

# SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, July 30, 2003

NORTH MARKET, St. Lawrence Market Complex

## Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V  
V.P. External, Cam Miller, King George Square V  
Treasurer: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V  
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V  
At Large: Dwight Peters, 25 The Esplanade V

## In Attendance:

Barry Bandurk, King George Sq V  
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V  
Dorothy Creaser, Old York Tower V  
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V  
Lawrence Hawke, Crombie Park V  
  
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes V  
George Milbrandt, Longboat V  
Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V  
Melanie Martin, The Bentley V  
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V  
David Sangaraille, La Place St Laurent V  
Alan Seymour, Longboat V  
Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V

## With Regrets:

Cherril Baker, David B. Archer V  
Jim Dalziel, 65 Scadding Ave V  
Georgette Harris, VP Internal  
Mohammed Hoque, At Large  
Helen Marangos, Family Action Network (FAN) V  
Edward Nixon, Past President  
Sandy Sellars, Secretary  
Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary G  
Percy Smith, Old York Tower G  
Paul Smith, 65 Scadding G  
Wayne Chodikoff, 65 Scadding G  
Robin Hart G  
Derek Ballantyne G  
Dougall Grange G  
Peter Currie G  
John Argue, Pam McConnell's Office G  
Pierre Klein, Cabbagetown South G

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

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

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:12 pm.

Nancy Sheppard introduced herself and chaired the meeting. She ensured that everyone had an agenda.

Nancy introduced Wayne Chodikoff and Paul Smith as possible new delegates from 65 Scadding Avenue.

Dorothy Creaser introduced Percy Smith as a guest from Old York Tower.

A round table of introductions was conducted.

Nancy introduced Derek Ballantyne briefly as a guest speaker.

She pointed out that the agenda has been revised from the one that was distributed via email.

She added that the police who would have provided an update from 51/52 Divisions are part of the security force at Downsview Park for the SARS concert this evening.

She suggested that the Safety Walk through Market Lane Park and St. James Park scheduled to be held after tonight's meeting might instead be held Tuesday, August 12.

Barry Bandurk interjected that there is a reflecting pool just north of the North Market which is a sitting "cesspool". Nancy asked John Argue to forward this issue to Pam McConnell.

***Motion: to reschedule the Safety Walk through Market Park and St. James Park to August 12***

***Moved by: Lawrence Hawke***

***Seconded by: Barry Bandurk***

***Carried***

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

Dorothy Creaser asked to add an announcement under new business.

Lawrence Hawke asked to address the floor under new business.

Nancy had pointed out in the Welcome that the agenda handed out tonight is a revised version from that emailed to delegates.

***Motion: to approve the agenda as amended***

***Moved by: Dorothy Creaser***

*Seconded by: Alice Briesmaster  
Carried*

### **3. Approval of June 25, 2003 Minutes**

Jennefer Laidley forwarded corrections to the minutes.

- re: the First Parliament site, the address in question is 265 Front Street East, not 261.
- the reason that the site will remain a parking lot for the foreseeable future was mentioned and should be included—and that is that the adjacent site, 271 Front Street, is owned by a separate owner and the province has the responsibility to secure public ownership of that site. And, in fact, it is on the 271 site that the vast majority of remains were found of the First Parliament buildings.
- in the King-Parliament meeting section, the meeting that was to take place in June was postponed until the fall because of scheduling. The meeting is to review the demographic report that has been produced which outlines the changes that have taken place in the King-Parliament area as a result of development since the King-Parliament plan was instituted.
- re: trash on George Street, Jennefer's colleague's name is spelled "Dana".

*Motion: to approve the June 25, 2003 minutes as amended*

*Moved by: Barry Bandurk*

*Seconded by: Alan Seymour*

*Carried*

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

No business arose from the minutes.

### **5. Guest Speaker—Derek Ballantyne, TCHC**

Nancy introduced Derek Ballantyne, Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC). Two handouts were distributed.

Derek described the history of Regent Park, how the area was developed. Regent Park comprises 69 acres holding 7,500 people, speakers of 10 languages, a \$14,000+ average household income, 2,087 geared-to-income units (RGI), and a high percentage of children under 19.

Derek then discussed the plan for revitalization of Regent Park. The plan includes replacing all existing housing, adding 2,500 market housing units (including 500 affordable ownership units), replacing/building community spaces, and building social and community capacity. The cost will be \$450 million. TCHC will finance 41%. Lease/sale land represents 19%. TCHC equity/capital represents 31%. TCHC seeks from the government funds to cover infrastructure costs (9% of the total cost). Insofar as how

funds will be directed: demolition and reconstruction (74%), construction financing (12%), relocation costs (1%), infrastructure (5%), community facilities (4%), and project implementation (4%).

At present the only through street in Regent Park is Dundas Street. There is no traffic or significant presence in the outdoor spaces of Regent Park. This leaves the space open for antisocial behavior. A key purpose is to return the streets to public right of way.

Buildings will face the street and will vary in architecture. A six-acre park will be set in the center of Regent Park. South of the park, the Nelson Mandela Park School will represent a second green space in the neighbourhood. Boulevards and other greenways and pathways are planned for the surrounding areas, to facilitate pleasant pedestrian and traffic movement.

Some commercial buildings will be added, as well as community-use space.

This redevelopment will take place over ten to twelve years. Redevelopment will start at River and Shuter Streets, for practical reasons.

The plan includes a goal to develop a community-based people strategy with four key components: a learning community (literacy, language, school retention, access to technology, certification, and adult learning), a working community (skills development, training, small business incubation, local enterprise), a healthy & safe community (health prevention, access to care, food and nutrition, safety), and a settlement community (community connections, leadership development, access to schools, links to social networks).

Last week City Council as shareholder gave approval. Derek listed the next steps: City Council approval is required to seek provincial consent to redevelop (Community Services Committee). The project requires City, federal, and provincial engagement to support the community plan and to invest in low-income communities.

A question and answer period followed.

Derek added that a co-op is being considered for the revitalized Regent Park.

Construction will not start until 2005 and beyond.

Nancy thanked Derek for his presentation.

## **6. City Update—John Argue, Pam McConnell's Office**

Nancy reported that Jennefer Laidley sent her regrets. Effective Sept 1, Jennefer will be working part-time in Pam's office, and will no longer attend SLNA meetings. She expressed well wishes for the SLNA. Nancy introduced John Argue, Executive Assistant to Pam McConnell.

John Argue gave his direct phone number at Pam McConnell's office, (416) 392-0207. He then proceeded with his report.

With regards to the First Parliament site, negotiations are going on right now among the various parties. There is a hole in the ground, and digging being done. Pam McConnell's office has been receiving worried phone calls from people. John pointed out that the digging does not require a permit because of an archaeologist on site who will ensure no harm will be done to the site. John will have more news by mid-August.

Regarding Crombie Park lighting, a supervisor from Parks phoned Pam McConnell's office to say six lights will be installed close to the end of the month. Toward the end of August two lights will be installed at Stonehenge where most appropriate and where they will have most effect. On Princess Street and Berkeley Street, at the east end of the park, there will be lighting installed as well, around the end of August or more likely early September. Ron Monteith added that the other two lights would be on the north/south walks. Lawrence Hawke expressed his disappointment in how the lighting issue has been handled. John said he would look into the lighting situation further.

John reported that Jennefer has contacted the Park supervisor to ensure that St. James Park lighting is turned on. Barry Bandurk said that after he contacted CITY-TV, the lights were turned on and have been on ever since.

Regarding Jarvis Street and King Street gridlock, John reported that after the roadwork is completed, the police will again review the intersection. John asked delegates and neighbours to keep Pam McConnell's office informed as well.

Regarding trash, John reported on an issue on George Street in particular. An expert on garbage in the city has looked into it and will be monitoring the situation, so hopefully the unsightly view will be cleaned up. When Pam is back, in ten days or so, then a letter from her will be sent out to fast food outlets asking them to be more conscientious. John reported that Jennefer has also looked into the trash issue in Market Lane. Joan Campbell reported that her unit overlooks that site and there has been a marked improvement.

Regarding the Foodland store at The Esplanade and Princess, Paul Smith asked if it would be possible to get a garbage can placed in front of that store. John said he would take that question back to Pam McConnell's office.

Barry Bandurk said there is a tri-garbage unit (trash, recycle paper, recycle cans) on Jarvis north of King, but that students don't use it, throwing their garbage to the pavement just short of it. Various delegates pointed out those units are managed by a private company. John said he would ask Pam McConnell about how the particular unit might be relocated.

John then commented on a report from the Hummingbird's Chief Administrative Officer. Council is concerned that their proposal meet concrete budgetary financing. The report

received general approval from Council with that qualification. John will have more news on that in the near future.

Nancy thanked John for his report.

## **7. President—Nancy Sheppard**

### **a) Traffic and Safety Issues**

Nancy reported that a safety walk with 51 Division was held on The Esplanade on June 8. A discussion was held that evening with members of Pam McConnell's office and 51 Division as well as neighbourhood reps. Nancy handed out a flyer which lists contact information for any safety and security issue experienced by any resident of the neighbourhood. She said the same information is now available on the SLNA website.

Regarding the King and Jarvis gridlock, Nancy reported that 51 Division was not able to offer much help at the discussion at the Exec meeting on July 16. That intersection will become part of the City's "Don't Block the Intersection" Program as of August 11. Barry Bandurk pointed out that gridlock occurs only during construction times. Nancy added that police under the Program will ticket anyone caught blocking the intersection and causing gridlock.

As well, at the Exec meeting, the intersection at Market and The Esplanade was discussed. People believe there is a crosswalk there; there isn't. The City will follow-up.

With reference to a newspaper clipping, Nancy reported that a community effort in Durham has neighbours monitoring their streets for speeders and vehicles blocking intersections. They document date, place, and license plate, and give that information to the police. Nancy says that an SLNA traffic committee will be developed in the fall.

Nancy introduced Pierre Klein, President of Cabbagetown South Association. Pierre said that two days ago there was a shooting at Dundas and Parliament (one building away from the police station). There was also a person assaulted at St. James Town. He said that the crack drug dealers have moved into the Cabbagetown South neighbourhood and are plying their trade aggressively and visibly. He says he has noticed that the drug trade is now moving into the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. Police funding and the number of officers who are made available in a community are based on the number of incident reports that they receive, and so all incidents should be reported to the police. The Cabbagetown South Residents' Association has developed the "Community Response Against Crime" (C.R.A.C.) to "take back the streets." One night a week they will gather at an outdoor location to socialize and discourage drug dealers from sole use of the neighbourhood. They ask SLNA delegates to come out and support C.R.A.C.'s launching. It will take place Thursday,

July 31, at 8:00 pm at the corners of Ontario and Dundas Streets. They will at that event unveil their C.R.A.C. T-shirts and do a walkabout. Attendees will have an opportunity to hear first hand testimony of what is transpiring on Cabbagetown South streets. Pierre hopes all neighbourhood associations will co-ordinate to drive away the drug trade.

Ron Monteith concurred strongly and Lawrence Hawke commended Pierre on his comments.

Nancy added that more information on security would be distributed at a later meeting or distributed via email as available.

**b) Reports from VP Internal, Past President**

Nancy pointed out that Georgette Harris and Edward Nixon expressed regrets for being unable to attend tonight's meeting, but sent reports included in tonight's package of materials for delegates.

Georgette is setting the first meeting for the 2004 Gala in August. The event will take place March 2004. She asks for volunteers for the Gala Committee. She looks for a commitment from August to March. She will also need help the night of the gala.

Also, in September Georgette plans to convene a Membership Committee Brainstorming and Planning event to determine how to support and encourage more membership in the SLNA.

Nancy asked delegates to read Georgette's full report after the meeting. She then summarized Edward Nixon's report.

The SLNA's representative to SEDERI, Jacob Hardie, has had to resign. Nancy asked if someone could volunteer to attend the August SEDERI meeting. Paul Smith offered to fill in at that meeting. Nancy said that a replacement rep for the year will be selected later.

Edward reported that City negotiations with the owner of the First Parliament site continue.

Regarding Union Station, the City approved the Master Agreement for 100 years with the Union Pearson Group. In light of this, Edward recommends maintaining membership in the Union Station Public Advisory Group. Nancy concurred.

Edward reported the end of his term as Past President. He will continue to represent the SLNA on the Union Station Public Advisory Group.

**8. V.P. External—Cam Miller**

**a) Island Airport**

Cam reported that “these are very dark days” but that the Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee (TIACAC) is determined to “stop this juggernaut”. A more detailed report is included in the package for tonight’s meeting.

**b) Mayoral All Candidates’ Meeting—September 16**

Cam reported that Barbara Hall has, so far, declined to attend. David Crombie has reconfirmed that he will moderate. The other 4 major Mayoral candidates have agreed to attend. Neighbourhood community representatives are attending, including Cabbagetown South. Additional neighbourhood associations are being recruited to attend. Nancy pointed out that this event will take place prior to the next SLNA Delegates Meeting.

Cam was at a Committee of Adjustment meeting to lend support to SAS, the software firm that is planning to build at King and Ontario. The Committee of Adjustment meeting was rescheduled to this afternoon after a neighbour to the building site, a radio station, expressed a need for clear access to a satellite. The issue was uncontested this afternoon, so the building permit is next.

**c) North Market Initiative**

Cam reported that committee members are divided into two subgroups to discuss 1) parking, loading, site access, circulation; and 2) urban design, massing height, surrounding open spaces, etc. Both groups are to discuss managing impacts of development, including noise, and potential uses of the building. The City has said these issues must be discussed in full, so the committee is coming up with design guidelines.

**9. Festival Committee 2003—Helen Marangos**

Nancy said that Helen Marangos expressed regrets at being unable to attend the meeting. Helen sent a four page summary of the plenary session held by the festival committee to discuss what worked and didn’t work at the 2003 festival. These pages are included in tonight’s package. Nancy left delegates to read Helen’s report, adding that Helen would provide a more full account at the September meeting.

**10. New Business**

**a) Peter Currie—New Issue re St. James Cathedral**

Peter Currie brought an associate, Dougall Grange.



Dougall Grange reported that Peter has looked up the original title of St. James Cathedral and associated grounds. In 1817, that property was given by Crown Patent to the inhabitants of the Town of York, to be held in trust by the Director and Church Wardens as a burying ground and churchyard which was to be on the land forever. That is to say that St. James Cathedral belongs to all of us here and by extension everyone that lives in Toronto. It does not belong to the Church, the Church Warden or the Director. They are Trustees, and the Church is a perpetual tenant. But the site is public property.

In January 17, 2000 a deed was placed on that property from the Rector and Church Wardens to the Rector and the Church Wardens. This deed did not mention the Trust. St. James is involved with some developers. Only the latest deed will be visible on the computer system. The original patent will be lost to view.

There has been talk in the last few years about actually selling the property, removing bodies. Those applications were lifted. Now what is before the City of Toronto is a rezoning application, to change the zoning of the property to allow the sale of air rights to another property.

What Peter and Dougall came to say is that you cannot sell what you do not own. The Church, the land it is on, and the burying ground are of huge historical significance. Air rights flow from the land rights underneath. If you cannot sell the land, you cannot sell the air rights. This sale will take place unless something is done about it.

Peter took the matter most recently to City Hall and they produced a report. The City Solicitor has said that the City will do nothing unless a judge directs differently. Dougall and Peter are experts on Titles. They have set up a nonprofit corporation called Sons and Daughters of York, which will take this issue to a judge.

Dougall Grange added that this process will be expensive. He is attending the SLNA Delegates Meeting tonight to ask for support and suggestions and contacts for this initiative.

Interested people can contact Dougall at [Dougall@interlog.com](mailto:Dougall@interlog.com) or at his office, (416) 385-9222.

Paul Smith pointed out an identical document and situation regarding another property in Toronto, the deed dated 1818. Delegates offered Dougall and Peter some prospects for them to contact.

Discussion ensued.

Dougall concluded by saying that as of this Friday he and Peter will be official Directors of the Sons and Daughters of York.

## **b) Announcement by Dorothy Creaser**

Dorothy Creaser said that what prompted the traffic safety issue discussed at a previous Delegates Meeting is that two people in her building at 85 The Esplanade, both in their eighties, were hit at an intersection. They had the green light; the driver went through a red light. Dorothy initiated a petition and sent it to 51 and 52 Divisions and to Chief Fantino and elsewhere. As a result of her efforts there is now a Traffic Safety Meeting scheduled.

Dorothy Creaser distributed a handout, announcing the Traffic Safety Meeting sponsored by Pam McConnell's office, to be held Thursday, August 21, 3:00 pm at Old York Towers Community Room, main floor, 85 The Esplanade. Issues to be discussed include traffic safety at the intersections of Church and The Esplanade, Church and Front, Jarvis and Front, and The Esplanade and Market Street. Representatives from 51 and 52 Division and City Staff from the Traffic Services Department will assist in the discussion. For more information, people are welcome to call Pam McConnell's office at (416) 392-7916.

Nancy offered to group-email the flyer to the entire SLNA delegation.

**c) Christmas contest**

Alan Seymour reported that he was asked by the President of the Longboat Association to issue a challenge to all the other members of the SLNA to display the best decorations at Christmas. There will be prizes, to be announced.

**d) Lawrence Hawke Addresses the Floor**

Deferred at Lawrence's request.

**12. Adjournment**

Nancy reported that Market Lane Public School thanked the SLNA for loan of a barbecue for their year-end event.

The Chair gave thanks to the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments. She then asked attendees to fill out the attendance form and to fill out the Meeting Evaluation Form.

*Motion: to adjourn the meeting.*

*Moved: Frank Burns*

*Seconded: Alice Briesmaster*

*Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00 pm.

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**Recording Secretary, Arlyss Ponchuk**

**Chair, Nancy Sheppard**

**Attachments;**

**VP External report**

**VP Internal report**

**Past Pres report**

**Report to Meeting of SLNA Delegates – 30 July 03**

**Island Airport/Community AIR**

Transport Minister Collette has recently done an about-face, and now says that he supports building the bridge and expanding the Island Airport. He had maintained for many months that, once the rail link to Pearson was given the green light, the Island Airport would be redundant and unsustainable.

Nevertheless, we are pressing on with our holding action on the Environmental Assessment, Navigable Waterways Protection Act, "unmet city conditions" and legal fronts to enable us to kick start our political action efforts for the November city election. I intend to submit a series of questions on the Environmental Assessment on behalf of the SLNA by the 28 July deadline.

A meeting of the TIACAC (Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee) has been called for 19 August, to consider safety issues, following the recent fatal airplane crash.

**All-Candidates Mayoralty Debate – 16 September**

The Barbara Hall Campaign Office has finally told us that she will **not** be participating in this event. We have since obtained renewed confirmations that the other 4 major candidates will be participating. David Crombie will be our moderator, and the event will be held in the Harbourfront Community Centre. We have several neighbourhood associations already committed to joining us, and we continue our efforts to recruit

associations along the waterfront from Etobicoke to Scarborough, and throughout downtown Toronto.

Cam Miller  
Vice President, External

## **VP Internal Report to the July 30, 2003 SLNA Meeting**

**TO: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association**

**DATE: July 29, 2003**

FROM: Georgette Harris

### **1. Gala 2004**

**The first meeting of the 2004 Gala Committee will be in August, and I will set the date and time for the meeting via e-mail within the next week.**

*If you are interested in joining the Gala Committee* please ensure that Nancy Sheppard has your email address and phone number tonight, or contact me directly at [georgette\\_harris@hotmail.com](mailto:georgette_harris@hotmail.com) or 416-995-8675.

I'm sorry to report that because of new work commitments, particularly in the Spring of 2004, I will not be able to dedicate the same amount of time to the Gala as in past three years.

**If you have organized events before and liked it, if you would like to learn event organizing and fundraising by doing them, then this is an opportunity for you to expand your skills under the guidance of an experienced Gala organizer and committee Chair.**

Please note that the *Gala Committee has to be composed of "leaders"* those people who not only take on tasks but also lead themselves and others to ensure that tasks are planned and accomplished.

**Each member of the Committee has to be thoroughly committed to the success of event. The good news is that Committee members will find the experience rewarding!**

*NOTE:* If you are only able to 'help' with the Gala you may wish volunteer for the day of the event, or take part in selling tickets in February and March, as opposed to being on the Committee. While the planning is fun and exciting, it also requires dedication, focus and a significant time commitment.

### **2. Membership**

**In September I will be convening a Membership Committee Brainstorming and Planning event to set goals and action steps for 2003/2004. If you are interested in contributing please call or e-mail me [georgette\\_harris@hotmail.com](mailto:georgette_harris@hotmail.com) or 416-995-8675.**

It is important to remember that the SLNA has seen significant growth in the past 3 years, adding many new buildings to its membership: most recently welcoming The Bentley to our ranks.

However, this is not always a fast process. As we are an association of condo and co-op corporations, and freehold and tenants associations, not individuals, it is not a “quick sale” but rather it requires ongoing networking, and the agreement of the relevant Boards or Executives etc. For new buildings, their first year or more is often spent focused solely on internal matters.

To-date one of the most successfully ways of building membership has been to get individuals from a non-member building involved and then they become the SLNA “sales rep” or champion to their own Board/building.

Raising the SLNA’s profile in the community, enhancing its “brand” and getting new volunteers involved are the most significant things we can do together to achieve membership growth and retention.

### Past-President’s Report to the July 30, 2003 SLNA Meeting

TO: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

DATE: July 29, 2003

FROM: Edward Nixon

### 3. SEDERI

The SLNA is one of the key members of the South East Downtown Economic Revitalization Initiative (SEDERI). Our current representative on the SEDERI Steering Committee, Jacob Hardie, has unfortunately had to resign because of major work commitments.

The SLNA needs to select a new representative to SEDERI who can make a significant commitment and has a significant interest. **In fact at SEDERI’s next meeting on August 13 (5:30 PM North Market Initiative Room) its recent incorporation will be finalized and its first formal Board of Directors’ will be selected.**

#### The SLNA needs to:

- a. **Have a representative in attendance at the August 13 SEDERI meeting to vote on our behalf for the new SEDERI Board & By-Laws.**
  - i. **Note** this cannot be me as I do consulting work for SEDERI and cannot have such a role, nor can it be Frank Burns who already represents, with distinction, the North Market Initiative on the SEDERI Steering Committee and is the current Chair of the SEDERI Steering Committee.
- b. **For the purposes of the August 13 meeting it could be any SLNA Executive member or designated representative selected tonight.**

**However, the SLNA will need to appoint or elect someone to be on the SEDERI Board of Directors to serve post August 13.**

4. First Parliament Site

The City of Toronto is actively negotiating with owners of 265 Front Street East and the Province of Ontario to secure the northwest portion of the site and prevent the car dealership from moving forward. The deal will likely involve a land swap involving some provincially owned land. City Council will hear a final report on the deal at its September Council meeting.

The work that has been done on the site to-date is legal and the City Inspector is on the site almost daily to keep an eye on things. Also there is a privately contracted archaeologist on the site during an earthmoving or related activity.

The time is NOT ripe for protest and activism right now as it appears a deal is close. However, if there is any backing away or if there is a breakdown in negotiations, that will be a different story. Stay posted over the summer.

5. Union Station

In view of the City's recent decision (below) I think it is all the more important to, per the motion we passed in June, maintain our membership in the Union Station Public Advisory Group (PAG). The PAG has now received an official role as a result of the Council motion. It is important to note that membership in the PAG is at the discretion of Council and the PAG reports to City Council through Council's Administration Committee.

Also stemming from the SLNA's June motion, the SLNA will have a chance to formally reconsider this in September and to reconfirm its representative to the PAG. I will advise everyone that I am interested in retaining this role and look forward to having the opportunity to reconfirm this in September.

**City of Toronto News Release, July 23, 2003:**

"Toronto City Council approves Master Agreement for 100 years with Union Pearson Group  
At its meeting today, members of Toronto City Council approved by a vote of 31 to 10, a Master Agreement to enter into a lease with the Union Pearson Group for a 100-year term to restore, revitalize and operate Union Station on behalf of the City of Toronto.

...

**Council today also adopted a motion that the station lease includes a provision that the Union Station Public Advisory Group previously established by City Council remain in place for the duration of the station lease and be fully involved in the revitalization of Union Station. The Union Pearson Group has committed to an ongoing public consultation process throughout.**

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Given the City Council's decision, which cannot be undone, unless UPG fails to negotiate the final lease terms or fails to fulfill the terms of the lease, without the City risking a lawsuit by UPG and LP Heritage (if the process were to be canceled by the new Council both former bidders would be in a legal position to sue and would have nothing to lose and everything to gain by doing so).

#### 6. Past-President Changing Role

The August Executive Meeting will be my last. I have now served just over six months as VP External (an appointment), two years as President, a year (in two parts) as Past President and just shy of 6 months as Acting President. Four years on the Executive is a significant amount of time and I have enjoyed it immensely and valued all I have learnt; and those I have worked with and gotten to know along the way.

I won't be disappearing, as I remain an SLNA Delegate and hope to remain (see above) our official rep to the Union Station PAG. But I shall not be serving on the Executive when I see all of you next. I will still be working in the community in my current consulting roles with SEDERI and the Nutcracker Neighbourhood Alliance. I look forward to working with all of you in these different ways.

Please accept my regrets for tonight, as I simply could not refuse the opportunity to attend a little event in Downsview today.