

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING
May 26, 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 and Interim Corporate Secretary: Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue 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
Elizabeth Ecker, 65 Scadding Avenue V
Pam Gierman, Windmill Line V
Georgette Harris, St James Condo V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Aurie Hensman, MTCC #630 V

Bob Kemp, Pilot Place V
Lucie Martel, King George Sq V
Matt Griem, The Bentley V
Emma McBey, OWN Co-op V
Susan McLeod, Market Square V
George Millbrandt, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op V
Terry Pennock, New Times Square V
Dwight Peters, 25 The Esplanade V
David Sangaraille, La Place St. Laurent V
Karen Serwonka, David B Archer Co-op V
Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park V
Rose Wilner, OWN Co-op V
Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Michelle Buckley, Councillor Pam
McConnell's Office G
James Honeyman, SLCRC N

Jason Lisenchuk, MPP George Smitherman's
Office G
Pam Versteeg, Tourism Toronto G

With Regrets:

Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
Frank Clarke, MP Bill Graham's Office G
Philip Conlon, David B Archer Co-op V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes V
Helen Marangos, Family Action Network
(FAN) V
Melanie Martin, The Bentley 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

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

1. Welcome & Round Robin

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. He introduced himself and chaired the meeting. Cam welcomed Lucie Martel, who is replacing Barry Bandurk as the delegate from King George Square. A round table of introductions was conducted. Ronny Yaron sent regrets from Woodsworth delegate Barbara Bell. Cherril Baker sent regrets from David B. Archer delegate Philip Conlon.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Delegates made the following amendments:

- The Update from Bill Graham's Office was deferred. Frank Clarke sent his regrets via Nancy Sheppard.

Amendments to Agenda item 12. New Business:

- Rochester Ferry and bridge to Island Airport – Stig Harvor
- Fundraising Event for Citizens for the Old Town – Nancy Sheppard
- ReActivate TO! – James Honeyman
- Affordable Housing Event – Paul Smith
- Park Benches – Rose Wilner
- Hummingbird Centre – Dwight Peters
- St. Lawrence Centre for the Performing Arts – Elizabeth Ecker

Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Emma McBey

Carried

3. Approval of April 2004, 2004 Minutes

Amendments:

- Page 5, section 9: Romanow Commission, second sentence: “Two ~~million~~ **billion** dollars has been committed to healthcare in this year's budget.”
- Page 6, Bill Graham's newsletter, second paragraph, second last sentence: “. . . deals which empower the ~~TPL~~ **TPA** to construct the bridge.”
- Page 8, section 11a), second sentence: “Georgette ~~has shared~~ **will share** some documentation with Ronny.”
- Page 8, section 11c) Gala 2004 Update: last sentence in paragraph before motion: Replace “Georgette emphasized that the \$25 tickets, which some said were too costly, had a \$50 value” with “**Georgette reported that there was a perception that the \$50 tickets were too costly, but they were subsidized by the bar revenue, the silent auction revenue, and some sponsorship.**”

Motion: to approve the March 31, 2004 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Stig Harvor

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Edward Nixon announced that the Urban Services Planning Division, City of Toronto is holding a public meeting in the lobby of the Hummingbird Centre on June 10, probably at 7:00pm, to present an overview of proposed developments along The Esplanade corridor from Jarvis to Yonge. Edward will forward full details by email.

Cam Miller reported that the Executive has, as authorized by delegates, sent a letter to Paul Martin (copied to Bill Graham) to support Bill Graham's opposition to the fixed link bridge and to recommend the dissolution of the Toronto Port Authority. Cam distributed copies of the letter and read to delegates a letter from Paul Martin's office, dated May 19, 2004, acknowledging receipt.

5. Update from 51 Division

Cam welcomed Bob Kemp. Bob reported that 51 Division moved into the new station at Parliament & King last week. The Grand Opening will be held June 15.

Bob encouraged people to express concerns in writing to him as our representative to the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) to pass on to the police. He meets with Tom Kelly, Staff Sergeant, of 51 Division, once a week. Bob can be contacted at bobkemp26@hotmail.com or (416) 363-5996 (home). Georgette Harris will email Bob regarding a cab driver brutally beaten outside St. James Condominium at King & Jarvis, and Cam Miller will email Bob regarding police cars in a local park.

Bob reported that two staff from the Parks Department now chase vagrants out of the parks, but they need to cover 85 parks. If you need their intervention, call the Parks Department or the police.

A CPLC neighbourhood walkabout with police representatives, like the ones held last year, is now scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 8:00pm. Meet in front of St. Lawrence Market's North Market. Nancy Sheppard will email details to delegates.

Cam thanked Bob for his report.

6. Guest Speaker – Pam Versteeg, Director, Tourism Toronto

Cam asked Paul Smith to introduce Pam Versteeg. Pam summarized Tourism Toronto's role in the tourism industry, describing her organization in the context of the many other tourism organizations federally, provincially, and municipally. Tourism Toronto promotes the greater Toronto region as a world class destination to people outside of Toronto. For more information, look up www.torontotourism.com, or contact Pam directly at (416) 203-6820.

Responding to Paul Smith regarding the status of the Toronto Branding project, Pam reported that Tourism Toronto is spearheading the effort to establish a "brand" for Toronto. It will take 18 to 20 months for the process to reach completion. Responding to Paul Smith regarding the status of the Fast Ferry connecting Toronto and Rochester, Pam reported that their launch date has been delayed to June 19, to make repairs to the docks. Edward Nixon pointed out that the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood's Nutcracker Neighbourhood was developed in conjunction with Tourism Toronto.

Cam thanked Pam Versteeg for her presentation. She then left the meeting.

7. City Update – Michelle Buckley

Cam introduced Michelle Buckley, Staff rep from Councillor Pam McConnell's office. Michelle responded to questions raised at the last meeting.

- Georgette Harris had asked about the budget for lights at St. James Park. The three new lights installed cost thousands each; some of the funding paid for other repairs to the park.

- The temporary lights in Crombie Park will be replaced at the end of June.
- Nancy Sheppard had asked that outdoor lights at 65 Scadding be removed as they angle into people's windows and directly at the concierges. Those lights will be changed in the next month. Edward Nixon asked that similar lighting at 121 Scadding receive the same intervention.
- A charette is scheduled for June 10, time and place TBA. Developers are drawing up plans for west St. Lawrence over the next three years, and now is the time for community input.
- Paul Smith reported that the Hummingbird Centre is in negotiations with the City and developers to approve a residential tower, twice as tall as 25 The Esplanade, on the southwest corner of Yonge and The Esplanade. Paul questioned the \$40 million tax rebate proposal on which the development is premised. Michelle reported that the business plan might go to Council for final approval in July. Dwight Peters of 25 The Esplanade asked that a representative from his condo be invited to attend any meetings pertaining to this plan, and that the Hummingbird be pressured to generate open discussion with the community. Michelle suggested a meeting of herself, Hummingbird Centre CEO Dan Brambilla, and Dwight Peters.
 - Cam Miller and Michelle described how last month at a construction site at King & Sherbourne, a crane cable that was being changed fell onto a car hood. This has generated concerns for pedestrian safety at the busy intersection. Michelle reported that the Ministry of Labour is investigating, that the cause appears to have been human error, and that the crane has since been replaced.
 - Regarding the pedestrian-friendly community group, a meeting will be scheduled for July. Issues include traffic lights, park benches, sidewalk safety, etc.
 - Regarding candy machines in recreation centres, Public Health is discussing with the Business Affairs section of Parks & Recreation the prospect of choosing healthier snacks for the machines. James Honeyman reported that a machine with varieties of "Milk to Go" sold out on the first day of use at the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre.
 - Regarding condo hotelling, Michelle is setting up a meeting with Kyle Knoeck of the City Planning Dept.

Cam thanked Michelle Buckley for her report.

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

Cam welcomed Jason Lisenchuk, Senior Community Assistant. Jason described the new Ontario Budget as the most progressive budget in some time. He summarized infusions of funds into health (\$2 billion), education (\$1 billion), and infrastructure (\$3 billion). He further discussed 150 new family health teams, delisting physiotherapy, free vaccinations for children, and the reinstated health premium. His government inherited a multi-billion-dollar deficit from the previous government, which the health premium will help address. The long term plan is to balance the budget in four years.

In response to a question from Rose Wilner, Jason responded that family teams will include nurse practitioners. In response to a further question from Rose, Jason reported that they are already receiving feedback from the community regarding delisting

physiotherapy and have pushed back the date of the delisting, which opens the prospect of possible reconsideration. Cam Miller reminded delegates that these healthcare issues will be addressed at the Romanow neighbourhood forum on health, June 17.

Jason mentioned that the government is considering supporting a 5% income tax increase for health costs as an alternative to the health premium, which would result in a lower actual “fee” for people earning under \$50,000.

In response to a question from Stig Harvor, Jason reported that a housing forum tentatively scheduled for late May/early June has been deferred to after the June 28 election. This forum will address the Social Housing Reform Act and an appeal to replace the Tenant Protection Act with more moderate regulations.

Cam thanked Jason Lisenchuk for his report.

9. Update from Bill Graham’s Office—Frank Clarke

This item was deferred as Frank Clarke was not able to attend this meeting.

10. President — Cam Miller

a) Corporate Secretary

Cam reminded delegates that Nancy Sheppard has served as interim Corporate Secretary for 2 months. He opened the floor for nominations for Corporate Secretary.

Karen Serwonka accepted nomination by Nancy Sheppard.

Ronny Yaron seconded.

With no further nominations, Nancy Sheppard moved to close nominations.

Cherril Baker seconded. Nominations were closed.

Karen Serwonka was acclaimed as Corporate Secretary.

Nancy announced that she will work with Karen for a one month transition period. Delegates can contact either Nancy or Karen during June at slna@bellnet.ca.

b) Harbour Noise Committee – Ewa Jarmicka

Cam reported on behalf of Ewa, who now represents the SLNA on this issue. An information package was sent to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, asking it not to renew the liquor license of the Docks Nightclub. Redpath Sugar, whose factory loudly vents for 8 minutes every 6 hours or so, has agreed to install controls, which should be in effect by mid-August. Pam McConnell is looking into one of the worst noise offenders, the tour boat *Trillium*, which is owned by the City. Ewa has suggested that noise pollution should be examined in relation to debilitating health effects such as hearing damage, sleep loss, and disrupted classroom learning. A letter will go to the Board of Health asking it to strike a committee to examine damage caused by increasing noise. Delegates can send noise complaints to the committee’s email address, which

Nancy Sheppard will email to delegates. Loud noise sources include airport, industrial, nightclub, and tour boat.

Paul Smith asked the committee to look into event and restaurant noise at the Distillery which disrupts nearby residential buildings at 39 Parliament and on Mill Street.

c) Events

- **June 9:** SEDERI workshops for June have been rescheduled due to the federal election. The St. Lawrence Hall's Great Hall was pre-booked for June 9, and SEDERI offers the space for Neighbourhood Associations to hold an All-Candidates meeting. Edward Nixon will email a notice confirming the event.
- **June 14:** Each of the major parties will be invited to send a spokesperson to debate the Waterfront issue. Location TBA. Cam Miller will provide details later.
- **June 15,** the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) has tentatively scheduled a meeting to show the latest plans for Commissioner's Park. Stig Harvor will provide details later.
- **June 17:** Neighbourhood forum on healthcare, St. Lawrence Market, North Market. Copies of the flyer were made available and will be emailed out to delegates by Nancy Sheppard.

11. VP Internal – Ronny Yaron

a) Membership

Ronny reported that she attended the Toronto Community Housing Corporation's (TCHC) monthly meeting at 140 The Esplanade. She and Cam Miller will attend their next delegates meeting to make a presentation about the SLNA and to encourage them to send delegates from their buildings.

Ronny asked for a volunteer to phone a monthly meeting reminder to delegates who are not on the email list. Emma McBey volunteered.

b) Festival 2004

Ronny reported that the first planning meeting was held May 17 at the Recreation Centre. She passed out flyers for posting, to encourage five more people to volunteer, for a total of ten planners. Anyone can participate, not just delegates. The Festival will be held September 18, as September 11 might overlap with the Cabbagetown Festival. The event will be very local, with a homey atmosphere. People who want to have a say are encouraged to participate. Costs will be kept low. The Esplanade will not be closed off, to save money on hiring police. The next planning meeting is June 2 at the Recreation Centre.

c) SEDERI Workshop

Ronny attended a SEDERI workshop on urban parks. Edward Nixon of SEDERI described the event, which blended information of interest to heritage, tourism, and job creation. The workshop was run by Michael Fox, who did his Master's thesis on

Philadelphia's national urban park. Information on SEDERI workshops is available at www.sederi.ca.

d) Gala 2004 Update – Georgette Harris

Georgette deferred a report on finances to the next meeting, as the Gala Committee is still collecting funds from sponsors. She projected that the Gala raised \$10,000 more in sponsorship (if sponsors fulfill their commitments), spent only \$200 more in expenses, and brought in an extra \$1,000 more from the silent auction, bar sales, and ticket sales, than was anticipated in the budget in February.

12. VP External — Frank Burns

a) Bylaw Changes

Frank reported that the next round of purchasing insurance will probably require that a clause on indemnification be included in the by-laws. Frank read to delegates Article 15 of the by-laws, which describes regulations concerning by-law changes. He distributed a copy of the proposed new article 18:

18. Indemnification

- a) All Directors and Officers of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and their heirs, executors and trustees, and their estates and effects respectively, shall at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of funds of the Association from and against:
1. All Costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which Directors or Officers sustain or incur in or about any actions, suit or proceedings which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against them, for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing howsoever made, done or permitted by them in or about the execution of the duties of their offices on behalf of the Association or a corporation controlled by the Association.
 2. All other approved costs, charges and expenses that they may sustain or incur in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by their own willful neglect or default.

Motion: to accept Article 18, and to change the number of the current Article 18 to 19.

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Paul Smith

Carried

b) Other Business

Frank asked delegates to track the effectiveness of delivery of the SLNA newsletters and report to him at the next SLNA Delegates' meeting.

Frank reported on local development. The deadline for offers to purchase the Goodwill site was March 31. The Rose & Thistle group are developing 10 & 12 Market Street, but at a very low height (details to come). Frank has heard nothing further about the Gross

Machinery site. A charette will be held June 10, at the Hummingbird Centre's lower lounge, west side, (time TBA), regarding buildings along The Esplanade, including the Hummingbird Centre, 40 The Esplanade, the southwest corner of Church & The Esplanade, 10 & 12 Market Street, and the Gross Machinery site. A building at 60 Richmond Street East (at Berkley), will be multi-use, including affordable transitional housing; the 60 Richmond St. East Steering Committee will be holding a meeting on June 2.

Motion: as there is a need for transitional housing, send 2 SLNA delegates (Frank Burns & Stig Harvor) to the 60 Richmond Street East Steering Committee.

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Nancy Sheppard

Carried

13. Treasurer — Nancy Sheppard

a) 2003 Financial Statements

Nancy apologized that the 2003 Financial Statements are not yet available. She said they would be ready for the June meeting, and that she would email them in advance.

14. New Business

a) Rochester Ferry and Bridge to Island Airport – Stig Harvor

In April, the Toronto Port Authority (TPA) held a public meeting to discuss the Rochester Ferry. They seemed surprised that the public had questions, and seemed unconcerned about: traffic generated by the ferry (traffic control and idling cars), how the ferry's jet stream might disturb the lake bottom and pollute Cherry beach (a swimming area), lack of city sewers in the area, and processing sewage in a way that does not contaminate the water.

The Prime Minister has announced he is against the proposed bridge to the Island Airport because City Council has voiced concern, but so far he has not signed an agreement to stop the bridge. Stig warned delegates to be skeptical of comments made in advance of the federal election. Cam Miller added that the following legal opinion was sent to the Ministers and to Bill Graham: 1) Tony Valeri, Federal Minister of Transportation, has the power to amend the letters patent of the Toronto Port Authority (TPA) and can compel the TPA to toe the line as an operating agency; 2) The TPA can also be dissolved by Cabinet, without need to go to Parliament.

b) Fundraising Event for Citizens for the Old Town – Nancy Sheppard

Citizens for the Old Town is holding a fundraising event on Monday, June 7: Railroad History at the Steam Whistle Brewery. The event includes a tour of the Roundhouse and a talk by Bruce Bell. Tickets are available at St. Lawrence Hall (phone in advance) or at the door. Nancy distributed a flyer.

c) ReActivate TO! – James Honeyman

Toronto Parks & Recreation is holding public consultation sessions. People can attend sessions or fill in a survey online or on paper. James distributed copies of the survey and a schedule of sessions. James attended a session as a staff member. The General Manager of Recreation was present, and recorders took notes to compile for most common responses. For further information, look up www.toronto.ca/parks, email reactivateto@Toronto.ca, or phone (416) 338-4386 or TTY (416) 395-6115.

d) Affordable Housing Event – Paul Smith

Paul attended a meeting organized by Gooderham & Worts to discuss affordable housing. The West Donlands development might begin as early as the spring of 2005. Affordable housing will be built next to the Canary Restaurant. They consider the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood an ideal of mixed community living, and will extend it down the whole West Donlands. They are using Windmill Line Co-operative as a prototype. This initiative is spearheaded by Mike Shapcott, the federal NDP representative for this neighbourhood. The next meeting will include representatives from the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation.

e) Park Benches – Rose Wilner

Addressed above, under City Update.

f) Hummingbird Centre – Dwight Peters

Addressed above, under City Update.

g) St. Lawrence Centre for the Performing Arts – Elizabeth Ecker

Elizabeth expressed concerns that the Canadian Stage has taken control of the Centre for the Performing Arts, and that smaller theatre companies are likely to disappear as a result. For years the Canadian Stage have tried to get control. Why are they succeeding now? Why was this allowed? Michelle Buckley responded that Kyle Rae brought it forward, it passed, and it is now a “done deal.” Michelle offered to speak with Elizabeth further after the meeting.

g) St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre (SLCRC)

Dwight Peters reported that the summer sports league is starting in two weeks, with 40 teams, increased from 30 last year. The SLCRC raised over \$6,000 in sponsorship, and Dwight thanked the SLNA for sponsoring 6 teams. Dwight also reported that over the next 4-6 weeks, the Rec Centre, in conjunction with several seniors groups in the neighbourhood, will hold a series of consultations at various neighbourhood buildings to discuss with seniors their ideas for seniors’ programming.

15. Adjournment

Cam reminded late arrivals to sign the attendance sheet. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:33 pm.

The next delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at 7:00 pm.

**Cam Miller, President and Chair
Corporate Secretary**

Karen Serwonka,