugar Beach Park will be an urban park which will include a series of plastic painted umbrellas. This will form part of a walkway around the waterfront. Drawings of the proposal may be viewed through the City's website or at www.waterfronttoronto.ca.

3. BIKE RACE UPDATE (Christina Bouchard)

Christina Bouchard (City of Toronto Transportation Services) addressed the meeting and introduced the upcoming bike race. She stated that it was part of the "Criterium" events planned for May 29th and would be the second in as many years following a seventeen year absence. The race is also part of Toronto Bike Month during which many other events are planned as detailed in a newsletter that was made available to those in attendance.

C. Bouchard advised that the race will require that some roads be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 4pm on the day of the event. The race will take place between 5:30pm and 9:30pm with post event clean-up expected until about 11pm.

The same pedestrian crossings will be in place as in the prior year but two additional crossings will also be made available. Police have been coached on the rules/regulations and technical aspects of the race to better work with pedestrians. Several crews have also distributed thousands of public notice flyers at local buildings which detail the event schedule, a course map, and other important facts. Additional copies were made available for delegates wishing to post these in their buildings.

K. Froehr enquired as to the participants of the race. C. Bouchard explained that a children's race would take place at 6pm followed by professional and elite racers at 7pm.

M. Fernandez (smartLiving St. Lawrence) stated that an all-day bike seminar was also planned for May 28th and would feature several speakers. C. Bouchard confirmed that the event was also on the bike-month event list. She added that an insert was also planned for NOW magazine.

C. Bouchard stated that registrations for the race will be accepted starting May 1st and it is expected to be a sell-out as only a small field of approximately one-hundred participants can be accommodated per race due to the high-speed of the competitors and nature of the course.

C. Bouchard noted that some additional attractions were being discussed such as an invitation to the Norco Trials Team to perform their stunt show on Church Street during the festivities.

4. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Marcus Little)

M. Little stated that he would email J. Williams a list of principles to serve as a guide for the Development Committee in making its decisions. He requested that each member review the package and be prepared to ask questions at the next meeting so that a motion could then be approved or rejected.

M. Little stated that he had no updates to share regarding 60 Colburn, 251 King or the North Market but he did present the following:

5 Corners at Church and Front

The development will occupy the north portion of the building only and will incorporate the first few buildings that exist on Front Street. 6 Church Street and 70 The Esplanade are not part of plans. The developer does not have interest or rights to these properties because an agreement could not be achieved. A Section 37 by-law allotment was received for the area to be developed.

Q. A delegate requested an update on the Seniors' Centre.

A. T. Davidson stated that there had been no discussion regarding the centre according to City Planners but the agreement does call for a Seniors' Center and space for this is embedded in the contract. T. Davidson underscored that the developer is well aware of this and there has been no change to the amount of space to be offered (i.e. by way of an amendment to the Section 37 by-law).

M. Little explained that the next steps will include the development of a site plan which will be put forward for approval. The process normally requires approximately six-to-eight months.

Berkeley Street

The building site is immediately south of Queen Street and the church on Berkeley Street. It is currently a large parking lot and gym. A community consultation was well attended by those living in the immediate vicinity and a summary letter will be presented to the City to formally express the concerns discussed.

The proposed development would set a negative precedent for other large parking lots on Berkeley which is a street of special interests including old Victorian residences and theatres. It also does not fit within the angular plane of the area and would significantly worsen the shadowing on Queen Street. The developer did make a positive change to their design by replacing some amenity space on Berkeley with three townhouses and an entry for the rest of the building. Visitor parking will also be located at the back area inside the property with a special ramp available for residents to park their bicycles indoors. Concert Properties is a good developer and is owned/funded by OMERS.

18 Lower Jarvis

Phase 1 will encompass the north half of the building with access off Jarvis and Market. A big-box Shopper's Drugmart store and approximately 100 residences are planned for the building. Some concerns have been raised over the phasing approach and the size of the building which will include a large concrete wall. The building has been categorized as eight-storeys in height.

Q. A delegate noted that the developer continues to advertise a tall tower in the Condos section of the Toronto Star.

A. It was noted that the work is starting with the north likely because the builder does not have the funding required for the remainder. A concern remains that Phase 2 may be built but the area may also remain unused. The Development Committee has insisted that the area be used as a parking lot with limited spaces. It has also asked the City for a site plan.

Q. A delegate requested a description of a Shopper's Drugmart 'big-box' store.

A. M. Little will follow-up with more details.

Q. A delegate observed that Phase 1 closely resembled the version rejected by the community.
A. M. Little explained that the OMB has granted the developer permission to proceed. He conceded that it was unfortunate but added that the current design is quite nice for the neighbourhood except the provision for above-ground parking but this will not be visible from the street.

Q. A delegate questioned whether an entrance was planned from Wilton Street.
A. M. Little confirmed that this was not planned and reiterated that entrances would be off Jarvis and Market streets only. A discussion is still expected to take place regarding reworking the park with the hope that the north-end will include a coffee shop, etc. The Development Committee is also seeking support from P. McConnell and the City to ensure that see-through windows are used by the Shopper's Drugmart and not photographs.

Q. A delegate expressed concern that traffic is already in grid-lock and this is also impeding pedestrians. Proceeding with the project will make the situation even more unmanageable.
A. T. Davidson explained that a traffic analysis is part of any development request to ensure access points are as efficient as possible. He noted that Jarvis is a community thoroughfare and the City must balance the trade-off between the hazards of cars driving quickly through the area and slower traffic. The City's goal intensification in its center core will also carry other benefits such as improved crossing access and perhaps more improvements following the Gardiner Expressway study. T. Davidson emphasized that narrowing of streets also 'civilizes' neighbourhoods and encourages the use of public transport.

Q. A delegate requested an update on 251 King Street.
A. M. Little explained that the City was currently doing the planning work from a Heritage Conservation aspect.

M. Little reminded the Delegates that he would email the Development Committee's update to the members through J. Williams. Its next meeting was scheduled for May 20th.

5. BYLAW COMMITTEE UPDATE (Suzanne Kavanagh)

S. Kavanagh stated that she, J. Campbell, C. Baker, M. Little, and A. Seymour sit on the By-Law Committee.

The group has met in several times over last few months with the aim of revitalizing existing by-laws. It hopes to present a finalized version to the Executive for review shortly and these will then be brought back to the Delegates for consideration and approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Children's Play Garden in Princess Park

D. O'Leary presented a slide-deck of photographs highlighting of several events in Princess Park throughout the year. The presentation emphasized children's activities and many learning opportunities available.

Environment Day

D. O'Leary stated that Pam McConnell's recent newsletter included extensive coverage of the upcoming Environment Day so he encouraged the delegates to post copies in their buildings. He also stated that no further volunteers were required.

D. O'Leary noted that the day would include a tree planting to celebrate the landscaping around Hydro One.

2 Motions from the Executive Committee

S. Kavanagh reported that the Executive Committee had passed two motions that were now to be put before the Delegates.

The first motion suggested a contribution toward flowering baskets for The Esplanade. B. Leps noted that he was very supportive of the motion but advised, as Treasurer, that the funding was not included in the approved budget.

It was resolved to approve a \$1,000 SLNA contribution toward flowering baskets for the neighbourhood and painting of the poles. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED**.

MOTIONED BY: W. Simpson
SECONDED BY: P. Bearclaw

The Executive also recommended a \$1,000 contribution toward the tree watering program. G. Millbrandt explained that the City does not look after the trees in the area though it plants them on occasion. The BIA is seeking to extend the life of the trees by combating the effect of dogs, road salt, etc. It would also like to remediate the tree pits. A SLNA contribution would be used toward the employment of a few disadvantaged part-time employees for the entire season.

It was resolved to approve a \$1,000 SLNA contribution toward the BIA tree watering program. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED**.

MOTIONED BY: C. Baker
SECONDED BY: J. Campbell

St. Lawrence Market North (SLMN) BIA Announcement

A. Smith announced that the Ontario BIA Association had awarded the Ontario Green Award to SLMN BIA for its tree watering program. He thanked the SLNA for its support.

Food Drive Challenge

A. Markow reported that Woodsworth Coop accepted the Food Drive challenge issued by Windmill Line and exceeded their total by collecting 377 pounds of food and close to \$352 in cash.

K. Froehr congratulated Woodsworth Coop on their success!

smartLiving St. Lawrence

M. Raizenne stated that the Executive Committee was seeking a champion to lead the smartLiving St. Lawrence program and to seek some of the grants that are available for such initiatives. Those interested may contact M. Raizenne, S. Kavanagh, or M. Fernandez.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED**.

MOTIONED BY: C. Baker

The next Delegates meeting will be held on May 27 at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

President



LIST OF MOTIONS
AGM Meeting: April 29, 2009

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SECONDED BY: M. Raizenne

2. Approval of Minutes

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MOTIONED BY: M. Raizenne
SECONDED BY: J. Williams

3. Contribution to Flowering Baskets/Watering

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MOTIONED BY: W. Simpson
SECONDED BY: P. Bearclaw

4. Contribution to Tree Watering Program

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MOTIONED BY: C. Baker
SECONDED BY: J. Campbell