

# SLNA DELEGATES MEETING

Wednesday, June 25, 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

V.P. Internal, Georgette Harris, St. James Condo V

Treasurer: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V

Secretary: Sandy Sellars, Windmill Line Co-op V

At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V

At Large: Mohammed Hoque, New Hibret Co-op V

At Large: Dwight Peters, 25 The Esplanade V

Past President: Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op 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

Bob Kemp, Pilot Place V

Grant Lowe, Marketview Housing Co-op V

Helen Marangos, Family Action Network  
(FAN) V

Melanie Martin, The Bentley V

Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V

Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V

Frank Touby, Harmony A Housing Co-op V

Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V

Rose Wilner, OWN V

Julita Wolanska, Crombie Park V

Connie Yang, OWN V

Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V

## With Regrets:

George Milbrandt, 65 Scadding Ave V

Jeanette Postnikoff, La Place St. Laurent V

Andrew Lang, Bill Graham's Office G

Robin Hart G

Jennefer Laidley, Pam McConnell's Office G

Todd Ross, George Smitherman's Office G

Pierre Klein, Cabbagetown South G

Tom Kelly, 51 Division 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 7:14 pm. Nancy Sheppard introduced herself and chaired the meeting.

A round table of introductions was conducted.

The Chair indicated that Connie Yang brought to the meeting copies of a handout and pins for Canada Day (compliments of George Smitherman's office), and that delegates are welcome to take one of each on their way out after the meeting.

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

Stig Harvor asked to add "SAS Building" to agenda item "8. Past President".

Edward Nixon asked to add "SEDERI" to agenda item "8. Past President".

Grant Lowe asked to add a "Trash" issue to "11. New Business".

Lawrence Hawke asked to add "Lighting" to agenda item "11. New Business". Barry Bandurk added "Lighting in St. James Park".

Barry Bandurk asked to add "Road Construction" to agenda item "11. New Business".

Lawrence Hawke asked to add the "Shooting at Stonehenge" to the agenda. The Chair pointed out that this would be discussed under agenda item "5. Update from 51 and/or 52 Division".

*Motion: to approve the agenda as amended*

*Moved by: Cam Miller*

*Seconded by: Stig Harvor*

*Carried*

### **3. Approval of May 28, 2003 Minutes**

*Motion: to approve the May 28, 2003 minutes as presented*

*Moved by: Bob Kemp*

*Seconded by: Helen Marangos*

*Carried*

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

No business arose from the minutes.

### **5. Update from 51 and/or 52 Division**

Tom Kelly of 51 Division spoke. He addressed the recent "Stonehenge incident". A few nights ago a couple of young men were set upon at The Esplanade and Frederick, on the west end of the parkette. During the attack the victims were pepper-sprayed. They broke free. A shot was fired after them. Police found a spent shell casing. The case is under investigation. It was initially investigated as a robbery attempt, but new, confidential, information is revealing a different scenario.

Secondly, the police have been addressing the drug matter in the neighbourhood. The drug squad was invited in. They will be in the neighbourhood one or two nights per week for the duration of the summer. Police at 51 Division are experiencing demands which will pull officers out of the neighbourhood over the summer: Gay Pride, Celebrate

Toronto Festival, and other city events. 51 Division will have reduced personnel over the summer, but will respond to calls with uniformed cars. Bicycle patrol will be serving other areas.

Helen Marangos, on behalf of this year's St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Festival organizers, thanked 51 Division for their support during the event.

**6. City Update - Jennefer Laidley, Pam McConnell's Office**

Deferred until Jennefer Laidley's arrival.

Discussed after agenda item "8. Past President".

**7. President - Nancy Sheppard**

**a) July & August Meetings**

Nancy reminded the delegates that typically the SLNA holds a July Delegates' meeting but not an August meeting. She asked for input from delegates on what to do this year. Nancy has already asked Derek Ballantyne from Toronto Community Housing Corp to be a guest at the July meeting (to discuss Regent Park Redevelopment). Delegates agreed to stick to the usual plan – a meeting in July but not in August – but if in July, they felt a need to meet in August, then we would do so.

**8. Past President - Edward Nixon**

**a) First Parliament**

Edward Nixon reported that city staff are continuing negotiations with the owners of 265 Front St East for the First Parliament site.

**b) Union Station**

Edward reported that as part of the Union Station rebuilding process, an ad hoc committee was proposed. The SLNA was offered a seat at the table of this public advisory group. Edward provided an overview of the City's processes in regards to the Union Station issue. He made a handout available to delegates, entitled "Re: Union Station: Excerpts from City of Toronto Administration Committee Special Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2003".

A motion was made. Discussion ensued.

***Moved: That the SLNA will maintain its membership in the Union Station Restoration and Revitalization RFP Public Advisory Group, and that Edward Nixon, remain the SLNA representative on an interim basis through September 2003.***

***And that if the outcome of the July City of Toronto Administration Committee and/or Council is conclusive, the SLNA's position in respect to arrangements for Union Station's redevelopment will be reviewed at the July delegate's meeting. And that at the September 2003 Delegates meeting the selection of our representatives be reopened, and our participation in the Public Advisory Group be reviewed.***

***Moved: Dwight Peters    Seconded: Sandy Sellars    Carried***

**c) SAS Building**

Edward reported on an issue involving SAS, the world's largest privately held software company. They currently operate on a floor at BCE Place. They are looking to move their headquarters to King and Ontario Streets. That site is currently owned by Context Development. SAS is negotiating to purchase the site, and wants to put up a 39 meter building. Half the building would be SAS headquarters, and half would be leased out, in the short term, to other high tech businesses. Eventually, the building would be fully occupied by SAS. Upward of 400 high-paying jobs could be introduced if SAS moves to the neighbourhood.

Members of the SLNA Development Committee met with SAS twice; the Executive reviewed and approved the project. SAS met with the Committee for Adjustments on June 18. Lawyers representing the adjacent property have intervened. A decision has been postponed until July 15. Discussion ensued.

**d) SEDERI**

Edward reported that the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood street signs are finally going up and should be completed by July 10<sup>th</sup> or so.

He distributed a handout entitled "SEDERI - Revitalizing Old Town Toronto: The South East Downtown Economic Redevelopment Initiative".

**6. City Update - Jennefer Laidley, Pam McConnell's Office**

The Chair reverted to this agenda item, Jennefer Laidley having now arrived.

Jennefer reported on the prospective Porsche dealership site, currently a parking lot at 261 Front Street. There is a confidential report going to council tomorrow which outlines the negotiations that have taken place since the May council meetings. After the May rally, Pam McConnell put forward a motion that passed to reconfirm public ownership of the site. The report going to council tomorrow directs staff to complete the negotiations that are outlined in the report.

Discussion ensued.

Jennefer made note that, if the site is brought within the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto, the site will nonetheless remain a parking lot for the foreseeable future.

Jennefer distributed a TTC notice that the King and Church Street intersection will be closed this coming weekend, Thursday, June 26 to Tuesday, July 1.

She also reported on the prospects of bus service to the Distillery district. The TTC has extended the No. 65 Parliament bus between now and August 30 to operate on Saturday between 8:10am to 6:30pm. Incorporated into its usual route will be a looping detour toward the Distillery District.

The meeting (described by Jennefer as a "demographic report") on the King/Parliament park has been postponed until September, due to scheduling issues.

Darryl Vossens from Parks has secured some money to increase lighting in Crombie Park. Jennefer reported that in light of the recent shooting, she has put in a strong suggestion to Parks to prioritize that area for lighting.

The Chair suggested that delegates' other lighting issues be discussed now, rather than in the "New Business" section.

Barry Bandurk requested of Jennefer that already-existing lights be turned on in St. James Park, to discourage vagrants. Arms have already been installed on the benches to discourage vagrants from sleeping on the benches at night. Barry added that a monument was pushed over on the north side of the park. Jennefer agreed to follow up.

On another topic, Barry said that the northeast corner of King and Jarvis becomes, under the slightest precipitation, a "total swamp". Barry suggested that when they made the

curb handicap-accessible, the drain became situated above the curb level. Jennefer agreed to follow up on this issue.

Lawrence Hawke discussed the lighting to go along the Esplanade, in Crombie Park between Jarvis and Berkeley. He hopes they don't just enhance the existing lights, but that they add lighting along the boulevard. Jennefer confirmed that more light standards will be added; bulbs will not merely be changed.

Edward Nixon pointed out that a year and a half ago, SLNA delegates along with other neighbourhood representatives did a walkabout to determine those areas that need improved lighting, and key areas were identified, and prioritized. It is taking this much time to put into effect.

Georgette Harris reported Darryl Vossen as having told her today that tenders for bids for contractors will be going out soon. Discussion ensued regarding how slow the process is. Jennefer said Tom Kelly of 51 Division has invited one of his men to attend the next Exec meeting to discuss the gridlock at Jarvis and King. An Urban Traffic Control systems representative will also attend, to discuss the prospect of aligning the green lights to improve traffic flow. Jennefer will not be in attendance at that meeting, providing here her regrets in advance.

The Chair suggested that the "Trash" issue under "New Business" be discussed now.

Grant Lowe of Marketview Co-op on George Street reported on large amounts of garbage in his area due to McDonalds and the other fast food restaurants. He asked that the city provide more cleaners in the area. He asked also that letters go out to the fast food restaurants, asking them to be more diligent in taking care of their own trash. Jennefer agreed to follow up on this, suggesting she will have Pam send a letter to the businesses, and that she will talk with her colleague Dan, who works with the garbage people.

Sandy Sellars reported that garbage is a hazard to pedestrians on the sidewalk along the Esplanade, especially at Princess Street. She added that, the park at Market Lane School, (in front of 65 Scadding and Windmill Line) has become an atrocious garbage-dumping site. She asked for additional garbage disposal units. Jennefer agreed to make that request. Discussion continued.

## **9. V.P. External - Cam Miller**

### **a) All Candidates' Meeting Announcement**

Cam Miller reminded delegates that the evening of September 16 is the All Candidates Mayoral Debate. The location has not yet been confirmed. David Crombie is committed to moderate. The *Star* might sponsor. All candidates are confirmed, except Barbara Hall. The event is co-organized by local organizations, including the Harbourfont Community Association, Niagara Neighbourhood Association, and Gooderham and Worts Neighbourhood Association.

### **b) EnerACT**

EnerACT will promote the "Smart Living Workshop" at our delegates meeting on September 25. The workshop takes place October 7 in the North Market.

In response to a question from Ronny Yaron, Cam reported that yesterday the Council approved 28 to 12 the motion to build a bridge to the Island Airport.

Edward Nixon pointed out that city councillors and school trustees in Ward 28 are also up for election. An All Candidates Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 8 at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, with a reception afterward in the lobby.

**10. Festival Committee - Helen Marangos, Chair**

**a) Festival Update**

Helen reported that the festival was a success, with over 4,000 people attending. A database was kept of all volunteers. Ninety-seven volunteers put in 440 hours over two days. That doesn't count the twelve festival committee members. Helen especially thanked Frank, Bob, Lawrence, Dwight, Nancy, and non-SLNA volunteers. The twelve committee members put in 2,400 hours between December and this coming Friday. This Friday will be the plenary session, during which the committee will develop recommendations for next year and review financials. Helen will report more fully at the next delegates meeting.

*Motion: to thank the festival committee and all volunteers*

*Moved: Edward Nixon*

*Seconded: Joan Campbell*

*Carried*

**11. New Business**

**a) Trash**

Discussed above, in agenda item "6. City Update".

**b) Lighting**

Discussed above, in agenda item "6. City Update".

**c) Road Construction**

Deferred.

**12. Adjournment**

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

Jennefer Laidley spoke up with a final comment regarding the road gridlock at King and Jarvis. Pam McConnell's office is looking into a red light camera for the intersection. They also hope to expand the pilot project "Don't Block The Intersection" to this intersection. Lines will be painted on the streets to clarify who is blocking the intersection, and there will also be more enforcement at the site.

*Motion: to adjourn the meeting. Moved: Barry Bandurk Seconded: Lawrence Hawke Carried* The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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**Recording Secretary, Arlyss Ponchuk**

**Chair, Nancy Sheppard**