

**SLNA DELEGATES MEETING**  
**June 30, 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  
V.P. External: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V  
Treasurer: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V  
Corporate Secretary: Karen Serwonka, David B Archer Co-op V  
At Large: Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V  
At Large: Paul Smith, 65 Scadding Avenue V

**In Attendance:**

Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V  
Philip Conlon , David B Archer Co-op V  
  
Elisabeth Ecker, 65 Scadding Avenue 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  
George Millbrandt, Longboat Res. Assoc. V  
David Sangaraille, La Place St. Laurent V  
Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park V  
Michael Waring, New Times Square 2 V  
Rose Wilner, OWN Co-op V  
Marie Young , La Place St. Laurent V

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Lester Brown, Gooderham Worts NA G

Michelle Buckley, Councillor Pam McConnell's  
Office G

Ann Doggett St. Lawrence CRC N  
Robin Hart Crombie Park N

**With Regrets:**

Cherril Baker, David B Archer Co-op V  
Exec Member @ large: Joan Campbell, Market  
Square V  
Frank Clarke, MP Bill Graham's Office G  
Georgette Harris, St James Condo V  
Emma McBey, OWN Co-op V  
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V  
Terry Pennock, New Times Square V  
  
Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V

**ACRONYMS:**

CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee  
SEDERI: South East Downtown Economic  
Redevelopment Initiative  
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation  
Centre  
TPA: Toronto Port Authority  
TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization  
Corp.

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

**1. Welcome & Round Robin**

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. He introduced himself as President and he chaired the meeting. Cam welcomed Robin Hart, who has moved back to the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, and Barry Lyon, a consultant who will speak about the Goodwill site development. A round table of introductions was conducted. Karen Serwonka, Corporate Secretary, passed around an attendance sheet.

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

Cam Miller made the following amendments:

- Add 6. Goodwill Site Development, and renumber subsequent items accordingly.

*Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.*

*Moved by: Philip Conlon*

*Seconded by: Alan Seymour*

*Carried*

## **3. Approval of May 26, 2004 Minutes**

*Motion: to approve the May 26, 2004 minutes as presented.*

*Moved by: Alan Seymour*

*Seconded by: Bob Kemp*

*Carried*

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

None.

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

Bob Kemp, Chair of the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), reported that Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly could not be present this evening. He added that quite a few arrests were made in the neighbourhood in the last few weeks. He reminded delegates to email any problems to him or to Staff Sergeant Tom Kelly, and that they will address the issues promptly. The CPLC meets with Tom Kelly every Tuesday.

## **6. Goodwill Site Development – Barry Lyon**

Cam Miller introduced Barry Lyon, President of Barry Lyon Consultants Ltd. (BLC). Goodwill Industries approached BLC a year ago because their 1.8 acre city block site is no longer serving the company's purpose well. Goodwill accepted BLC's recommendation to sell the site. They will vacate the current site toward the end of March, 2005, but are committed to opening another store and teaching facility in the neighbourhood, to continue their seventy years' presence. "Buy the Pound" will relocate not far from the downtown area. The trucking and sorting component will move to Mississauga and perhaps Scarborough.

Goodwill asked BLC to help sell the site. BLC selected Aspen Ridge Homes as the purchaser/developer. BLC is holding a competition amongst four selected architectural firms, to choose the final development design. The goal is to develop a unique site, a legacy. The site will be primarily residential, but some retail stores will be included. Aspen Ridge would front buildings onto George Street.

Barry Lyon introduced two representatives from Aspen Ridge, Andrew and Jason. He then responded to questions from delegates. Cam Miller thanked Barry Lyon, and Andrew and Jason of Aspen Ridge, for appearing this evening. The guests then left the meeting.

## **7. President — Cam Miller**

### a) Update on Recent Events

Regarding the proposed bridge to the Island Airport, the Toronto Port Authority (TPA) pre-published regulations on June 23, under the signature of Tony Valeri, Minister of Transport. Interested parties are invited to send their comments in writing by a month's time. The Community Air group plans to send comments. Dennis Mills has said he has support to sit on if not chair the Board of the Toronto Port Authority.

The Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee (TIACAC) has been on hiatus but is due to reconvene. They will strongly encourage the Federal Department of Transport to attend meetings.

*Motion: to write a letter to Paul Martin, copied to Bill Graham, to congratulate him on being elected, and to express hope for his ongoing support of our efforts to curtail the Toronto Port Authority.*

*Moved by: Ronny Yaron*

*Seconded by: Paul Smith*

*Carried*

*The Toronto Star* is preparing a special report on energy conservation. Cam Miller asked for volunteers to speak to *The Star*.

The Romanow Health Care Forum was comprised of a panel and about twenty attendees.

The All-Candidates Meeting, co-ordinated by SEDERI, was a lively and well-attended event.

### b) Sustainable Community Initiative (EnerAct)

On July 7 a group from the SLNA will meet with EnerAct to address energy conservation in the neighbourhood.

## **8. VP Internal – Ronny Yaron**

### a) Membership

Ronny Yaron welcomed two attendees who live in residences managed by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC). She and Cam Miller attended a recent delegates meeting of the TCHC, to encourage residents to join. Their safety officer had intended to attend tonight's meeting. Ronny reported that TCHC staff have expressed

interest in standing as delegates. Nancy Sheppard pointed out that according to the SLNA's by-laws, "housing groups are represented by delegates," but not specifically residents. Three of TCHC's six buildings are paid members of the SLNA. The general feeling of delegates was that only residents should become delegates, but that TCHC staff could encourage residents to become delegates. Ronny invited delegates to join her and Cam Miller in a neighbourhood-wide membership drive this summer.

b) Festival 2004

The third planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 5, 7:00 pm at the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre. Ronny brought flyers, a call for more volunteers, for delegates to post in their buildings. The festival will be a one day event, held Saturday, September 18.

**9. VP External — Frank Burns**

a) By-law changes

Frank Burns re-presented Article 18. *Indemnification*, which received initial approval by delegates at the May 26, 2004 delegates meeting, as in the minutes to that meeting, page 6, item 12a) By-law Changes.

***Motion: that the indemnification clause be accepted and introduced into SLNA's by-laws.***

***Moved by: Frank Burns***

***Seconded by: Nancy Sheppard***

***Carried, by over two-thirds majority***

b) Development Issues Updates

Frank McLean reported that he and Dwight Peters, both SLNA delegates from 25 The Esplanade, met with Dan Brambilla, executive officer of the Hummingbird Centre, two nights ago, for an update on the 50 storey tower that is planned for development near their residence. Frank reported the projected plans.

Frank Burns reported that a meeting was held on June 10, regarding the St. Lawrence West Planning Framework. Developments under discussion include the Hummingbird Centre's tower, 40 The Esplanade, the Gross Machinery site, and 10-12 Market Street. Frank had expected the planning process would reasonably take about two years, but the planners will complete their preliminary work over the next four months. Neighbourhood approval of these developments had included some by-law infringements contingent on the North Market receiving consideration for a loading dock on the northeast side of the building, onto Jarvis Street. But the community has now lost its leverage. Frank will ask Councillor Pam McConnell for recommendations on how to proceed.

Frank Burns advised delegates that insofar as the SLNA has asked to provide input into the Goodwill site's development, delegates now have a responsibility to visit the site and formulate ideas for the development. The SLNA will need to ensure that the planners

adhere to normal planning parameters, and respect surrounding properties. SLNA representatives will need to attend planning committee meetings.

c) Recruitment for SLNA Representation on Other Associations/Organizations  
Frank Burns opened the floor to nominations for each position, and closed the floor once nominations were put forward, at which time each position was acclaimed. Each nominee was self-nominated, with the exception of Connie Yang, who was nominated in absentia by Ronny Yaron for the position of Alternate Delegate to Circles of Support.

**Community Police Liaison Committee**

*Delegate (1 year term)*

*Alternate (1 year term)*

*Helen Marangos and Aurie Henson will serve interchangeably as delegate and alternate, and share the one vote.*

**St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre Advisory Council**

*Representative (1 year term): Alice Briesmaster*

*Alternate: Paul Smith*

**South East Downtown Economic Redevelopment Initiative—SEDERI**

*Board Director (1 year term):*

*Alternate:*

*To be appointed by the SLNA Executive.*

**West Don Lands Committee**

*Voting Delegate (1 year term): George Millbrandt*

*Alternate Delegate: Paul Smith*

**Circles of Support**

*Voting Delegate (1 year term): Ronny Yaron*

*Alternate Delegate: Connie Yang*

**St. Lawrence Works**

*Voting Delegate (1 year term): Alan Seymour*

*Alternate Delegate: Nancy Sheppard*

**Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Committee**

*Voting Delegate (1 year term): Frank Burns*

*Alternate Delegate (1 year term): Paul Smith*

**North Market Initiative Committee**

*Five voting members (3 year terms each)*

*The current term runs from 2003-2005.*

### **Harbour Noise Committee**

*Voting Delegate: (1 year term) Ewa Jarmicka*

*Alternate Delegate: Elizabeth Ecker*

### **Market Lane Park Committee**

*Voting Delegate: Cam Miller*

*Alternate Delegate: Susan McLeod*

d) Harbour Noise Committee — Ewa Jarmicka

Ewa Jarmicka reported that the noise level in the neighbourhood has grown, and that this committee can serve a valuable purpose, as no other comparable committee exists in the city to address the issue.

### **10. Treasurer — Nancy Sheppard**

a) 2003 Financial Statements

Nancy Sheppard presented the 2003 financial statements for the SLNA. She reviewed the statements, and explained some line items. She responded to questions from delegates.

*Motion: to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented*

*Moved by: Alan Seymour*

*Seconded: Susan McLeod*

**CARRIED**

Nancy reported that the SLCRC would like to run their Camping Program again this year. Last year (the first year), the SLNA funded the purchase of all the equipment. This year, they need funds in order to be able to afford the staff (leaders) required. Their goal is to run 6 trips, with a youth contingent of 20 per trip.

*Motion: to approve an expenditure of \$6,700 from Project (Special) Funds to fund the 2004 Camping Program at the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre (SLCRC).*

*Moved by: Nancy Sheppard*

*Seconded by: Bob Kemp*

**CARRIED**

### **11. Communications Committee — Frank Burns (for Joan Campbell)**

a) Distribution Results for Last SLNA Newsletter

Frank Burns asked delegates who took newsletters for distribution last month to write on a piece of paper the percentage actually distributed and return the folded papers to him as an anonymous survey.

### **12. City Update – Michelle Buckley**

Cam Miller welcomed Michelle Buckley. She reported that Councillor Pam McConnell has put together a preliminary list of people to serve on a Pedestrian Committee, to improve access and safety for pedestrians in the neighbourhood. It is not a subcommittee of the SLNA, but several SLNA delegates are on it, including Wally Simpson, Dwight Peters, and Connie Yang. The first meeting will be held July 13.

Rose Wilner asked Michelle to look into repairing a sidewalk hazard in front of PAL Co-op, where a tree once stood, in front of the TTC bus shelter. Michelle will follow-up.

Michelle summarized charettes recently held, scheduled, or planned for the fall. Pam McConnell's office will send out a notice of preliminary meetings and other statutory meetings scheduled for the next months. When asked what a charette was, Michelle described it is a meeting where options are presented.

Pam McConnell's office acknowledges the public's concern about possible sidewalk installation of huge garbage cans with side advertising panels. Michelle invited delegates and the public to attend a meeting on Monday, July 5, 9:30 am, at City Hall, in Committee Room 2. Many Councilors oppose the initiative.

Philip Conlon of David B. Archer Co-op reported that pedestrians access the new GO Station bus terminal at Front Street and The Esplanade by taking a short-cut across Yonge Street traffic, and ignore signs to cross at the nearest light. Accidents are likely to happen. Michelle will look into this matter.

Cam Miller thanked Michelle Buckley for her report.

**13. Update from George Smitherman's Office** — Jason Lisenchuk  
Jason Lisenchuk was not present at tonight's meeting.

#### **14. New Business**

##### a) Old Town Toronto

Alan Seymour will circulate a notice regarding Old Town Toronto / Nutcracker Alliance. The St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA generated over a million dollars of advertising last year. Cultural organizations in the neighbourhood offer many youth training workshops. A Festival of Lights takes place for four months around the Christmas season. Tourists can take a hop-on/off bus through the neighbourhood. Neighbourhood tours take place nearly every week. Alan particularly recommended the Market tour, which entails "grazing around the Market." This initiative has been building over the last 6 to 7 years. Alan will send the notice to Cam Miller to email to delegates.

##### b) Delegates' Name Cards

Ewa Jarmicka advised delegates that at future meetings delegates can look up their name cards alphabetically by surname in an accordion file, and return their cards after the meeting to their proper places in the file.

c) St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre (SLCRC)

Ann Doggett thanked the SLNA for continued support of youth programming. Strategic planning documentation for Parks & Recreation mentions the SLCRC and SLNA as one of the partnerships that works well. News: Sailing is scheduled for this summer, and one of the aquatics students is doing a deputation.

d) Fresh Obsessed Groceries

Rose Wilner asked if delegates knew how Dominions grocery store disposed of past-dated foods. She recently observed a bakery staff member throwing bread into the garbage. Delegates agreed that all the neighbourhood grocery stores should be encouraged to contribute their stale-dated foods to charity.

**15. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

The next delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at 7:00 pm.

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**Karen Serwonka, Corporate Secretary**

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**Cam Miller, Chair**