

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING
July 28, 2004

NORTH MARKET, St. Lawrence Market Complex

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Cam Miller, King George Square V
V.P. Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V
Treasurer: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V
Corporate Secretary: Karen Serwonka, David B Archer Co-op V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V
At Large: Paul Smith, 65 Scadding Avenue V

In Attendance:

Cherril Baker, David B Archer Co-op V

Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
Susan Blair, Edgeview Co-op V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V
Pam Gierman, Windmill Line Co-op V
Elisabeth Ecker, 65 Scadding Avenue V
Georgette Harris, St James Condo V
Aurie Hensman, MTCC #630 V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes V
Bob Kemp, Pilot Place V
Helen Marangos, Family Action Network (FAN) V
Lucie Martel, King George Sq V
Susan McLeod, Market Square V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op V

Terry Pennock, New Times Square V

Sherri Russell, Family Action Network (FAN) V

David Sangaraille, La Place St. Laurent V

Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park V
Frank Touby, Harmony A Housing Co-op V

Michael Waring, New Times Square 2 V
Rose Wilner, OWN Co-op V
Marie Young, La Place St. Laurent V

With Regrets:

V.P. External: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
Frank Clarke, MP Bill Graham's Office G
Emma McBey, OWN Co-op V
Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Association
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee
SEDERI: South East Downtown Economic
Redevelopment Initiative
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation
Centre
TIACAC: Toronto Island Airport Community
Advisory Committee
TCHC: Toronto Community Housing
Corporation
TPA: Toronto Port Authority
TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization
Corp.

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Harry Beattie, Marylee Jones & Bart Nickerson 180 Frederick St. G

Michelle Buckley, Councillor Pam McConnell's Office G

Peter Currie, Officer, St. James Preservation Society

Evan Heise, David B Archer Co-op G

Police Officers, 51 Division

Robin Hart Crombie Park N

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

1. Welcome & Round Robin

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. He introduced himself as President and he chaired the meeting. A round table of introductions was conducted. Karen Serwonka, Corporate Secretary, passed around an attendance sheet.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Cam Miller relocated Michelle Buckley's City Update from agenda item 12 to 7, following the update on the Save the St. James Cathedral Initiative, to enable her to leave early. Karen Serwonka pointed out that Hotelling is duplicated under a) and b) in the President's report. It was deleted from the end of item a).

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Helen Marangos

Seconded by: Susan McLeod

CARRIED

3. Approval of June 30, 2004 Minutes

Motion: to approve the June 30, 2004 minutes as presented.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Barbara Bell

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Update from 51 Division

Cam Miller welcomed Bob Kemp, Chair of the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC). Bob introduced Constable Ivan.

Hummer Homicide: Constable Ivan advised delegates that he cannot disclose information about the homicide that occurred near Sherbourne and The Esplanade last

weekend as it is still under investigation. Regarding the Methadone Clinic at 132 Front St E., Sergeant Darrell Hallman arrested two men today who tried to sell the prescription drug Percocet to undercover officers. They are monitoring the situation and if it escalates they will send more enforcement.

Police Access to Residences: Wally Simpson stated that from his window at Crombie Park he can see people dealing drugs. He offered the police access to his building. Constable Ivan pointed out that some residences give the police keys for access, and that Mr. Simpson's residence can set up a similar arrangement through Joe Smith, Community Response Officer. Delegates shared stories of how criminal activities in local residences were reduced once police were given independent lobby/garage access.

Prostitution: Aurie Hensman advised that prostitution is now occurring near the Methadone Clinic, as reported by a resident to the concierge of 160 Frederick Street. Helen Marangos will bring this to the attention of the CPLC.

9-1-1: Bob Kemp distributed a document which explains police prioritization of call-ins, and explains under what circumstances police are brought in from other jurisdictions. Appended is "What to expect when you call 9-1-1," and a map of 51 Division. He strongly recommended that citizens call the police for all criminal activities, anonymously if they prefer, because for some instances the police are receiving no calls whatsoever. A sergeant added that it is standard procedure to ask the caller's name, but that you are not obliged to answer. He acknowledged that an anonymous call might be perceived as less credible.

Helen Marangos pointed out that on the 51 Division map, area 51-5 (which includes the St. Lawrence neighbourhood) is much larger than the other areas, 51-1 through -4, but has relatively fewer police assigned. The number of police assigned to an area is based on the number of calls made in that area to 9-1-1. Area 5-5 processes about the same number of 9-1-1 calls as the smaller areas. For more police to be assigned to area 51-5, more people need, on appropriate occasions, to call 9-1-1.

Helen reported that she and Bob will on behalf of the CPLC attend a 9-1-1 meeting in August and a series of workshops in September.

Cam thanked the 2 police officers, and they then left the meeting with Bob Kemp.

6. Update on "Save St. James' Cathedral Initiative" A Breakthrough for Heritage? – Peter Currie

Cam Miller introduced Peter Currie, an Officer with the St. James Preservation Society. Peter Currie described himself as a title searcher by trade. He located the original 19th century Crown patent for the St. James Cathedral site, and found that it reads: "For the sole use and benefit of the parishioners and inhabitants of the said town of York forever as a church yard and burying ground for the inhabitants of the said town of York." The

municipality left the property in trust to St. James' Cathedral as a way to create permanent public property.

Peter Currie and his colleagues are seeking a declaration on the title, to nullify the Cathedral's attempt to impose a recent deed on the property which would have eliminated evidence of the original patent, and which would have enabled them to sell what they do not in fact own.

The Cathedral is trying to sell "air rights" for developers to build The Spire condominium and underground parking nearby. Peter Currie and his colleagues put forward an injunction to stop any construction. He described air density as part of property rights, property defined as being "from the ground upward." The issue is to be addressed in court.

The Spire will be built, but the moneys will be held in trust pending the outcome of Peter Currie and his colleagues' application.

Ewa Jarmicka expressed concern that money must be raised from somewhere to upgrade poor conditions at the Cathedral. Peter Currie advised that of the \$3.7 million that would be raised, \$2 million would have gone to renovations to the Diocese Centre, not to St. James Cathedral, and other moneys would have gone toward Spire Condominium's underground parking and other condominium related facilities. Through his group's intervention, the funds can remain in trust, administered under the trusteeship of St. James Cathedral, to preserve and maintain the heritage site.

Paul Smith asked if it would be helpful for parishioners to allocate funds for specific use. Peter Currie stated that since 1959 taxpayers have been paying \$20,000-\$30,000 per year for maintenance of the heritage buildings and for groundskeeping. Perhaps some of this money could be used to maintain the property, rather than taxpayers' money.

Cam Miller thanked Peter Currie for his update.

7. City Update – Michelle Buckley

Cam Miller welcomed Michelle Buckley.

Methadone Clinic at 132 Front Street East: Michelle reported that she met recently with residents from the affected condominium at 160 Frederick Street, and has corresponded with the police. The condominium's office management is to repair burnt out lights to improve outdoor lighting. Police presence in the area is increasing.

Pedestrian Committee: The first Pedestrian Committee meeting held recently was attended by Wally Simpson and Connie Yang, among other SLNA delegates. This steering committee will discuss all pedestrian and traffic issues. The committee's focus in the coming months is to make the Jarvis corridor safer. She noted that another accident

occurred at Jarvis and The Esplanade recently. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for September. More community input and more attendees are welcome.

Gigantic Garbage Cans: Council has approved a pilot project to install gigantic garbage cans with 7 foot high ad space over the next few months. Because Pam McConnell, City Councillor for this ward, doesn't approve, the bins will not be installed here any time soon. Installation will not occur in any heritage area without consultation with the Ward Councillor and Heritage representatives. A Councillor can arrange for a bin to be removed at any time.

Hummingbird Centre: Frank McLean asked for report on the business plan for the Hummingbird Centre. Because the ballet and opera are leaving the Hummingbird Centre, the building must be redeveloped. An ambitious plan has been proposed. Michelle reported that the proposal went through a number of committees and ended up at Council. Council passed an allowance to keep working on the plan with all the stakeholders, to keep the process going. Michelle can make related amendments and motions available on request.

40 The Esplanade : The first of at least two public meetings was held this month on a proposal to build two towers at 40 The Esplanade, at The Esplanade and Scott. There was a good turnout, including City staff, architects, and the public. The main concerns expressed were the size and height of the buildings, the use of too much concrete, and the apparent extension of the financial district. Another statutory meeting will be held in September. Michelle will send notice of it by email.

Paul Smith emphasized that these buildings are only two proposed developments in a much larger development of the West Esplanade, and that they already violate by-laws significantly. The buildings can be only 23 metres high; the developers have 96 metres in mind. When planners exceed by-laws, they must "give back" to the community in compensation. Michelle responded that the planning process is too early for a detailed negotiation. Some developments are privately owned and cannot be compelled to follow a plan, but broad principles can be suggested for the area based on how this set of buildings is handled.

Pam McConnell's office is compiling information from the July meeting, which Michelle can make available once it is ready. The report on 40 The Esplanade will be made toward the end of the year.

Crombie Park Lights: Elizabeth Ecker expressed satisfaction with the new lighting in Crombie Park, but asked whether the lights needed to be on all day. Michelle will speak with her further after the meeting.

Lorie Martel stated that the lamp post on the south east side of Crombie Park has a light that is out. A lamp toward the west is also out. Michelle has already asked staff to check for burned out lights, but will ask them to check for these specific lights.

Guidelines for Advisory/Citizens' Committees: Ronny Yaron asked if Michelle could report to the SLNA in September on the outcome of new guidelines for advisory bodies, and how the structure will work. Michelle explained that a number of citizens' committees have been created, and that two or three Councillors attend per meeting. Citizens can be appointed to the committees.

Cam Miller thanked Michelle Buckley for her report.

8. President — Cam Miller

a) Update on Island Airport/Port Authority

Included in the package for tonight's meeting was Cam Miller's email to Paul Martin, copied to Bill Graham, as moved by members at the June SLNA meeting, to encourage his ongoing support of the SLNA's efforts to curtail the Toronto Port Authority. Appended was a similar letter from the Waterkeeper. Cam reported that at critical points the Waterkeeper has been superb support for the initiative. The deadline for this correspondence was 30 days after June 19. It is now up to Transport Canada to deliberate and make a decision.

b) Hotelling Task Force—Mandate Broadening

Cam reported that when the task force reconvenes in the fall, a number of issues not yet on the table will be addressed, including split zoning: commercial/residential, shared facilities, construction defects, and residential board functionality. Cam offered to add anyone interested to the information list for upcoming meetings.

c) Sustainable St. Lawrence

Cam reported that he, Paul Smith, and Michael Comstock of the BIA have met, and will take the proposal to the BIA. The BIA board's next meeting is in early August. The proposal is a very general, broad-based, sustainable community initiative.

9. VP Internal – Ronny Yaron

a) Membership

Ronny Yaron mentioned that there are membership forms available for new delegates to complete and handed one out to Susan Blair of Edgeview Co-op. She explained that the membership campaign is on hold because her time is taken in organizing the Community Fair for September.

b) Community Fair 2004

Ronny Yaron reported that the event is growing larger than expected, so the organizers are again calling it a festival. She distributed a draft budget for delegates to review. She also distributed flyers asking for volunteers for specific positions, to be posted in buildings.

Ronny described the planned activities along Crombie Park:

- a Beer Garden will be organized by Shane Carmichael, who has done a lot of work for big festivals locally, including the Barbecue at St. Lawrence Market. The Beer Garden will take place on the east side of Crombie Park, near Windmill Line Co-op, and will include a stage with live jazz and refreshments. Admission will be a twoonie.
- Basketball is planned for the court.
- The Sherbourne site will have children's activities. The group is considering whether to rent the inflatables again, which cost \$1,500 for four hours but have been popular in the past. There will be no charge for children's activities or access to the inflatables.
- A food court will be set up probably in the school playground next to Jarvis, with restaurants invited to take part, hopefully an international mix. People will pay for their food as they eat, rather than through a passport system.
- Additional activities might include a talent show. An MC is available but a co-ordinator is needed.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. Suggestions are welcome. Volunteers are welcome.

Rose Wilner pointed out that the month is missing from the flyer. Delegates are asked to fill in the month of September in neat printing on the first line before posting the flyer. Ronny will email a corrected flyer to delegates.

In response to a question by Susan McLeod, Ronny advised that the event has no rain date.

Ronny added that she did not submit an announcement to the *Community Bulletin* in time for the August issue.

Motion: to approve the SLNA Festival 2004 budget as presented.

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Paul Smith

CARRIED

Ronny agreed at Georgette Harris's request, to send occasional updates to delegates by email as the SLNA will not meet again until September 29, after the event.

Email Group List: Karen Serwonka asked delegates who do not currently receive email notices from the SLNA but whom have access to email to pass on to her their email addresses so that she can include them in the group emailing list.

10. VP External — Frank Burns

Frank Burns sent regrets that he could not attend tonight's meeting.

11. Treasurer — Nancy Sheppard

a) 2004 Financial Statements

Nancy Sheppard presented the 2004 financial statements for the SLNA. She distributed copies of the balance sheet, revenue and operating expenses, comparison of operations to budget, and a financial statement for the Gala, as at June 30, 2004, unaudited. She provided a context for some line items.

Nancy offered congratulations to last year's Gala Committee for having turned a profit.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented

Moved by: Edward Nixon

Seconded: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

Nancy distributed a financial statement of project funds which summarizes activities for last year, shows where we are starting this year, and shows plans for this year. She gave a context for some line items.

Motion: to spend \$3,000 toward school nutrition programs this year

Moved by: Nancy Sheppard

Seconded by: Edward Nixon

CARRIED

12. Communications Committee—Joan Campbell

a) October Newsletter

Joan Campbell reported that the newsletter would be ready for distribution toward the end of September, as her work on the festival currently takes priority. She has a couple of articles for publication already. She asked that delegates ensure that the newsletter reach all residents' hands, as there is something in it for everyone.

13. Update from George Smitherman's Office — Jason Lisenchuk

Cam Miller welcomed Jason Lisenchuk.

Health: Jason reported that the new health premium has been allocated in part toward mental health programs, doubling the budget over the next four years. Investments are also being made in long term care. Hospitals are being given extra funds to help cover deficits.

Urban Sprawl: Jason reported that emphasis will be on building up rather than out. Recognizing the needs of the \$100 billion infrastructure, nevertheless, the deficit must be cleared over the next 10-12 years, taking a concerted effort by all three levels of government, community groups, and the private sector.

Office Hours: Now that Parliament is out for the summer, George Smitherman will hold office hours weekly. His next office hours are Friday August 13, from 3:00-4:00.

Property Taxes and Tax Reform: Elizabeth Ecker recommended reassessing property taxes to make them more equitable. Jason responded that this government is reassessing property taxes, particularly for small businesses. He encouraged the community to lobby the MP and the City Councillor to address tax reforms. Wally Simpson asked if the OMB will be held more accountable. Frank McLean, Elizabeth Ecker, and Cherril Baker raised additional concerns on topic. The matter of property taxes and fundamental tax reform was referred to the Executive to discuss and report back in September.

Cam Miller thanked Jason Lisenchuk for his update.

14. Update from Bill Graham's Office (MP)—Frank Clarke

Frank Clarke sent his regrets that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Cam Miller advised delegates that for federal issues the community can phone (416) 954-2222.

15. New Business

a) Announcements

Edward Nixon announced that SEDERI (The South East Downtown Economic Redevelopment Initiative) is hosting "A Murmur in Old Town," Thursday, August 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m., in the North Market initiative room, as advertised in the August edition of the *Community Bulletin*, page 5. This community workshop will present the murmur project, implemented in Kensington Market and soon to be installed in the Annex, as a model for telling the stories of Old Town Toronto and its neighbourhoods. Included is a walkabout to three sites as examples of a murmur project.

On Wednesday, September 22, SEDERI will host a Job Fair, also advertised in the *Community Bulletin* on page 5.

Edward referred delegates to SEDERI's website for more information, at www.sederi.ca.

b) Announcement

Elizabeth Ecker reported that the Progressive Conservative party is holding a leadership convention. She recommended paying for a \$10 membership, which includes the right to vote for the leader.

c) Toronto Port Authority

Frank McLean reverted to the President's report, asking Cam Miller for an update on the initiative to do away with the Toronto Port Authority. Cam responded that the focus right now, what has been gazetted, is stopping construction of the fixed link bridge to the Island Airport.

d) SLCRC

Alice Briesmaster gave an update on summer activities at the Centre.

A volunteer has developed the CRC's website: www.stlawrencecrc.com . The site advertises the many activities offered by the Centre, including synergetic adults 55+, in-house day camp for kids 10-13, aquafitness, soccer for kids 3-12, martial arts, digital photography, and much more.

A seniors' barbecue is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 11:00 a.m.

15. Adjournment

Cam Miller reminded delegates that no meeting will be held in August, that the next meeting is in September. He asked delegates to return name tags to the new accordian box.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

The next delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, at 7:00 pm.

Karen Serwonka, Corporate Secretary

Cam Miller, Chair