

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

January 25, 2006

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Cam Miller, King George Square V
V.P. Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V
Treasurer: Paul Smith, St Lawrence on the Park, V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V
Secretary: Samantha Hewit, Space Condos V

In Attendance:

Cheril Baker, David B. Archer V
Randy Bath, 15 Scadding V
Patricia Bear Claw, Cathedral Court Co-op V
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
Delano Brown, Marketview Co-op V
Elisabeth Ecker, St Lawrence on the Park V
Terry Eitel, OYT V
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op V
Richard Haldane, Crombie Park V
Ana Harriott, Market Square V
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St.V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op V
Suzanne Kavanaugh, St Lawrence on the Park V
Bruno Leps, Market Square V
Frank McLean, Twenty Five The Esplanade V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Maria Moreno, OWN Co-op V
Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Co-op V
Anna Lee Orr, David B. Archer Co-op V
Dwight Peters, Twenty Five The Esplanade V
Sherri Russell, F.A.N. V
David Sangraille, La Place St Laurent V
Alan Seymour, Longboat Residences Assoc. V
Wally Simpson, Crombie Park V
Frank Touby, Harmony Co-op V
Sandra Walker, Windmill Line Co-op V
Michael Waring, New Times Square 2
Judith Willmott, The Bentley V

V = Voting Delegate, N = Non-Voting Delegate,
G = Guest

With Regrets:

Frank Burns, Longboat Residence Assoc. V
Jennifer Hutchinson, Space Condos V
Marcus Little, The Wellington V
George Millbrant, Longboat Residences Assoc. V
Nancy Sheppard, St Lawrence on the Park V

Guests:

Councillor Pam McConnell
Jeff McGuire, 51 Division Superintendent
Tim Rourke, St Lawrence Resident
R. Graham, St Lawrence Resident
B. Cordes, St Lawrence Resident
Lyzabeth Shulman, St Lawrence CRC
James Honeyman, St Lawrence CRC
Bob Kemp, 51 Division CPCL
Tom Kelly, 51 Division
Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding
Sandie De Freitas, PAL
Norman Hart, PAL
Tom Davidson, Councillor McConnell's Office
Ben Marans, smartliving St. Lawrence
Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Area
CMHC: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee
HRSDC: Human Resources and Skills Development
Canada
OMB: Ontario Municipal Board
PSB: Police Services Board
SLCRA: St. Lawrence Condo Ratepayers Association

SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre
SLSL: smartliving St. Lawrence
TIACAC: Toronto Island Airport Community
Advisory Committee
TCHC: Toronto Community Housing Corporation
TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Committee

1. Welcome & Round Robin

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. He introduced himself as President and he chaired the meeting. A round table of introductions was conducted, and an attendance sheet was passed around.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair made the following amendments:

- The agenda will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate Councillor Pam McConnell and her new assistant Tom Davidson, who would arrive later in the meeting.
- Frank Clarke and Jen Syntetos sent regrets from Bill Graham's office. Sukpal Tut from George Smitherman's office will not be present. Therefore no federal or provincial reports will be made. A food break will take place instead of those agenda items, at about 8:00.

Delegates made the following amendments:

- Paul Smith noted that Frank Burns was not present to give an update on Developments.
- On behalf of Sylvia Grimson, Ronny Yaron will give an update on the Shopper's Drug Mart site after agenda item #10.

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Joan Campbell

CARRIED

3. Approval of November 29, 2005 Minutes

Amendments by Delegate Joan Campbell:

- Page 2, #5: "The Executive Committee has appointed Connie Yang as Chair of the ~~Executive~~ Senior Citizens' ~~Steering~~ Committee."
- Page 2, #5: "The Executive Committee has asked Frank Burns to rejoin the Executive as interim VP-~~Internal~~ **External** until the March 2006 elections."

Motion: to approve the November 29, 2005 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Patricia Bear Claw

Seconded by: Ron Monteith

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Page 5, #9, last paragraph: Frank Clarke was to investigate who is responsible for supervising judges to ensure that their sentencing is effective and their behavior appropriate, and report back to the SLNA. Barbara Bell announced that he has expressed regrets at not yet researching the matter, due to time constraints caused by federal election responsibilities.

5. Update from Police 51 Division

This agenda item was addressed later in the meeting, after the arrival at 7:30 p.m. of Councillor Pam McConnell, her assistant Tom Davidson, 51 Division Superintendent Jeff McGuire, Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly, and CPLC Chair Bob Kemp. Pam McConnell introduced Superintendent McGuire as the new Superintendent of 51 Division, and announced that Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly is attending his last SLNA meeting as he is retiring. On behalf of her Office, she thanked Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly for having “made a significant difference in our lives.”

Bob Kemp introduced Superintendent Jeff McGuire. The Superintendent described his background in policing, which included service at 51 Division, and working with Tom Kelly. He announced that Frank Bergen will take over as Staff Sergeant in the Community Response Unit. Staff in the unit will increase from 18 to 35, and all will be assigned to neighbourhoods. The same officers will patrol the same areas, to get to know the community and its issues better. He has spoken to 23 new officers and asked them to make positive contacts with the community, and he now asked the SLNA to encourage members of the community to “engage an officer you see on the street in conversation.” He added that he has taken SLN tours, noting Bruce Bell’s Market tour in particular, and found them so informative that he will have recruits take the tours as well. He announced that his second-in-command at 51 Division, Inspector Rick Stubbings, started the same day as himself and that the two were selected by Chief Bill Blair for their specific skills in community policing. He concluded that he was looking forward to working in this neighbourhood. Delegates applauded.

Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the community for the past 5 ½ years in the Community Response Unit. He recalled working in patrol cars, and expressed satisfaction that the new program will have more officers on foot and on bicycles. He spoke favourably of his replacement, Frank Bergen. Frank Bergen will take over Tom Kelly’s phone number. The community can contact him at (416) 808-5152. He described the SLNA as “probably the best-attended group and community group meeting that I go to. It is always a pleasure to find this many people this interested and aware of what’s going on in the community, crime-wise and social services-wise.” He wished the community all the best.

Cam Miller thanked Superintendent Jeff McGuire, and the Superintendent left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly reported at 8:15 p.m., after an update on safety findings from Councillor Pam McConnell (agenda item #13). Tom Kelly reported that crime in the Division is down 13%. Overall, the City has seen a decrease in crime of 9%. The specific problem in the SLN is theft from autos. The vast majority of cars broken into last year were broken into in parking lots and on the streets. This is a high tourist and restaurant area with many parking lots; therefore, the Division’s Major Crimes Unit is focusing on theft from autos as an ongoing issue. Tom Kelly reminded community members to tell friends and relatives not to leave things exposed to view in a vehicle, not even change in cigarette ashtrays. Tom Kelly reminded everyone to leave all property out of sight in the trunk.

With the new deployment model, 51 Division is finally recognized as an area that needs more policing. 51 Division has been saying that for five years; the new Chief is listening. An influx of 40 police officers has taken place over the last 3 months. 51 Division will be assigning officers to neighbourhoods. This means more exposure, more policing, and policing to the problems. If the problem is theft from autos, the officers will concentrate on theft from autos. Officers will attend community meetings and deal with community concerns directly in a results-oriented way.

Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly reminded Delegates that a man was arrested last year for 57 counts of theft from autos. A local citizen recently phoned 51 Division to advise that the man had been released from jail. Within four days, police arrested him on 23 more charges of break-ins and thefts to cars. Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly concluded, “People are the most important asset. You are more likely to see something happen than us because they are looking for us.” Delegates applauded.

Cam Miller thanked Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly for his report, and on behalf of Delegates wished him well in his retirement. After Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly's departure, Delegates further discussed the good that he has done for the community.

Motion: to invite Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly to an SLNA meeting and give him a gift in acknowledgment of his service to the community.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Patricia Bear Claw

CARRIED

6. City Update from Pam McConnell's Office (Councillor) — Tom Davidson

This item was discussed after agenda item #13, once Councillor Pam McConnell and her new assistant Tom Davidson arrived at the meeting. Pam McConnell reported the following:

First Parliament Site: The site was secured by the City and is now in public hands. Ontario Heritage has taken it over. The Porsche dealership is allowed to remain on the site for up to 24 months.

Homes for the Homeless: In response to Elisabeth Ecker, Pam McConnell reported that a new committee on housing has been formed, co-chaired by herself and Councillor George Mammoliti. The City has secured money to purchase the old Rotarian building on Edward Street to house the homeless of Nathan Philips' Square, and eventually for permanent housing. There is also an initiative to convert 60 Richmond Street from a shelter into an affordable housing apartment building for low-income hotel workers.

Regent Park Demolition Celebration: A public ceremony will take place to initiate demolition, on February 13, 11:00 a.m., at the intersection of Parliament and Oak Streets. The decision was made to proceed with demolition as scheduled, despite the turnover in the federal government, to prompt a funding decision by the new government.

Outgoing President and Chair: With acknowledgement that today was Cam Miller's last meeting as SLNA Chair and that his term as President would end in March, Pam McConnell thanked Cam Miller for having "done an incredible amount of work," and particularly for his part in setting up smartliving St. Lawrence. She pointed out that the *Toronto Star* had published a feature story on "Downtown Development" in their Condo Living section on December 10, with a large colour picture of Cam Miller, Paul Smith, and Ben Marans. As a gift to Cam Miller, she gave him a colour reproduction of the picture. She gave Paul Smith and Ben Marans copies as well, in honour of Cam Miller's constant push for egalitarianism! She described the *Star* story as "a boost as to what the SLNA has accomplished through your leadership."

Cam Miller thanked Councillor Pam McConnell for her reports and her kind remarks. She left the meeting at 9:37 p.m., just before agenda item #14, Ben Marans' report on smartliving St. Lawrence.

7. Provincial Update from George Smitherman's Office (MPP) — Sukhpaul Tut

No report.

8. Federal Update from Bill Graham's Office (MP) – Jenn Syntetos

No report.

9. St. Lawrence CRC Youth Leadership Development Proposal — James Honeyman and Lyzabeth Shulman

Cam Miller welcomed James Honeyman. Lyzabeth Shulman arrived later in the meeting. James Honeyman described a new strategy by the SLCRC to prevent crime in this community, called the Youth Leadership Development Programme. He distributed a flyer to the delegates. The program will train youth from empowerment, to leadership skills, to job skills to eventual employment. This process began with a survey last fall, in which youth were asked what they would like to do and what services they would like the SLCRC to provide them. Two hundred responses were received, and one of the top three priorities was job skills. In 2005 a Youth Leadership Programme was held, with 30 youth recruited and trained, concluding in five placements in employment. For the 2006 programme, the SLCRC asks the SLNA to consider in some way supporting the event, through mentorship, volunteerism, financing, and other means. The Programme involves three leadership camping trips in the summer for 30 students, and job placements by the fall. The youth involved will be encouraged to join a “Youth Council” which will oversee Phase II of the Programme.

James Honeyman confirmed in response to Elisabeth Ecker that the SLCRC has implemented a music program for children. Ewa Jarmicka offered that Campbell’s Soup has a program where if labels are collected the company will donate musical instruments to schools.

Norman Hart suggested that youth might be given an award for completing the Programme. Cam Miller suggested that a ceremony might be held at the SLNA’s annual Festival.

A member of PAL offered, on behalf of the SLCRC, to speak with other members of PAL who approached her about beginning a theatre for young people. James Honeyman acknowledged this as a good idea.

Ronny Yaron pointed out that the SLNA might partner with the SLCRC to apply to the City for funding for the Programme because the SLCRC, as an agency of the City, cannot itself apply to the City for grants. James Honeyman confirmed that he was in talks about grant applications with the SLNA Executive and with Ben Marans of smartliving St. Lawrence.

Representatives from the City and from 51 Division, as well as Lyzabeth Shulman arrived around 7:30 p.m. Lyzabeth Shulman further described the Youth Leadership Development Programme.

Motion: that the SLNA enter into a partnership with the SLCRC to submit an application to the City for a grant for the Youth Leadership Development Programme.

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Wally Simpson

CARRIED

Joan Campbell confirmed, at a comment by Ben Marans, that the SLNA can draw on smartliving St. Lawrence, an SLNA program, to prepare the application.

Cam Miller thanked James Honeyman and Lyzabeth Shulman for their presentation.

10. Community Fund Approval — Ronny Yaron

Ronny Yaron announced that the SLNA is launching the SLNA Community Fund today. Not-for-profit SLN community groups can apply. Preference will be given to projects for children, youth, older adults, and persons with disabilities. The fund will be distributed in individual grants of no greater than \$5,000. The deadline for applications is February 28. Delegates are asked to announce the fund to their residences. Cam Miller pointed out that the entire fund of \$20,000 will be distributed before spring elections, as this year’s Executive is responsible for this initiative. The Executive will select recipients by the end of March.

Joan Campbell reminded Delegates that the \$20,000 for the Fund came from the 2005 Gala and Festival, and that volunteers are needed to organize fundraisers to replenish the fund annually if it is to continue. She described the Fund as one of the best things the SLNA can do to encourage local groups to undertake community projects.

In response to questions from Delegates, Ronny Yaron pointed out that accountability is built into the process, and Paul Smith added that the Executive will favour applications that have projects with measurable results. Delegates approved a recommendation by Frank McLean to include accountability and reportage up-front, on the application form. The following sentence will be added to the first page, under "Criteria," below the fifth bullet: "Suggested approaches for monitoring goals and measurable outcomes." Ronny Yaron will revise the application form accordingly. The SLNA will distribute the revised application form to Delegates by email before the end of January.

Councillor Pam McConnell gave the following advice. Simplify the application process so that applicants don't spend more time preparing the grant proposal than working on the project. Harness the creative energy of the community; people will often put in \$5,000 in energy and time for a \$1,000 grant. Make sure there is some accountability for the money, but don't make it complicated. Invite recipients to attend an SLNA meeting to discuss what they are doing and what their accomplishments are, so that their efforts are publicized and the community can celebrate their contribution. This will also encourage other people to propose projects. Delegates applauded.

A mid-meeting break took place at this time, followed by agenda item #5, Update from Police 51 Division.

11. Shopper's Drug Mart Development — Ronny Yaron

On behalf of Sylvia Grimson of OWN, Ronny Yaron presented and distributed a petition opposing the proposed new Shopper's Drug Mart. It is to be located on the one-time Gross Machinery site, which is now a parking lot, on Jarvis Street south of The Esplanade. Sylvia Grimson explained that a box store would drive smaller businesses out of the neighbourhood. She has gathered many signatures from the community for her petition already. Delegates applauded. Cam Miller added that the SLNA's Development Committee is taking steps to oppose the project.

12. Safety Meeting Summary — Barbara Bell

Barbara Bell reported that 19 people completed the survey that was distributed in conjunction with the SLNA's special meeting on safety & security in November, 2005. She summarized the survey results. Respondents have lived in the SLN from 2 months to 21 years. The top three problems cited were drugs, panhandling and guns & weapons/break & enter (tied). Recipients tended to think the SLNA has been somewhat effective in its response to these issues. Respondents encouraged the SLNA to look at root issues of crime and to encourage youth programs.

Barbara Bell reported and recommended the following.

- The SLNA should invite new officers in 51 Division to an SLNA meeting. Councillor Pam McConnell clarified that there are significantly more than the two new officers that Barbara Bell cited from the November minutes, 28 this month alone.
- The SLNA will generate and email to Delegates a petition protesting the locating of methadone clinics in neighbourhoods. This initiative is based on a similar petition produced by Corktown residents.
- The SLNA should encourage George Smitherman's office to address the BIA's issue of vagrants as a health matter.
- The SLNA should ask the City to reinvestigate its findings that homeless encampments are now largely non-existent as a SLN community member has advised Barbara Bell that vagrants are using Berczy Park.

- The SLNA and SLCRC should investigate grant programs being offered through the City and the Police for youth. Councillor Pam McConnell clarified that there are two programs. The City in conjunction with a local Division have set aside \$100,000 per year for three years (last year, this year, and next year) for youth-led projects. Secondly, the Police Board asked the Chief of Police to make available 50 summer job opportunities for youth. These are two different initiatives; one provides project money and the other provides placement. Lyzabeth Shulman noted that the SLCRC has met with representatives already to discuss these programs.
- Regarding crime, the SLNA should consider how to proceed with lobbying the federal government to look into increasing mandatory minimum sentencing and introducing neighbourhood impact statements. She reminded Delegates that Frank Clarke had not had time to look into accountability for judges.

Barbara Bell concluded that with the departure of several key people who understand the community's safety & security issues (Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly, Councillor Pam McConnell's assistant Michelle Buckley, and departure from federal office of Bill Graham, and changeovers in George Smitherman's office), the SLNA's safety & security initiative will have to undertake an orientation of new people before it can even proceed.

Cam Miller thanked Barbara Bell for her report.

13. Councillor Pam McConnell's Remarks on Safety Findings

Cam Miller welcomed Councillor Pam McConnell. Pam McConnell expressed appreciation for the SLNA's effort to perceive the most important safety & security issues in the neighbourhood, stating that members of a community have the best understanding of their own community's issues. She then described the City's safety & security initiatives, as follows:

The Mayor's Safety Task Force is generating 50 summer jobs for youth as well as other programmes.

Community Policing: Chief of Police Bill Blair is actively getting more police "on the street" to engage in the community in a proactive way. The Police Services Board's mandate is to put in place policy, not deployment. It has set community policing as a priority, on which the Chief's job performance will be assessed. Chief Blair identified 200 officers for deployment as of December from head office and departments into neighbourhoods. Two hundred and fifty additional officers will be hired over the next 16 months. They need to be trained; 50 who were placed in college last summer graduated a week and a half ago. Of these two groups, 51 Division received 5 experienced officers and 23 new officers as of last weekend. At the request of the Police Services Board, the Chief of Police re-examined the deployment method and replaced the old call-based system with a new crime statistics-based system which ensures that 51 Division's policing needs are now recognized. Chief Blair has also ordered that officers be in uniform and not in plain-clothes, unless necessary, to ensure their visibility on the streets.

New Leadership: Jeff McGuire is the new Superintendent of 51 Division, chosen by Chief Bill Blair. Rick Stubbins is Jeff McGuire's new second-in-command, relocated from 52 Division where he was also second-in-command. 51 Division's outgoing second-in-command, Hugh Ferguson, has relocated to become the Superintendent of 52 Division. Sixteen of the 17 or 18 heads of Divisions were changed just before the holidays.

Provincial Bridge Money: The Province announced \$5 million to bridge the two-year gap between the time the Toronto police can recruit and hire its additional officers and today, so that Toronto can enjoy the strength of 250 officers right away rather than wait for police college graduates. The Police College just graduated 103 officers, and 104 will graduate in April/May. All Divisions will contribute officers for two Rapid Deployment Squads that will work only evenings when there is a shooting or crisis in any Division. A squad will remain on site at a Division for 10 days, then return as necessary. 51 Division has received first turn and those officers have been in place a week and a half now. The \$5 million contributes to the

existence of this squad, as well as overtime to officers who opt to serve extra hours. The \$5 million will be used decreasingly over the two years as college graduates increase. At the end of this program the two Rapid Deployment Squads will remain in place.

Methodone Clinics: Pam McConnell reported that she attended a meeting today regarding methodone clinics. Regulations must take place at the provincial level. She will be meeting again with MPP George Smitherman this Friday to discuss whether any requirements to protect neighbourhoods can be attached to the licensing of methodone clinics. As zoning is a municipal matter, she has asked the Chief Planner and City Solicitor to investigate zoning requirements. It is possible to zone for a medical clinic, but not for a specific kind of clinic, such as methodone clinic. Because City Planners will not expressly prohibit methodone clinics through an interim-control by-law, City Council cannot approve such a by-law.

Berczy Park: The City is asking for the extension of Park Ambassador Troy Ford's contract as he has been very effective but more Park Ambassadors are needed. That is being addressed in the City's budget.

Youth Issues: Pam McConnell reported that she is awaiting a response to her request on how much it would cost to extend free access to all the priority recreation centres, and how much it would cost to provide free access to recreation centres throughout the city. She will report findings to the SLNA.

Toronto Drug Strategy: City Council passed the Toronto Drug Strategy on December 23 by a narrow margin. There were deputations from Corktown residences and other community groups, who expressed concerns at how little community consultation had taken place. City Council is to discuss further whether to approve safe injection sites. Should such sites be approved, community residential groups will be consulted specifically, the impact on neighbourhoods would be studied, and any such sites will need to be approved municipally (by the Councillor, City, and Chief of Police), provincially, and federally. Pam McConnell concluded that she would not approve a safe injection site downtown.

Drug Secretariat: The City has set up a Secretariat by which the Chief of Police will meet regularly with heads of public health to discuss the four pillars of Prevention, Treatment, Enforcement, and Harm Reduction in drug issues. The Secretariat has identified the highest drug addictions in Toronto as being caused by alcohol and crack. Both need very different strategies for counteraction. Most of the 17 recommendations in the Toronto Drug Strategy were coordinating recommendations to get the federal, provincial and municipal governments to take various actions. Pam McConnell successfully introduced some amendments.

Pam McConnell recommended holding another special SLNA Safety & Security meeting later this year, to see if there has been an improvement. Barbara Bell proposed that such a meeting be held annually.

Pam McConnell then gave a general report, under agenda item #6, "City Update from Pam McConnell's Office (Councillor)." Cam Miller thanked her for her reports, and she then left the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

14. Update on smartliving St. Lawrence — Ben Marans

Ben Marans reported. He described smartliving St. Lawrence (SLSL) as the action arm of the SLNA. It was founded by a partnership of the SLNA with Eneract, a nonprofit environmental organization with a 17-year history of starting innovative community-oriented environmental programs. They applied for and received funds from the Trillium Foundation and the Toronto Atmospheric Fund. The mission of SLSL is threefold: 1) to encourage the community to become more environmentally conscious (this is the "green" arm of the program which many people think is SLSL's only mandate), 2) to encourage community health, in part by supporting the SLCRC in providing programs for the community including youth mentorship and older adult physical activity programs, and 3) to vitalize the local economy, and ensure that small businesses receive support they need to thrive. The SLSL will adjust its program based on results from a recent community survey.

Ben Marans is the sole staff member of SLSL; he asked for volunteers to help with SLSL's many initiatives, including partnerships with AutoShare to reduce vehicular traffic, with local resident Dan O'Leary for community and balcony gardening, with CoolShops for energy conservation in small businesses, with the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts for a forum on recycling (March 6, 7:30 p.m.), and with the Toronto Dollar Program and C'est What for a speaker series on green issues relevant to the community, amongst others. The speaker series will present on February 13 Jack Gibbins, Chair of Ontario Clean Air Alliance, and on March 13 Mary Grant, Property Manager of Celebrity Place, a condominium on Wellington Street which underwent an energy retrofit with Siemens technology that will save them over \$100,000 per year on energy at an initial cost that will be paid off in six years.

Ben Marans announced that Eneract's 2006 smartliving green guide, a directory of green businesses in Toronto, is now available. SLSL is on the Internet at www.smartliving.ca.

Ben Marans thanked Cam Miller for being instrumental in getting the program off the ground, for his dedication, and for being a firebrand in getting this community as healthy and green and vibrant as it can be. Cam Miller thanked Ben Marans for his report.

15. President's Farewell — Cam Miller

Cam Miller thanked Delegates, saying that it was "an honour to be a President of this organization." He praised the longstanding success of the SLNA and the many active Executive members who came before him, and expressed a certainty that the SLNA will "go on to bigger and better things." He concluded by stating "the neighbourhood is alive and well." On behalf of the Executive Committee, Paul Smith thanked Cam Miller for his service. Ronny Yaron announced that Paul Smith would serve as interim Chair for SLNA meetings until the AGM in March.

Connie Yang and Joan Campbell of the Nominating Committee asked Delegates interested in standing for election to contact them.

Connie Yang announced that as a going away event, Cam Miller and his wife are invited to a Chinese restaurant on February 9, at 7:00 p.m., at \$20 per person. She asked Delegates and whoever else might want to attend to R.S.V.P. to her before February 1. The dinner will be banquet style, and will be held at the Sky Dragon Restaurant in the Chinese mall at Dundas and Spadina.

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:55 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments.

The next delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2005, at 7:00 pm.

Samantha Hewit, Corporate Secretary

Cameron Miller, President and Chair