

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING
February 28, 2007

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park

Secretary: Joan Campbell, Market Square

VP External: Hugh-Francis Burns, Longboat Residents Association

VP Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

At Large: Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade

At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park

At Large: Connie Yang, O.W.N. Co-op

Regrets:

Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Leo Agosto, Marketview Housing Co-op

Randy Bath, 15 Scadding

David Bennet, 39 Jarvis St

Daniela Borchardt, Kings Court

Keith Bricknell, The Metropole

Joan Boyd, P.A.L

Jennifer Chan, Windmill Line Co-op

Jim Childs, Caroline Co-op

Dan Chiu, The Metropole

Elizabeth Ecker, St. Lawrence on the Park

Terry Eitel, Old York Tower

Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op

Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op

Manuel Ladron, Kings Court

Emma McBey, O.W.N Co-op

George Millbrandt, Longboat Residents Association

Ronald Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op

Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Co-op Homes

Didier Pomerleau, Kings Court

Alan Seymour, Old York Tower

Robert Sherrin, Abbey Lofts

Wendy Stockwell, St. Lawrence Lofts

Sandra Walker, Windmill Line Co-op

Catherine West, 1 Church St

REGRETS:

Aurie Hensman, Olde York Place

Sherri Russell, FAN

Associate Members & Guests :

Victoria Ardito, Woodsworth Co-op

Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell's office

John Kennaley, George Smitherman's office

Greg Wasney, 323 Richmond St. E.

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
SLNA: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre
SLM: St. Lawrence Market
SLMN-BIA: St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area
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

Registration and Refreshments

1. Opening Remarks — Paul Smith

President Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and chaired the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Add to Other Business:

- a) Old York Tower – Terry Eitel, and
- b) Harlan Clark’s 60th Anniversary at St. Lawrence Market – Ewa Jarmicka

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Keith Bricknell

Seconded by: Joan Campbell

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 31, 2007 Meeting and Business Arising Under Attendance, list Harry Renaud in “Delegates”, not “Associate Delegates”

Page 3: “The City is undermining its own tax base by ignoring ~~BIAs~~ **the tax problem of neighbourhood business**. The City is making an enormous mistake in city

Motion: to approve the January 31, 2007 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Wallace Simpson

CARRIED

4. Internet Fraud and Identity Theft — 51 Division

The Chair welcomed Detective Constable Amy Bjerknes, Toronto Police, 51 Division. She gave a presentation on internet safety.

instant messaging, limewire.com (for downloading music), and sites for blogs (personal journals) including www.myspace.com, www.livejournal.com, and www.youtube.com.

- The internet is unregulated. Anything you say on the internet can be redistributed to anyone.
- At the end of 2006, 107 million children had internet access. In a survey, 1 in 5 children were solicited, 1 in 33 were aggressively solicited to meet someone somewhere, and 1 in 4 were exposed to pornography.
- Be careful of opening attachments as they can be unsolicited and inappropriate
- Some popular sites that provide peer-to-peer services for children and teens which parents should monitor include: yahoochat.com, hotmail.com, msn.com

- The dangers of using the internet include cyberbullying, spam (junk mail), computer viruses, spyware (which enables others to access your computer via your online connection), identity theft, and contacts who are not who they say they are.

SLNA Delegates verified that spyware can be used on both wireless internet access and cable internet access. Spyware software is readily available on the internet, such as Ad-Aware, free software that tracks your keystrokes. Spyware software does have a valid application: e.g., businesses use it to monitor their employees’ work.

- If using MSN, set it up so that only people on your contact list are able to contact you: go to “Options, Privacy Section. Allow List” to select this option.
- Do not post personal information when you register for an internet account, and do not post your photograph on the internet
- Never say anything negative about another person on the internet. Whatever you post is public information, not private.
- Toronto police take online crime seriously. Contact the police to report crime on the internet, at (416) 808-2222 or www.cybertipline.ca. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact www.222tips.ca or 416-222-tips. Call 911 for an emergency. If you are receiving unsolicited material online, technical crime officers can analyze your computer to determine the source of the information sent to you.

Catherine West asked what to do about a child of non-computer-literate Afghani parents in Durham region who told her there is a “zombie” on her chatline. Detective Constable Bjerknnes encouraged her to get the child’s chatline information, then contact the police in Durham region, who can set up an account on the chatline to sit in and evaluate the situation, and intervene if necessary. Paul Smith offered to contact local schools to see if they have any programs for encouraging parents to supervise their children online. Detective Constable Bjerknnes confirmed that the police give talks in schools.

Terry Eitel reported that this month she received a set of SLNA minutes with an offensive attachment. She verified that no other Delegates had received this attachment with their minutes.

- If you make a purchase on the internet, buy only from reputable, legitimate companies. Delegate Randy Bath added that Paypal is an internet service for making secure payments.

Elisabeth Ecker asked who to call if someone claiming to be a bank contacts her and wants her banking information. Detective Constable Bjerknnes advised that she call the police at (416) 808-2222. Randy Bath described this internet crime as phishing. He advised that a person should contact their own bank who will track down the false bank. A visitor added that if your account is entered through fraudulent means, the bank is responsible for replacing your money, but that it is best to be careful regardless.

- If someone calls and claims they are from the police, do not give them personal information but ask for their phone number, verify it, and call them back to continue the conversation.

- “Don’t be scared to call the police.” Members of the public, especially if they have never had dealings with the police, think the police do not want to hear from them. Save those unsolicited internet items and call the police.

The Chair thanked Detective Constable Amy Bjerknnes for her presentation. Everyone applauded.

Hugh-Francis Burns later recommended that all internet users install virus protection, popup ad and spyware protection, and a firewall program. He recommended the following programs, which are all free on the internet and can be located using www.google.ca: AVG 7.5

(virus protection), Ad-Aware (popup ad/spyware protection), and Zone Alarm (firewall program). These programs are

smaller and more manageable than McAfee and Norton Antivirus programs.

5. Notification of the AGM in March. Report of Nominating Committee and call for further nominations for Executive—V.P. Internal & External, Secretary & two Directors at Large

President Paul Smith announced that the AGM takes place in March and described Executive positions that will be open. Joan Campbell advised that the position of Treasurer will also be open. Paul Smith

asked Delegates to consider standing for election. He encouraged Delegates to invite other residents in their buildings to attend the meeting as guests.

6. Update on St. Lawrence Market Complex — Hugh-Francis Burns

Hugh-Francis Burns of the SLNA's Development Committee gave a computer presentation on new building developments in the neighbourhood.

effect, particularly on the upper floors. At eleven storeys, it is somewhat over-density and over-height. Other than this, the SLNA's Development Committee is pleased with the design as being "modern and good."

60 Richmond Street

60 Richmond Street is located at the corner of Berkley and Richmond Streets, on the site of the former Deeds Registry Office. The union for workers in the hospitality industry is making arrangements for some workers to live in this building and for a training restaurant to be located on the main level. The building will be a co-op, and will be more accommodating to families as it has more 3- and 4-bedroom units than most buildings. The building will have a number of cut-out sections for outdoor gardens that children can play in, and a rooftop hole to cast natural light down into the building's gardens. The garage will have mostly storage spaces for bicycles, few parking spaces for cars. The developers are trying for a LEEDS certification of gold, for developing an environmentally friendly building.

Joan Campbell added that this will be the first co-op built in our neighbourhood in a long time. It will be a mixed co-op with both rent-geared-to-income and market-rate residents, the kind of model that will extend our successful community northward. She explained that the building is the work of THCH, for relocating families that must move from Regent Park during its redevelopment.

109 Sherbourne Street

109 Sherbourne Street is currently a gas station located at the corner of Sherbourne and Richmond Streets. The planned condominium will have an upper storey set-back from the street so that its glass wall front does not loom straight up from the lot line.

Some drawbacks: The developers do not plan to use the façade of the original building. The building's design is not heritage-compatible. The two-tone exterior has a dark tone that creates a looming

St. Lawrence Market, North Market

Hugh-Francis Burns showed his proposed schematic of how the renovated Market complex would be managed. City Administration would send a Letter of

Direction to a Board of Management. The Board would have Operations (Manager Jorge Carvalho and the South and North Markets) execute the instructions. If done well, revenue will be remitted back to City Administration. An advisory group would advise the Board of Management. Its members might include the market farmers, the Sunday Antiques Market, the market merchants, nearby residents, OTTPA, SLNA, TPA, BIA, and labour.

Currently, Alan Seymour chairs the Market Lane Steering Committee which receives residents' complaints about local events and advises the current advisory group. Up to now the advisory group has been overlooked by City Administration.

In North Market redevelopment, right now there is a timeframe of three months to find \$23 million to stop the courthouse from being installed on the second floor. Alternative uses for the space in the North Market are still up for discussion. Hugh-Francis Burns recommended that the space be used for business shows, which would generate revenue for the City. A transition study on the site must be completed and submitted to City Council by the end of June. Construction might begin as early as September. President Paul Smith advised that the SLNA will contact Delegates in two weeks with instructions for how to support alternate use of the space so that the courthouse is located elsewhere.

7. Report from smartliving St. Lawrence — Ben Marans

Ben Marans sent his regrets. He is holding a seminar at Marketview Co-op this evening.

8. The SLNA's 20-Point Plan — Tom Davidson from Counsellor McConnell's Office President Paul Smith reported that the SLNA's Executive developed a 20-point plan for the neighbourhood, and sent it to Councillor McConnell's office in December 2006, and has now received a response. Tom Davidson summarized the plan, which is a compilation of accomplishments of the SLNA in the last year and objectives for the upcoming year and beyond. Tom explained that the 20-point plan has four basic categories: heritage preservation during building development, improvement of public

spaces, community centre and community programs infrastructure, and a sustainable agenda for accomplishing goals and maintaining the community to standards. The City wants to work with the SLNA's Executive to develop a focused plan and objective, and to put together projects to work on.

The Chair thanked Tom Davidson for his report.

9. Fair Vote Ontario — Blake Webb from MPP George Smitherman's Office The Chair introduced John Kennaley as the new representative from George Smitherman's Constituency Office, replacing Blake Webb who is now working on the MPP's election campaign.

John Kennaley described the Citizens' Assembly. The Government of Ontario set up the Citizens' Assembly to discuss how to make the voting system more fair and just for electing Members of Legislature to Queen's Park. The Assembly consists of

104 people, 103 of which were randomly chosen from across Ontario, one per riding. Two-thirds were born in Canada, one-third outside of Canada. The Assembly held consultations last month in Toronto and across Ontario. On May 17 they will present their recommendations to the government. The government has pledged to hold a referendum on the date of the next provincial election or beforehand if the Assembly recommends an election system unlike the one we are used to, so that citizens can vote for their preference. For more information, see www.citizensassembly.gov.on.ca. The site will have more information after May 17.

The Chair noted that Tim Rourke was not present this evening to discuss Fair Vote

Ontario, a private group which is also advocating a more fair and just system for provincial elections.

Stig Harvour asked whether the government will conduct a public information campaign over a long period of time leading up to the vote, so that citizens are well informed of the initiative and the options. Tom Davidson of Councillor McConnell's office agreed that publicity is important for the new system to be implemented because a vote would require a 60% majority in favour to pass.

The Chair thanked John Kennaley for his report.

10. St. Lawrence Recreation Centre Advisory Committee Report — Sherri Russell
Sherri Russell was not present for health reasons.

11. Other Business

a) Old York Tower – Terry Eitel

Terry Eitel reported that Old York Tower's Board of Directors was extremely pleased to have received the SLNA Executive's recent letter recapping what the SLNA has accomplished to date, which in effect encourages Old York Tower to give the SLNA their continued support. "They wish you well in all your endeavours." The Board hopes to continue to receive such correspondence on a regular basis. President Paul Smith thanked Terry Eitel and the Board of Old York Tower on behalf of the SLNA.

b) Harlan Clark's 60th Anniversary at St. Lawrence Market – Ewa Jarmicka

Ewa Jarmicka announced that vendor Harlan Clark sells eggs in the North Market every Saturday, and that at the end of August he will have been there sixty years.

His wife has been heard to say he never took a week off. Ewa asked if there will be some acknowledgment at the end of August. Alan Seymour confirmed that the Market is doing so.

c) Methadone Clinic in Corktown

A visitor asked for an update on the status of the methadone clinic in Corktown. President Paul Smith advised that the Toronto Drug Strategy now has an Implementation Committee. He pointed out that the site is a dispensary, not a clinic. A clinic would have a four-fold program: prevention, harm reduction, treatment and support, and enforcement. A dispensary only dispenses methadone. There are plans to encourage a change to the by-laws so that such sites cannot be located near schools or churches. Tom Davidson of Councillor McConnell's office added that

the provincial government established a task force to look at regulating methadone dispensation in the province, and that the provincial government might develop regulations to make the sites more well-mannered and better enforced.

d) St. Lawrence Market, North Market

Hugh-Francis Burns pointed out that in January's minutes he promised to clarify David Crombie's response of "yes". Hugh-Francis reported that David Crombie had not agreed to be on the Board of Management, but did agree to participate on the Advisory Group, although he did not cite which Advisory Group. Hugh-Francis will clarify that for the next SLNA meeting.

d) Proposed Home Depot

Hugh-Francis Burns reported that a Home Depot was proposed as a new development at the foot of Cherry Street, but it was refused by the City. The developers have appealed to the OMB, without waiting for the precinct plan to be completed. A preliminary hearing will take place shortly.

Tom Davidson of Councillor McConnell's office clarified that the proposed development includes a Home Depot store plus five huge residential towers. The site is part of waterfront development land that the City has not yet planned, so the City rejected the proposal at Council and the developers are now appealing. This is only one of many appeals from developers for

proposed developments in the waterfront area.

e) Announcements

Paul Smith announced a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, at St. Lawrence Hall, March 4, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. The event is a brunch with a silent auction, speakers, and entertainment at a cost of \$50 per person. Proceeds will go to assist the heroic African grandmothers who care for the millions of children orphaned by AIDS. The event also celebrates Black History Month and International Women's Week.

Paul Smith advised Delegates that an SLNA committee for assisting the disabled might be ready to make a presentation to Delegates at the May meeting.

Ronny Yaron announced that the Older Women's Co-operative is holding a roundtable discussion called "If I were you . . ." Caring & Ethics with Abbyann Lynch, C.M., Ph.D., with a special performance by St. Christopher House's H. A. T. S. Health Action Theatre by Seniors. The event takes place March 5, 2007, 10:00 am to noon at 115 The Esplanade.

The TPA is suing Community Air. Community Air is asking for support and encourages people to show up at City Hall on March 5, 10:30 am. The SLNA will send an email to Delegates.

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:01 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, March 28, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

Joan Campbell, Corporate Secretary

Paul Smith, President