

**SLNA DELEGATES MEETING**  
**January 26, 2005**

**OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK, 115 The Esplanade**

**Executive Members in Attendance:**

V.P. External: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V

V.P. Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V

Treasurer and interim Corporate Secretary: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Ave V

At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V

At Large: Paul Smith, 65 Scadding Ave V

**In Attendance:**

Judith Anderson, Marketview Co-op V

Cherril Baker, David B Archer V

Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V

Eugene Krushelnycky, 25 George V

Joan Latimer, 30 Wellington E V

Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V

Susan McLeod, Market Square V

George Millbrandt, Longboat Res. Assoc. V

Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V

Dawn Murray, Windmill Line V

Annalee Orr, David B Archer V

Sherri Russell, FAN V

David Sangaraille, La Place St. Laurent V

Safia Sayid, New Hibret Co-op V

Karen Serwonka, David B Archer V

Alan Seymour, Longboat V

Frank Touby, Harmony A Housing Co-op V

Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V

Rose Wilner, OWN Co-op V

Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Michelle Buckley, Pam McConnell's Office G

Wendy Ground, G Smitherman's Office G

Jennifer Arp, Bill Graham's Office G

Bob Kemp, 51 Division CPLC G

SSgt Tom Kelly, 51 Division G

Brian McCauley, Concert Properties G

Kelly Wilson, Concert Properties G

Lindsay Mack, Global Public Affairs G

**With Regrets:**

Patricia Bear Claw, Cathedral Court Co-op V

Elisabeth Ecker, 65 Scadding V

Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V

Marcus Little, The Wellington V

Terry Pennock, New Times Sq 2 V

Dwight Peters, 25 The Esplanade V

President: Cam Miller, King George Square  
V

**ACRONYMS:**

CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee

HRSDC: Human Resources and Skills  
Development

Canada

PSB: Police Services Board

SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation

Erin Harris, Toronto Seniors Council G

Karin Borchert, Market Square G

Dugal Campbell, Market Square G

Mel Shipman, Market Square G

Nancy Dudgeon, Market Square G

Centre

TIACAC: Toronto Island Airport Community  
Advisory

Committee

TCHC: Toronto Community Housing  
Corporation

TPA: Toronto Port Authority

V = Voting delegate, NV = Non-voting delegate, G = Guest

### **1. Welcome & Round Robin**

Frank Burns called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. He introduced himself as VP External and he chaired the meeting. A round table of introductions was conducted. Nancy Sheppard, the Corporate Secretary, passed around an attendance sheet.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion: to approve the Agenda as presented.*

*Moved by: George Milbrandt*

*Seconded by: Cheryl Baker*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Approval of November 24, 2004 Minutes**

*Motion: to approve the November 24, 2004 minutes as presented.*

*Moved by: Joan Campbell*

*Seconded by: Alan Seymour*

**CARRIED**

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Ron Monteith told Delegates that he has not yet received a response from George Smitherman's office regarding the government's Business Office Transformation initiative, which he raised at the last SLNA meeting. Sixteen hospitals will be merging their administrative functions into a separate corporation with perhaps an American organization brought in to run it. A new representative from George Smitherman's office was present this evening. Ron deferred his questions for her until later in the meeting.

In response to Joan Campbell, Nancy Sheppard announced that she will circulate to Delegates a notice from the Opera Company.

### **5. Update from Police 51 Division**

Frank Burns welcomed Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly. Tom announced that year-end crime statistics were now available. Last year reported crime in all of Toronto was down by about 13% overall. Because the divisional border changed halfway through the year, the statistics were more difficult to pinpoint for 51 Division, but he estimated that crime is down by about 16% in our area.

Tom recommended that the community stay aware of crime in nearby neighbourhoods as the criminal activities can easily relocate to this neighbourhood. In last few weeks a run of street level robberies took place at Yonge & Wellesley. With input from locals the police made about ten arrests and seem to have put an end to it. Get involved in the community, Tom said. If you see something, don't hesitate to call the police.

All along The Esplanade and on Mill Street, a series of underground parking lots were broken into recently, 10-12 cars per night for a number of nights. The police laid many charges against one individual because many of the underground parking garages had up-to-date video surveillance equipment. He is a repeat offender. Tom recommended that people advise their building management to install a good security system. It won't prevent crimes from happening, but it gives the police a chance to find out who is responsible and arrest them, which will prevent it from happening again. As often as not the perpetrator is a repeat offender whom the police can recognize from the surveillance records.

There was a rise in apartment break-ins in the big buildings on the west side of Jarvis, from Bloor southward. Robbers broke into one building this week that has the latest digital surveillance computer equipment. The property management office burned to CD data which showed two men entering the building around the time of the break-in and walking out with duffel bags over their shoulders. Police identified them and will be arresting them shortly.

Tom advised that if your residential building still uses the old system of a video camera with tape, have your management install fresh tapes. Hire a professional to install any new security system to ensure that it works properly and that cameras do not angle away from the site they should view.

In response to Rose Wilner, Tom advised that it is at the discretion of building management to grant victims access to view security data as the security system is the property of the building. Always, the victim's very first step is to report the incident to the police. As a case in point, Tom said that only 8-9 people reported that their cars were broken into in the recent parking garage break-ins. Police viewed security data, identified the man, arrested him, and found out only from him that he had broken into multiple other vehicles. Those victims had notified only their property management office, not the police.

Frank McLeod asked whether the police offer the public guidelines on installing surveillance equipment. Tom explained that a crime prevention officer is available to talk to property management about the types of surveillance systems in general, but that

management must then research, purchase, and install the most appropriate system for their own site.

Frank Burns pointed out that police contact numbers and procedures for reporting crime are posted on the SLNA's website. He then thanked Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly for his report.

#### **6. City Update from Pam McConnell's Office — Michelle Buckley**

Frank Burns introduced Michelle Buckley. Michelle gave an update on City activities.

Snow removal on sidewalks: Right now the City does not plow all city sidewalks. Some of the machines cannot fit into tight spaces. If you are mobility impaired or even just have trouble getting from the street up the curb because of slush, call Michelle's office at (416) 392-7916, or call (416) 338-7669 which is an information line that says where snow removal crews are in their clean-up and estimated time of arrival for snow removal in your neighbourhood, or call (416) 338-0338 which is the General Access Toronto line that can tell you if they plow your street at all, and can send out a plow specifically to plow the portion of a streetfront sidewalk at the request of disabled citizens or seniors.

Paul Smith described how in one location plows shoveled 10 feet in front of an entrance but no closer. Michelle advised him that many business and private owners are required to shovel their own property within 12 hours of snowfall.

Joan Campbell noted that frequently the stretch of street between the North and South Market on Front Street is hazardous, and that it should be plowed as it is very busy with pedestrian and street traffic.

Tsunami Relief Efforts: The city has opened its emergency relief office (previously opened only for SARS and the summer blackout). They are looking at a longer term process for "how we can help", and are waiting for the federal government to do a needs assessment. The City has a lot of skills and equipment that can be sent overseas to help with the development of the devastated areas. Anyone with questions can contact Michelle. Anyone wanting to make a donation can contact accredited charitable organizations posted on the City's website. They will also be posted on the SLNA website.

Street closures: Michelle passed around a map of upcoming street closures due to construction work. The eastern portion of Jarvis Street between Adelaide & Richmond will be closed February 5 to 20 to reconstruct a Bell Canada underground fault. The three eastern-most lanes will be closed 24/7. Sidewalks might or might not be blocked. On Adelaide from Toronto to Jarvis the south curb lane will be closed from February 28 to April 8 for water main construction.

Urban Design: Many different developments are going on in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. City planning staff are working with a subcommittee of the SLNA to

create a vision for development in the neighbourhood. For more information, people can contact Michelle at her office.

Ronny Yaron pointed out that our City Councillor, Pam McConnell, is now Chair of the Police Board.

In response to a question from Ron Monteith, Delegates verified that a consultation meeting on choosing a new Police Chief is taking place February 15 at City Hall, meeting room #1, 7:00 to 9:00. For further information, contact Leslie Koski at (416) 808-8089.

Frank Burns thanked Michelle Buckley for her update.

**7. Federal Update from Bill Graham's Office (MP) — Jennifer Arp**  
Frank Burns welcomed Jennifer Arp.

Affordable Housing: Jennifer addressed Paul Smith's concern about affordable housing for the homeless. The Minister recently met with representatives from a couple of co-operatives in Toronto to discuss a crisis in funding for subsidized housing. He is raising the matter with Minister Fontana this week at a liberal caucus retreat for all the MPs in New Brunswick.

Funding for Cities: The possible allocation of gas tax monies to Cities was mentioned in the recent speech from the Throne. Jennifer projects that this funding for Cities might be included in the budget next month.

Paul Smith asked about the status of the ballistic missile defence issue. Jennifer Arp said that she had no information on the topic other than that no decision has been made yet. She said that she has been instructed to pass every query on this issue to the Ministry of Defense. She suggested that people interested in the issue could email the Department of Defense directly at [forces\\_mnd@dnd.gc.ca](mailto:forces_mnd@dnd.gc.ca). Mel Shipman stated that he has yet to receive a reply from the MP on this question, and asked that the MP at least send him an acknowledgement of his correspondence.

Paul Smith stated that we would like the opportunity as a community to provide input to our MP, not have the MPs debate the matter and come back and tell us what they're going to do. Our MP should be willing to listen to us directly or have a delegate listen. Jennifer assured Delegates that she writes bi-weekly reports on what the community tells her and gives Bill Graham the reports "into his hands."

Paul Smith advised Delegates that a protest is scheduled at the Bill Graham's office for Friday, January 28, regarding the ballistic missile defence matter. In response to his query, Tom Kelly of Division 51 advised that peaceable protesters usually advise the police in advance and acquire a permit (particularly if they plan to impede traffic), but that for peaceable demonstrations the police are unlikely to lay charges.

Frank Burns thanked Jennifer Arp for her report.

**8. Provincial Update from George Smitherman's Office (MPP)** — Wendy Ground  
Frank Burns welcomed Wendy Ground. She introduced herself as Committee Liaison for George Smitherman's office.

The Ontario Municipal Board is currently under review by the government. In response to a query by Cherril Baker, Wendy Ground reported that consultations were already held. Cherril Baker asked, Why weren't we informed?

Ron Monteith noted that he would discuss the government's Business Office Transformation initiative with Wendy Ground after the meeting.

George Milbrandt advised Wendy Ground that he has received no response for two emails and one phone call about the no-smoking legislation which affects his restaurant. She stated that she will look into that.

Delegates expressed concern that their City Councillor, Provincial MPP, and Federal MP all hold high posts now in addition to their regular duties and will be less responsive to the community. Wendy Ground assured Delegates that George Smitherman told his staff during a recent meeting that his riding is "the most important thing" to him.

Frank Burns thanked Wendy Ground for her report. The Delegates took a brief break for refreshments.

## **9. Development Updates**

### a) North Market – Alan Seymour

Alan Seymour of the St. Lawrence Community and Farmers North Market Redevelopment Initiative (NMI) group gave a presentation on the five year history of the initiative. In 1999, the City expressed an intention to replace St. Lawrence North Market with a condominium. Alan spearheaded a project to keep the Market, with some renovations. The City backed down from its original plan.

NMI has inspired a number of other related initiatives in support of St. Lawrence Market and the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. The area is now being promoted as Old Town Toronto, a heritage site for tourism. NMI is raising funds toward the redevelopment of the Market. NMI also gathered archival information on the Market. This material is housed at NMI's new office in St. Lawrence Hall, on King Street at Jarvis. The office also serves as a Tourist Information Centre. Local foot tours and bus tours begin and end at its door.

Negotiations are now underway to redesign the North Market. Alan expressed concern that the City Planning Department representative initially identified land developers, not the community, as their customers and clients. Some members of a working group of City

representatives did not even know where St. Lawrence Market was located. Corporate Services made a presentation that City Hall approved, for the North Market to be redeveloped with three floors above ground and three below (3 up and 3 down), with a rider that developers can build an additional 3 meters higher. That additional height would enable developers to add a fourth story for government offices. NMI is objecting to the additional height, requesting that the new building be no higher than the existing St. Lawrence Hall.

NMI's plan designates the ground floor as farmers' food market Saturdays and antique market on Sunday, and the second floor as a site for rental to small trade shows. (Participants would be encouraged to stay in local hotels and attend local attractions.)

Alan asked Delegates to support the four objectives for the Market that the NMI team generated:

- 1) To retain a Farmers Market on this site in perpetuity.
- 2) To maintain a Market that the stakeholders (Community, Farmers, and Antique Dealers etc.) can be proud of.
- 3) To set in place a Market Centre that is self-supporting, requiring no public support monies.
- 4) To set in place a Market Centre that can be used again as a community Civic Centre.

Alan summarized six possible egress points for underground parking beneath the North Market, and asked Delegates to ratify their preference. Karin Borchert and Karen Serwonka questioned the need for additional underground parking, particularly given the under-utilized parking lot beneath Market Square. Karin felt additional parking was needed only for trucks. Alan agreed that more parking was needed for trucks. He advised that a survey has found that additional general parking is needed weekdays, and that the proposed development of the North Market requires additional parking spaces for events.

Frank McLean asked that the notion of heritage/historic preservation be included in the objectives. Alan Seymour responded that the latest revised objectives do include it.

***Motion: that the SLNA support the concept of 3 up and 3 down for North Market reconstruction, not to exceed the height of St. Lawrence Hall and that the entry for parking be on either King Street or Church Street.***

***Moved by: Frank Touby***

***Seconded by: Paul Smith***

***CARRIED***

b) 70 The Esplanade – Brian McCauley

Frank welcomed Brian McCauley and Kelly Wilson of Concert Properties.

Brian reported on plans to develop a site extending from 51 to 63 Front Street (Flatiron Christmas store to Beauty Supply store on corner), south on Church Street to The Esplanade (16 Church, 12 Church, 6 Church and “4” Church—La Papillon, The Keg, and

offices above it), and the corner of Church & The Esplanade (70 The Esplanade). The Greey family, who own the properties and first built on them in the 1870's, invited Concert Properties to develop the site as Concert Properties expressed willingness to work co-operatively with the St. Lawrence community.

The designers recognize the importance of the Flatiron building and the need to keep shadows off of Berczy Park. They also acknowledge the importance of The Esplanade as a pedestrian connection with outdoor café spaces.

A two-day design charette was held on September 22. The designers entered the charette with a conceptual plan that incorporated preservation of 70 The Esplanade (which was listed as a heritage building by the City in 2004), reconstruction of 4 Church Street as it stands (a simple warehouse built in 1903), development of a 4-5 storey building along Front street in scale with heritage buildings farther to the west, and, from 4 to 16 Church Street, a long podium with a 32 storey tower at the southern end.

As a result of the charette, the design team has modified their design for the site. In particular, the 32 storey tower above 70 The Esplanade has been scaled down to 16 storeys, set back 30 meters from The Esplanade, the upper four storeys of which will be set even farther back from street level.

This block marked the old shoreline in the last century, and that has been incorporated into the plan. The building facing Front street is to be called The Dock, and has behind it an open courtyard space reminiscent of a dock, with a flowing waterway. The courtyard will contain public space with sculptures, fountains and outdoor seating. The entire site will incorporate reuse of existing building materials, water conservation, higher energy efficiency, green roofs, storm water management and other guiding principles currently part of the LEEDS program.

The current design calls for the retention of retail connectivity along the streets from Front down Church to The Esplanade. Allowance is being made for the possible extension of Scott's Lane from The Esplanade up to Front Street at some point in the future, if owners of the site adjacent on The Esplanade allow it.

Frank Burns asked Delegates to defer their questions for Concert Properties until after the meeting formally ended. He then thanked Brian McCauley for his report.

c) St. Lawrence Area Developments – Frank Burns

Frank Burns reported that the Goodwill site has applied for a zoning change and a change to the official plan. The block on which Goodwill currently stands, bounded by Adelaide and Richmond, Jarvis and George, will have 8 storeys of stacked townhouses along George Street, a tall tower at the Adelaide terminus, a smaller tower in the northeast corner of the block, an interior courtyard with access from East and West and a podium. An additional setback at the SE corner allows a better sightline along Adelaide to the restored Upper Canada Bank.

Frank noted that there was no time tonight to report on the Gross machinery site, 10-12 Market Street, or King George II site. He advised Delegates that a monthly meeting of the SLNA won't suffice for community input on all the developments occurring in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. He recommended that an extraordinary meeting of the SLNA be held within the next month for Delegates to go through plans for each of the developments in detail.

Nancy Sheppard reported that the southeast corner of Parliament & Queen is going to be redeveloped. It was once a used car lot, and will remain commercially zoned. One of the major retails on the site will be a Shopper's Drug Mart.

## **10. New Business**

a) St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre (SLCRC) – James Honeyman  
James Honeyman reported that thanks to an increase in staff the SLCRC can become more involved in co-ordinating the SLNA's Festival this year. The SLCRC would also like to display a photography exhibit at the SLNA's annual Gala, with "fantastic photos" from the Centre's youth photography program.

b) Gala / Festival  
Ronny Yaron reported that the Gala will not be held this spring. The Executive has considered combining the Gala and Festival, so that fundraising for each will not adversely affect the other. The Executive will allocate funds to pay for an Event Co-ordinator. Ronny asked Delegates to volunteer so that planning can commence by March, for the two day event to take place in September. Dawn Murray offered to participate on the Planning Committee.

c) Annual General Meeting  
Nancy Sheppard announced that the SLNA's Annual General Meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the regular SLNA meeting at the end of March. Four Executive positions will be open: VP External, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, and Director-at-Large. If you are interested in running for one of the positions, speak to one of the current members of the Executive.

## **11. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

The next delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2004, at 7:00 pm, location to be announced.

**Nancy Sheppard, Interim Corporate Secretary    Frank Burns, VP External and  
Chair**