



**MINUTES OF THE
DELEGATES' MEETING
June 24, 2009
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade**

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, 65 Scadding
 Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
 VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade
 Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc
 At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
 At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
 At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op

Executive Member Regrets:

VP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Catherine Limberti - 1 Church St.
 Catherine West - 1 Church St.
 Patricia Bearclaw - Cathedral Court Coop
 Margaret McQuade - David B. Archer
 Cherril Baker - David B. Archer
 Arlene Markow - Woodsworth Coop
 George Millbrandt - Longboat Residents Association
 Debra Corey - King's Court
 Marcus Little - The Wellington
 Emma McBey - OWN
 Robert Sherrin - Abbey Lofts
 David Crawford - 135 George South

Farhan Syed - 7 King St. E.
 Keith Bricknell - 7 King St. E.
 Marc Piccinato - Windmill Line Coop
 Connie Yang - OWN

Regrets:
None

Associate Members & Guests:

Beth Frise - Canadian Blood Services Donor Clinic
 Cynthia Burke - York Town on the Park
 David Ganton - 135 George St. S.
 Joyce Arnold - 135 George St. S.
 James Roche - Sugar Beach/Sherbourne Park
 Development
 Judy Gingrich - King's Court
 Joyce Arnold 135 George South

Kimberly Burke - York Town on the Park
 Ruth Williams - 1 Church St.
 Pam McConnell
 Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell's Office

Darek Fiedukiewicz, Recording Secretary

1. REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

2. OPENING OF MEETING

2.1 Opening Remarks

Suzanne Kavanagh (President) stated that she would be chairing the meeting. She called the session to order at 7:07 P.M.

2.2 Approval of Agenda

It was resolved to approve the agenda as circulated. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: K. Bricknell
 SECONDED BY: P. Bearclaw

2.3 Approval of Minutes

The delegates reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2009. The following clarifications was discussed and clarified:

Section 4 – Canada Day: update first sentence to read “C. Yang introduced herself as the Canada Day event organizer.”

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates’ meeting held on May 27, 2009 as amended. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: M. Raizenne
 SECONDED BY: L. Wolde-Gabriel

3. City of Toronto – Strike (Pam McConnell)

Pam McConnell addressed the meeting. She provided an update on a number of items as follows:

- The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Development Walkabout was very successful. She thanked Al Rezoski for organizing the event.
- P. McConnell acknowledged the SLNA’s interest in making the GO properties/bus area more pedestrian friendly. She has asked the person overseeing this, Angie Antoniou, to consider the matter.
- The heritage lighting event is proceeding. The date remains under discussion but September 19th (during the Old Town Festival) or the following week are being considered.
- A meeting took place with the developer of 251 King Street East. Two City departments were opposed to their request so the developer has undertaken an appeal with the OMB. The process is expected to last approximately six months.
- Pedestrian lighting for the Jarvis Promenade will proceed in 2010.
- Access issues are still being considered for 5-7 The Esplanade.
- A request was received for the installation of a billboard at 12 St. Lawrence St. A report to the community council recommended refusal until all sign regulations are understood. The suggested technology is used in Montreal and can be programmed from a central location so attendants do not need to make changes manually. The company has also indicated that they have three legal signs in place and offered to remove two in exchange for approval of their request. They are also prepared to accept additional conditions such as a requirement to avoid posting movies/videos.

P. McConnell expressed her concern that a prolonged strike by City workers would not only cause issues with garbage removal but also severely impact children. She explained that the City’s principle aim is to change the workers’ sick-leave benefit whereas the union favours the existing plan for their current and future members.

P. McConnell noted that Residents encountering serious problems with alternate childcare arrangements may contact her office for assistance. She also encouraged the community to help each other where possible.

Next, P. McConnell advised that seventeen temporary garbage drop-off locations would be announced shortly. These were approved by the Ministry of the Environment and the number of sites can be increased to over one-hundred if necessary. It was noted that many condominiums and co-operatives were also making separate waste removal arrangements with private firms.

S. Kavanagh noted that her condominium had implemented such a plan. A garbage bin has been made available and the building's garbage chutes were shut down. Residents have been asked to carry their waste to the bin and the City bins have been designated exclusively for recycling.

P. McConnell stated that Residents may contact Access Toronto to report dumping in their neighbourhood. To date, 95% of all calls have received responses equating to approximately 6,000-7,000 calls each day.

Delegates were encouraged to use email to communicate with P. McConnell's constituency office. The address will be posted on the SLNA website.

Q. M. Raizenne questioned whether City residents would receive a rebate for the lack of garbage service during the strike.

A. P. McConnell acknowledged that the City would achieve savings due to the lower wage expenses but added that this would benefit all Residents through the budget process versus rebates.

Q. M. Raizenne asked whether the City had considered replacing workers with new staff.

A. P. McConnell explained that this was not permitted under labour legislation.

Q. A member enquired whether funding was being made available for alternate children's activities.

A. P. McConnell stated that no additional funding was set aside; however, she suggested that communities actively seek opportunities to initiate various programs and seek City assistance in facilitating these. P. McConnell cited funding provided for the upcoming Canada Day events as well as assistance with emergency situations as opportunities but explained that leading other programs could be seen as adoption of bad-faith policies especially if the strike enters an arbitration situation.

P. McConnell said she believed the City has great staff members who deserve a decent wage but this must also be affordable and not require large tax increases or layoffs.

Q. B. Leps expressed concern over the economic impact a prolonged strike would have on the City. He insisted that the City must remain respectful of the tax payers' concerns including the money being spent and the services not being provided. The last strike lasted several months at tremendous cost before legislation was introduced.

A. P. McConnell explained that the City had a \$350Mil liability for staff sick days on its books which were under-funded with the exception of a \$63Mil reserve account. The City is seeking to move to a new plan where staff would be entitled to unlimited sick days when they are ill but they would not be able to 'bank' days as this is not sustainable. The new plan would include a short-term disability benefit, which can be used whether or not an employee had time banked. Their claim would also roll-over to a long-term disability policy should they require additional time to recover.

P. McConnell felt that negotiations will require creativity due to the overall economy's difficult situation. She reminded that the City is limited to funding the short-fall by going to its tax base, reducing services, or laying off staff. Every effort will be made to mitigate each of these components.

4. Blood Donor Clinic (Beth Frise)

Beth Frise introduced herself and stated that she manages the Canadian Blood Services Donor Clinic at 163 King Street West which is the closest permanent clinic in the area. She explained that the summer is the most difficult time to collect blood so she requested assistance from delegates who could post flyers in their buildings and generally communicate the need. The clinic services several hospitals but it is not currently self-sufficient.

The clinic also offers communities and business groups of four or more people a shuttle service so they can donate together. The process take approximately an hour in total and the clinic is open from Monday to Friday. It opens as early as 7:30am on some days and through to 7pm two nights per week.

A flyer was made available which details some of the restrictions on donations. Most limitations center around medication and travel (ex. travel to malaria risk zones) so those in doubt should discuss their personal situations with a nurse. More information can also be obtained by calling 1-888-2DONATE or referencing the website at www.blood.ca.

B. Frise agreed to share an electronic version of the clinic's flyer so Delegates can print it for posting. It will also be posted to the SLNA website.

5. Waterfront Update (James Roche)

James Roche introduced himself as the Senior Project Manager for the Sugar Beach and Sherbourne Park development projects. He then presented a slide-deck which highlighted the following:

Sugar Beach Proposal - a sand beach waterfront park/urban beach, which will feature a tree lined main promenade, and a plaza by the Tedco Corus building

Sherbourne Park - will include a four acre park, a splash-pad/skating rink, and a pavilion and a café as well as a significant number of trees

All City approvals have been received and construction is ready to begin at the end of June. The duration of the construction is expected to be from 1 to 1.5 years for the completion of both projects.

It was requested that a future presentation be scheduled to discuss the new 6,000 Resident community that is planned in the project area.

J. Roche also clarified that he expects meetings to be scheduled shortly regarding tying in the recently approved promenade plan for Jarvis and Sherbourne into the parks. He also explained that the planned waterfront boardwalk was deferred. Trees will be planted in some areas during park development but the remainder will following with future development projects. The boardwalk is planned to extend along the shoreline as far east as the lower Don lands project.

S. Kavanagh announced that George Brown College also plans to incorporate a community centre, to be open to the public, within the new campus to be built. A presentation will be made to the SLNA when more details are available.

6. Development Committee Update (Marcus Little)

M. Little made a presentation regarding the Official Plan Amendment.

A motion made was put forth to support an amendment to the Official Plan which would require a minimum of 10% of residential units to include three or more bedrooms.

There is currently no such requirement and developers have already indicated that they would have difficulty meeting the restriction. 5-7 The Esplanade was cited as an example which has only a single 3-bedroom unit proposed.

It was suggested that the requirement be set to 15% but K. Bricknell cautioned that 10% appears to be more feasible and would encounter less resistance from the developers.

A motion was raised by C. Baker and seconded by C. Limberti to amend the prior motion by setting the minimum threshold to 15%. Four delegates were in favour and the remainder were against so the amended **motion was DEFEATED**.

It was resolved to that the SLNA support an amendment to the Official Plan which would require a minimum of 10% of residential units to include three or more bedrooms. Two delegates were opposed and the remainder were in favour so the **motion was CARRIED**.

MOTIONED BY: C. Baker
SECONDED BY: M. Raizenne

A public consultation on the matter is expected in the fall. The SLNA will be represented to communicate its support for the proposal.

7. Canada Day (Connie Yang)

Connie Yang reported that the City would no longer issue a permit to host the Canada Day event in St. James Park due to the municipal strike.

Two alternate offers were received for St. James Cathedral and Market Lane. The latter was selected by the committee mainly due to the added facilities that could be used. The market room can be used to store items, cut the cakes, and it also offers washroom facilities.

Interested individuals were invited to join the parade anywhere along its route. C. Yang also announced that the Children's Theatre would be involved with the Children's Corner for the first time.

Next, C. Yang stated that four additional volunteers were required to assist B. Kemp with the barbeque. She also requested assistance locating a marching band. S. Kavanagh stated that she would contact a few pipers to enquire whether they would participate.

The festivities will feature approximately six dance and music performances as part of the festivities. A dance band will be featured between 4-6pm. C. Limberti added that the dance would be kicked-off with a Georgian dance which was common 175 years ago in order to symbolize Canada's 175th birthday.

All delegates were encouraged to attend the event. The parade's route has been altered and will proceed through Crombie Park, along the Esplanade, along Church, then Front and finally Market Lane.

8. OTHER BUSINESS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Development Committee

M. Little stated that the Development Committee was seeking additional members. Interested individuals should contact him for more information.

Youth Activities in West of Jarvis Block

C. Limberti reported that workshop was very successful, SLNA supported community workshop took place on June 8th during which some good suggestions were raised regarding youth in the area and outside the building.

Lamp Repairs

A. Smith announced that the pedestrian Victorian lamps in the neighbourhood have all been repaired and are lit.

Mandarin Promotion

The Mandarin restaurant is offering free lunches on July 1st to anyone who can prove their Canadian citizenship.

City of Toronto Strike

S. Kavanagh called for ideas that could assist the community in dealing with the impacts of the City of Toronto workers' strike.

It was suggested that the hoses be turned on in the gardens. C. Limberti cautioned that the absence of life-guards at the wading pools would introduce liability issues. It was suggested that the delegate coordinate activities for children in their own buildings.

S. Kavanagh suggested that those who can assist with child care could offer their time. C. Yang questioned whether there could be legal repercussions in such a scenario should a child get hurt. S. Kavanagh suspected that this would simply be a neighbourly gesture covered under the 'Good Samaritan Act' rather than a formal SLNA initiative.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on July 29 at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

President



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SECONDED BY: M. Raizenne