



**MINUTES OF THE  
DELEGATES' MEETING**  
February 24, 2010  
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

**Executive Members in Attendance:**

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, St. Lawrence on-the-Park  
 Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square  
 VP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower  
 Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc  
 At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park  
 At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op  
 VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade

**Voting Delegates in Attendance:**

Cherril Baker - David B. Archer  
 Loretta Allen - Cathedral Court Co-op  
 Catherine Limbertie - 1 Church Street  
 Catherine West - 1 Church Street  
 Joan Campbell - 80 Front Street E.  
 Judith Nagata - King George Square  
 Debra Corey - 230 King St. E.  
 Donna Patterson - 230 King St. E.  
 Robert Sherrin - 261 King St. E.  
 Oleg Holowaty - 25 George Street  
 David Crawford - 135 George Street S  
 Joyce Arnold - 135 George Street S  
 Sherri Russell - 31 Princess St.  
 Keith Bricknell - 7 King St. E.  
 Bob Parkin - 71 Front St. E.  
 Becky Street - MTCC 1385

**Associate Members & Guests:**

Bob Van Dyke – PAL  
 Kathy Van Dyke – PAL  
 Ruth Williams – 1 Church Street

Suzanne Smith, Recording Secretary

**Executive Member Regrets:**

At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding

Abdi Nur - Muriel Collins Co-op  
 Emma McBey - OWN  
 Alan Seymour - Old York Tower  
 Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding  
 Rhoda Ross - 176 The Esplanade  
 Marc Piccinato - Windmill Line  
 Jane Mendita - Woodsworth Coop  
 Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Coop

**Regrets:**

John Wichelow - Windmill Line  
 Anna Wichelow – Windmill Line

Pam McConnell - Councillor  
 Tom Davidson - Councillor McConnell's Office  
 Glen Gustafsen – Councillor McConnell's Office  
 Al Rezoski – City of Toronto

**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 session to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2.2 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

### 2.3 Approval of Minutes

The Delegates reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2010.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on January 27, 2010 as circulated. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel  
 SECONDED BY: Cherril Baker

### 2.4 AGM Update and Nominations Committee Update

**AGM Update:** S. Kavanagh informed the Delegates that the guest speaker at the AGM will be Brenda Pipitone, Executive Director of Community Partnerships at George Brown College. S. Kavanagh informed the Delegates that new bylaws would be rolled out at the AGM.

**Nominations Committees Update:** Alan Seymour provided all delegates with a document outlining the various committees. A. Seymour asked delegates to fill in the blanks on these various committees and to advise if any names are missing. A. Seymour stated that the members report back to the board every three months regarding committee activities and provide a thumbnail sketch on activities. A. Seymour asked for volunteers for any of these committees.

**Director Nominations:** A. Seymour directed the Delegates attention to the Board of Directors nomination form and asked for nominations for director positions on the Board. A. Seymour stated that Delegates elect Directors and the Board of Directors selects the positions. A. Seymour further stated that two Directors were elected in 2009, namely Bruno Leps and Dan O'Leary, so they will not be running for election. There are two positions available, one 3 year and one 2 year position and that the person with the most votes will get the longer position. A. Seymour also stressed that Delegates may nominate themselves.

Q. What do you want us to do?

A. Fill it out and give it back to A. Seymour. A. Seymour advised the Delegates that their level of involvement is their choice.

**Fees:** B Leps stated that voters are limited to Delegates if who are fully paid up. B. Leps informed the Delegates that 2010 invoices are being sent out and requested that all 2009 invoices be paid up. D. Crawford mentioned that fees are set in November for the following year and that the new bylaws are setting out that fees are paid in full in a reasonable time period to be voted on. C. Baker stated that a Delegate must be a paid up members in order to run as a Director

All Delegates were encouraged to run as the more people who get involved makes for a healthy association and that many hands make light work.

## 4. City of Toronto Presentation (Pam McConnell and Al Rezoski)

### Financial Matters:

Pam McConnell presented a review of the budget process at the City of Toronto. The full presentation is available on the City of Toronto website at [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca) P. McConnell started with a review of the capital budget and then the operating budget.

2010 Capital Budget: \$2.872 Billion - more money provided this year for infrastructure repairs and maintenance

Capital Projects in Ward 28 was reviewed. Most important in this area are the lead water pipe replacements, road repairs that will happen over the next two years.

2010 Operating Budget: \$9.2 Billion – Review of the operating budget items. Of note: Solid Waste Collection, Recycling and Water and Wastewater are now rate supported.

Saved \$31 million due to the strike last summer and this will go towards the budget shortfall

Property Tax Increase: Residential 4%; Non-Residential 1.33%

**Al Rezoski, Acting Manager, City Planning Department:**

Al Rezoski provided an overview on some activities and projects:

**Yonge & Lakeshore:** The parking lot used to encroach on the sidewalk so the City created a sidewalk and bike path to connect to Lakeshore bike path and added river rock. Some clean up around this area has taken place over the years and is much better now.

**Jarvis Street:** Working on a green wall where the CN Tower wall is now facing east at Jarvis & Lakeshore. Considering changes to Jarvis Street ramp to Gardiner Expressway. New crosswalk will be constructed in April.

These are just part of the Promenade plan improvements in the area. Lighting improvements have been made. The City is looking for opportunities to make the area more pedestrian and bike friendly.

**Sherbourne Street:** Some technical analysis needs to be done for this area. The ramp comes down off the Expressway and splits. It is not pedestrian or bike friendly. No stop condition and no curb cut here. There are opportunities for bike paths and sidewalks in the area.

**Parliament Street:** Bike path is not in good shape and is too narrow. The City is considering improving this area.

**Cherry Street:** Other initiatives being considered for this area.

**Lower Sherbourne at Lakeshore Blvd:** The City is planning to remove the pedestrian channels, as they are not safe for pedestrians and planning to punch up the crosswalks so that motorists are more aware of pedestrians. The City is looking at landscape improvements including grove and berms for this area to make it better for cyclists and will put in warnings for motorists regarding new pedestrian crosswalks.

**Bike Planning:** The City is anticipating a report to add bike lanes on Bay Street down to Lakeshore Blvd. There are some challenges.

**Public Bike Program:** The public bike program is currently on hold as there is debate on whether city will offer funding. The focus for now is on improving bike paths.

**Bike Paths:** The City would like to add another connection from Parliament to Jarvis. Not all the lands are owned by the City and may have to seek an easement. Not sure of the timing of this as budgeting needs to be addressed.

**Volunteering Opportunities:** Audits have been done by various BIAs and committees and have found hundreds of illegal things are being done around the area. For example, newspaper boxes without permits, illegal signs, redundant poles, various objects in the right of way. They are making great strides in fixing up the various subway stops. A. Rezoski encouraged all to get involved to help out by contacting Councillor McConnell's office.

**Mayor's Clean up Day:** A. Rezoski encouraged groups to help with cleaning up garbage and stated that they have had lots of success working with forestry. Forestry staff will deliver mulch free. Trees are dying because the asphalt is too close to the base of the tree and it is good to open up this area. Volunteers can pile up bricks and the City will pick them up. There are benefits to dog walkers as dogs use the tree areas, not post office boxes, etc. A. Rezoski encouraged Delegates to find projects that will make a difference in people's lives, as this is very empowering.

Q. Learning Annex boxes, why does the City not just remove them as the Learning Annex has now been out of business for years? Why do we have to report them?

A. The City has reduced staffing levels and really appreciates the assistance from the public.

Q. Is the St Lawrence BIA involved in any audit?

A. No. Other BIA's can help out.

Q. Regarding Adam Vaughn's recommendations, will there be further work on Adelaide and Richmond Streets?

A. There is a map online regarding a planned roll out for planned bike lanes for this area. Streetcar tracks complicate this matter.

Q. What is the timeline for the change to Sherbourne Street?

A. Like it to happen when Sherbourne Park opens. Trying to do it this year, but not guaranteed. Lower Sherbourne is going to be reconstructed 2011

Q. Is something being done about the parking lot on Esplanade that encroaches onto the sidewalk?

A. The property line is close to the curb and therefore easier to do on one side. Waiting for a development application or will need to seek an easement for this walkway. This is part of bylaw enforcement. Approach the Parking Lot attendants and ask them to ensure this does not happen.

Q. Will the island at the right turn at Jarvis & Adelaide be removed?

A. The City is working to get rid of these right turn islands as soon as feasible.

Q. Will this presentation be posted online?

A. The sketch will be posted on the website. The City is currently still at the starting point and still needs further approvals. As soon as it comes in a report, then it will be posted on the website.

Q. Is the City pursuing legal recourse when parking lots are not in compliance?

A. Yes, the City continually goes after owners who are not in compliance.

Q. What is 311?

A. It is for complaints and general questions about City Services.

Q. Has the SLNA ever written on behalf of the community regarding the Parking Lot encroachment?

A. The SLNA is continually writing letters to handle various issues and can send another one about the parking lot encroachment on the Esplanade.

Q. Is it possible to plant shrubs to deter people from walking on this area?

A. The City would need the goodwill of the landowner. There is concern that people will walk on the road, which is dangerous. Need to gather feedback from people who live in the area and make this a community initiative until the development happens. Also, consider decks to extend the sidewalk.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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**Corporate Secretary**

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**President**



**LIST OF MOTIONS**

Delegates' Meeting: January 27, 2010

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