



**MINUTES OF THE
DELEGATES' MEETING
April 28, 2010
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade**

Directors in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, St. Lawrence on-the-Park
 VP External: Loretta Allen, Cathedral Court Co-op
 VP Internal: Debra Corey, 230 King St. E.
 Secretary: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
 Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
 At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
 At Large: Cathy Waiten, The Indigo, 50 Lombard

Director Regrets:

At Large: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Patricia Bearclaw, Cathedral Court Co-op
 Catherine Limbertie - 1 Church Street
 Ruth Williams - 1 Church Street
 Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
 Cherril Baker - David B. Archer Co-op
 Margaret McQuade, David B. Archer, Co-op
 Joan Campbell - 80 Front Street E.
 Olag Holowaty, 25 George St.
 David Crawford - 135 George Street S.
 Joyce Arnold, 135 George Street S.
 Judith Nagata, King George Square
 Keith Bricknell - 7 King St. E.
 Robert Sherrin - 261 King St. E.
 George Millbrandt, Longboat Residents Association
 Conny Yang, O.W.N.

Alan Seymour - Old York Tower
 Terry Eitel, Old York Tower
 Sherri Russell - 31 Princess St.
 Marc Piccinato - Windmill Line
 John Wichelow, Windmill Line
 Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Coop
 Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

Regrets:

Associate Members & Guests:

Catherine McMillan, 25 George St.
 Stig Harvor, Old York Tower
 Ruth Manson, Old York Tower
 Al Rezoski, City Planner

 Suzanne Smith, Recording Secretary

Tom Davidson - Councillor McConnell's Office
 Bob & Diane Van Dyke, PAL Celebrity Club
 Sylvia Pellman, David B. Archer
 Rhonda Ross
 Rosie Demitro

1. REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

2. OPENING OF MEETING

2.1 Opening Remarks

Suzanne Kavanagh (President) stated that she would be chairing the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Suzanne Kavanagh introduced the new Board of Directors as follows: President, Suzanne Kavanagh, VP External, Loretta Allen, VP Internal, Debra Corey, Secretary, Jacquie Williams, Treasurer, Bruno Leps, At Large Dan O'Leary, At Large, Matthew Raizenne and At Large, Cathy Waiten

2.2 Approval of Agenda

It was resolved to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2010 Delegates Meeting as circulated. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: Wally Simpson
 SECONDED BY: Joan Campbell

2.3 Approval of Minutes for March 31, 2010

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on March 31, 2010 as circulated. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: Keith Bricknell
 SECONDED BY: Debra Corey

2.4 Board Meeting Highlights

Suzanne Kavanagh updated the Delegates with the following information:

- The SLNA gave a cheque for the Marathon last September in the amount of \$2,360
- The Board is pleased to announce that the final amount raised was \$10,685.46 for Downtown Schools and Market Lane
- The SLNA spent \$1,500 on annual flowering program along The Esplanade
- The SLNA will be supporting the St. Lawrence soccer group
- Suzanne Kavanagh and Robert Sherrin will represent the SLNA on the Gardiner environmental assessment committee. There are several choices - do nothing, replace, maintain, tear it down.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS: AL REZOSKI, ACTING MANAGER, PLANNING DEPARTMENT CITY OF TORONTO

Al Rezoski presented information on the Lower Sherbourne Pedestrian Promenade Committee Update: The presentation will be posted on the SLNA site.

- **Improvements to Sherbourne Street:** Each street is a little different and needs to be addressed individually. City Council has given direction to improve the lower part of Sherbourne Street from Front Street to Queens Quay and after that Rees Street. The City will be removing two right turn channels. The City is working on quick fixes and needs to address pedestrian conditions as they are quite harsh right now. Funding is in place and it is the right time to do it. The City is taking on manageable sections and this is why they've chosen this section. The changes will involve the realignment of the street as it intersects with Queens Quay. Some trees will be lost as a result of the realignment. The City will conduct a complete inventory of kiosks, post boxes, etc. The sidewalk will be repaired as well in this area.
- **Crossings under the Expressway:** The City is looking to improve the conditions, landscape and public art opportunities. One advantage of the expressway is that it offers weather protection to pedestrians. Removing the right turn channel gives opportunities for planting. Al Rezoski extended the invitation to volunteers to take on getting a curb cut to the island. The retaining wall has been built and the SLNA has been sending suggestions to make the wall more appealing.
- **Enhancement to Bridges:** The City is looking to clean up the bridges and the sidewalks need to be lit up under the railway underpass bridge. Community volunteers are helpful to let the City know when street lights are out. The City would like to have the billboards removed as they don't lend a feeling of a neighbourhood.

Q. Are these billboards near the railways illegal?

A. Some are, but these aren't, just unattractive.

Q. Can the SLNA get a copy of these photos?

A. A complete photo inventory, before and after will be done.

Q. Do the hydro boxes need to stay or can they be removed?

A. Inventory of all these items is taken and then needs to be implemented. Community groups are helpful in getting this work done.

Hydro Building: Lots of illegal parking here. The City is looking at bollards or planting here. There are opportunities for greening where the trees are. Developers tend not to provide above grade parking anymore.

Q. Would the City consider public art instead of the bollards at the end of Scadding?

A. Yes, contact the City of Toronto about this.

- **Bicycle Parking:** Bicycle parking is minimal, could get more bike parking along the street.
- **Newspaper Boxes:** Newspaper boxes are often illegal and need to be put into a more appropriate location
- **Illegal Stickers:** Over the years illegal stickers get put up on the back of signs
- **Missing Trees:** Trees are missing and volunteers can assist in getting them replaced by reporting missing trees to the City
- **Lighting:** There is currently no heritage lighting on Sherbourne Street. It would be nice to see heritage lighting.

Q. How come there are no boxes on other streets?

A. They may be underground.

Al Rezoski asked everyone to look more critically at each street in the SLNA

Q. Is there a check list of items to look for?

A. Look at the list that is currently online.

- Bylaw is in place that cars must not drive right over the sidewalk, need to call the City if you see this.
- Always looking for continuous weather protection for pedestrians.
- Sandwich signs, need permits, must be on property, not public property
- TTC poles are rusting and the SLNA has contacted the TTC to take them down
- The City is encouraging local businesses to water the trees in the sidewalks
- One of the biggest problems is the illegal newspaper boxes
- Please report old rusting posts to the City
- No pedestrian scale lighting
- There is a new policy and cooperation with TTC to have litter bins and trees near the bus shelters now
- More consultation with BIA's, neighbourhood associations and Metrolinx
- **Next Steps:** Finalize the staff report, secure more funding, conduct detailed design work and tender for construction in 2011.

Q. How are trees selected for planting? Would the City consider Linden trees?

A. Trees are selected carefully due to conditions; there is a pamphlet online for all to review

Q. Verdict of new garbage cans? Many are already coming unhinged and broken. They don't hold a lot of garbage and are unsightly. Need for a re-think on these.

A. Not an expert in street furniture. Look online for the strategy on where they should be and deal with Public Realm unit of the City. The company who installed them is responsible for maintaining them. There is a number to call on them.

Q. Bottom end of Lower Sherbourne, does this mean that trees will be planted on the other side?

A. Land needs to be expropriated from private property for the road. The park will be finished, but the street will not be finished by the park is due to open.

Q. Concern with trees, as tiles are often around the trees. Can they be removed?

A. Yes. Residents volunteered their time to remove these tiles. Work with Forestry to get free mulch and have the debris removed. Rightway Management will pick them up or you could incorporate them in other uses in the neighbourhood

Q. Adopt a Block idea. Have two people for every block to take care of a block, report dead trees, lights out, graffiti, etc.

A. Good idea. Volunteers are very much needed. This type of action shows that people care about the neighbourhood which also helps the neighbourhood.

Q. The BIA will expand their boundaries to Parliament. South of the Esplanade the street widens and it offers opportunity to plant street trees.

A. If anyone has other groups to be consulted, please advise.

Q. Are there any plans in the work for Portlands?

A. Yes, this is part of Waterfront Toronto.

Q. Spadina has done a great job with their tree pits and they look great.

A. There is a BIA on Spadina. There was a competition that took place in this area.

Q. Any possibility of public art and lighting under the railway underpasses?

A. Yes, always opportunities. Love to work with you on this and would consider putting monies towards enhancements.

Suzanne Kavanagh thanked Al Rezoski for his time.

4. NAMING LANEWAYS COMMITTEE:

Suzanne Kavanagh stated that the SLNA named a laneway, Taylors Wharf Lane, last year thanks to the efforts of David Crawford.

David Crawford informed the Delegates that the St. Lawrence area has over 20 nameless lanes and with help and input from the community, the SLNA hopes to name them. The names need to meet the City of Toronto's street naming policies and should primarily commemorate people, places or events in our neighbourhood. On behalf of Dennis Glasgow, Marcus Little and Bruce Bell, David Crawford handed out a list of unidentified lanes in the area and invited all to suggest a name, and reason why it is suitable and e-mail it to name-that-lane@slna.ca The Committee would like to bring a list of proposed names by July to SLNA and then to Pam McConnell's office.

Q. Will the names be something "Lane"?

A. Yes.

5. ST. JAMES PARISH HOUSE UPDATE:

Cathy Waiten informed the Delegates that there is a video of the campaign to raise funds for St. James Parish House. The building will be staying the same shape and opening one year from now. The website to view the video is: www.stjamescathedral.on.ca

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- Environment Day (May 1): Lots of activities will be happening – meeting at Crombie Park
- St. Lawrence Market (May 7): Design plan finalists will be unveiled for the North Market building. All are welcome to view the final plans and offer their comments.
- OMB Hearing for 251 King Street: To take place at the National Hotel
- First Parliament Site: The Delegates agreed that they would like to have it named as a National Historical Site. The BIA has already written a letter supporting this choice.

- It was resolved to approve that the SLNA will write a letter in support of making the First Parliament Site on the North West corner of Parliament St. and Front St. a National Historical site. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: George Millbrandt
SECONDED BY: Cherril Baker

- PAL: Bob Van Dyke informed the Delegates that PAL is a small club with performers and invited all to drop by as a guest. The e-mail address is celebclub2009@yahoo.ca. This is for entertainment, not for profit, at 110 The Esplanade
- Chart of Standing Committees of SLNA: The Delegates were asked to please look at the list posted on the website to ensure that it is correct and to volunteer via e-mail.
- George Brown Development: The Delegates will be updated and can watch on the George Brown site in the next several weeks.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on May 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

President



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