

**SLNA DELEGATES MEETING**  
**May 30, 2007**

**OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade**

**Executive Members in Attendance:**

President: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park  
Secretary: Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade  
VP External: Harry Renaud, 135 George St  
VP Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op  
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park  
At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding

**REGRETS:**

At Large: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower  
Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square

**Voting Delegates in Attendance:**

Leo Agosto, Marketview Housing Co-op  
Patricia Bearclaw, Cathedral Court Co-op  
Joan Boyd, PAL  
Keith Bricknell, The Metropole  
Hugh Francis-Burns, Longboat Residents  
Joan Campbell, Market Square  
Jennifer Chan, Windmill Line Co-op  
Elizabeth Ecker, St. Lawrence on the Park  
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op  
Aurie Hensman, Olde York Place 1  
Oleg Holowaty, 25 George St

George Millbrandt, Longboat Residents  
Ronald Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op  
Anne Moore, 71 Front St East  
Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Homes Housing Co-op  
Sherri Russell, FAN  
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower  
Robert Sherrin, Abbey Lofts  
Sara Teng, King's Court  
Frank Touby, Harmony A Housing  
Connie Yang, O.W.N.

**REGRETS:**

**Associate Members & Guests :**

Arthur Alda, O.W.N  
Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell's office  
John Kennaley, George Smitherman's office  
Ed Majchrowski, TCHC Representative  
Ed Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op  
Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding

**Guest Speakers:**

Caroline Homann, Royal Bank of Canada  
Mark Galbraith, Royal Bank of Canada

Arylss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

**ACRONYMS:**

**BIA:** Business Improvement Area  
**CMHC:** Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
**CFO:** Citizens for the Old Town  
**CPLC:** Community Police Liaison Committee  
**HRSDC:** Human Resources and Skills Development Canada  
**LEED:** Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design  
**OMB:** Ontario Municipal Board  
**OTTN:** Old Town Toronto Network  
**PSB:** Police Services Board

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

**SLCRC:** St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre  
**SLM:** St. Lawrence Market  
**SLMN-BIA:** St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area

**SLNA**: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association  
**TABIA**: Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas  
(BIAs)  
**TCHC**: Toronto Community Housing Corporation  
**TIACAC**: Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory  
Committee  
**TPA**: Toronto Port Authority  
**TWRC**: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization

## Registration and Refreshments

### 1. Opening Remarks — President Paul Smith

Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm, and chaired the meeting.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Amendment: Under #3 add Approval of Minutes from February.

*Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.*

*Moved by: Patricia Bear Claw*

*Seconded by: Karl Froehr*

**CARRIED**

### 3. Approval of the Minutes from April the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

February 28 minutes amendment: Change the signage From Joan Campbell to Ani Kounavis, Corporate Secretary.

*Motion: to approve the February 28, 2007 minutes as amended.*

*Moved by: Keith Bricknell*

*Seconded by: Wallace Simpson*

**CARRIED**

*Motion: to approve the April 28, 2007 minutes as presented.*

*Moved by: Bruno Leps*

*Seconded by: Karl Froehr*

**CARRIED**

### 4. Comments from Political Representatives

#### a) Councillor Pam McConnell (Tom Davidson)

The Chair welcomed Tom Davidson. He reported on two major initiatives:

#### **Garbage/Recycling/Composting**

The Executive Committee has just approved a strategy of a 70% diversion rate to recycling and composting for solid waste by 2010. A pilot project of organic green composting in multi-residential buildings is underway, with a targeted citywide startup date of mid-2008. Staff will work with 13 buildings per day to make the conversion as easy as possible for

residents and property management. The proposed levy for buildings not in compliance has again been deferred.

An initiative is underway to move garbage collection from single residential homes off the property tax roll onto a separate tax. Homeowners would be provided with appropriately sized bins and would pay an extra charge for larger bins or extra garbage.

#### **Dogs in Parks Strategy**

The City Parks Committee has announced a draft report to examine how to implement off-

leash areas in the city. Tom Davidson will forward a copy to the SLNA's Secretary for distribution to Delegates. The City will undertake a comprehensive examination across the city to determine criteria for the strategy. Public consultations will take place in June. The meeting in our area will be at City Hall, Wednesday, June 6. Then a report will be made to Parks & Environment for the first week in July, recommending sites for off-leash areas.

### Questions

Tom Davidson responded to questions. The first neighbourhood for the waste diversion program has not yet been announced. Appropriate bins will be made available free of charge for composting. Composting collected by the City will be sent to Central Service, not redistributed to homes on request. Composting is currently available at transfer stations. The Province has passed legislation to limit the number of plastic bags used at grocery stores and the City is considering what tools it has to encourage reduced packaging of goods for sale.

The phone number for the dog by-law enforcement officer is available from Tom Davidson or Paul Smith.

In response to Elisabeth Ecker, Tom Davidson will look into improving the front grass at City Hall.

The homeless shelter was closed at 110 Edward Street, for relocation to 129 Peter Street. In the interim, the Adelaide Resource Centre is being used as a nighttime referral site for 4-6 weeks. Some Delegates objected, stating that it is insensitive to allow men access to a space

### 5. Feature Presentation: Community Involvement of RBC Local Branch

The Chair introduced representatives from the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Caroline Homann, Branch Manager, King & Jarvis; and Mark Galbraith, Regional Vice-President, Toronto Core Market.

designated for abused women. Tom Davidson responded that City Staff are trying to ensure that the dignity and privacy of the women's centre is protected.

The Chair thanked Tom Davidson for his report.

### DAS REPORT

On behalf of the Downtown Alternative School (DAS), Leo Agosto announced DAS-O-ZAR Community Day with food and fun for kids, at 85 Lower Jarvis and The Esplanade, June 9, 10:00-4:00. The event celebrates the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DAS and the inauguration of the school's Peace Garden. Leo encouraged members of the community to help build benches and planters in front of the school. He asked Delegates to post flyers.

Paul Smith added that part of DAS's mandate is peace and conflict resolution. The murals and indigenous plants are part of a multicultural program initiated by the children. Paul encouraged the community to show up and show support.

### b) George Smitherman (MPP) (John Kanale)

John Kanale reported. George Smitherman is currently meeting community members in the riding, including Paul Smith of the SLNA and members of Old Town Toronto. He also attended a Police Appreciation Week event in Market Lane Park, next to the North Market.

### c) Hon. Bill Graham (MP) (Jennifer Arb)

No report.

They announced that a new RBC opened Feb. 9 in St. Lawrence Hall at the corner of King & Jarvis. It has a 5-year lease and a 5-year option to renew. A grand opening celebration will take place June 3, with ice cream and a steel drum

band from the community performing on the sidewalk.

RBC is expanding. The new branch is one of four opening in downtown Toronto, including King & Spadina, King & Shaw and Queen's Quay. All four offer weekend hours on Saturdays from 10:00 to 3:00.

RBC is one of the largest corporate donors in Canada. RBC fundraises for Sick Kids Hospital and for Pathways to Education which keeps children in and helps children get to school. Staff at local branches participate in community fundraisers for worthy causes.

RBC believes in being part of the communities it services. The new RBC branch plans to grow with the SLN community. RBC is one of the sponsors for the SLNA's Canada Day this year, offering an RESP award in a children's essay writing contest associated with the event. RBC

will have an information table at the Canada Day picnic in St. James' Park. People can sign up for a \$10,000 dream vacation sweepstakes.

David Hanes and Caroline Homann acknowledged that the new branch's signage is inappropriate for the heritage building where it is located. The signs are being redesigned. Members of the community are welcome to give feedback to the City office charged with approving the replacement signage.

Paul Smith suggested that that if RBC, like other large banks, has old furniture from 100 years ago in storage, the new branch might be furnished with the historic pieces. He also recommended hanging prints of Old Town Toronto on the walls.

The Chair thanked the RBC representatives. Delegates applauded the presentation.

## 6. Update on Fundraising – Bruno Leps, Treasurer

Bruno Leps reported. He asked seven member residences that have not yet paid this year's membership fees to do so.

Smartliving St. Lawrence's contract with EnerAct ends in December. The SLNA's main fundraiser for 2007 is, with EnerAct, to approach Corporate Canada for funding and participation for a 4-year period.

SLNA programs championed by individuals include Connie Yang's Canada Day and Dan O'Leary's gardening. Bruno encouraged community members with causes to champion to do so through the SLNA.

Ronny Yaron announced that smartliving St. Lawrence recently won the City of Toronto's Green Award for community projects, including \$5,000 to donate to an environmental project. *Green Living* magazine includes an article about projects that won.

## 7. Committees — Harry Renaud, VP External

Harry Renaud reported. He distributed an organizational chart of the SLNA, his interpretation of the SLNA's structure. Although the SLNA has up to 13 committees, a lot of work is done by a few people

*President:* represents the SLNA with Old Town Toronto, Union Station, and smartliving St. Lawrence

*Vice-President External:* liaises with the three levels of government, and liaises with the signage initiative, CPLC, BIA, Waterfront

Revitalization, Market Precinct, SEDERI, Community Airport, Heritage, and the CIP

*Vice-President Internal*: liaises with the following committees: membership (fundraising), seniors, community events, local school arts & learning, SLCRC, health centre, and friends of the neighbourhood.

*Treasurer*: manages the SLNA's finances and heads the Administrative Committee

*Corporate Secretary*: heads the communications team

*Director at large* Dan O'Leary liaises with neighbourhood beautification initiatives

*Director-at-large* Wallace Simpson liaises with disabled initiatives and the Toronto Housing Corporation

*Director-at-large* Jacquie Williams has no assignment yet

Harry encouraged Delegates to contact the Executive to volunteer for any of the initiatives

## **8. Market Precinct — Hugh-Francis Burns**

Hugh-Francis Burns of the Development Committee gave a PowerPoint presentation. He presented a 3D model of the SLN that showed the results over time of proposed developments at

- the SLM North Market, with a temporary Market to be installed across the street from the loading dock in back of SLM in about 9 months, and the North Market to be taken down in 6-9 months and reconstructed over 2 years,
- Five Corners on Church Street between Front Street and The Esplanade (construction to begin in autumn 2008),
- development at the Gross Machinery site on the west side of Jarvis and the north side of the

or groups that are of interest to them. Paul Smith suggested that Delegates share these opportunities with friends and neighbours in their residential buildings, to increase the SLNA's volunteer base. Harry added that we want to encourage our friends of the neighbourhood who may not be Delegates but who might like to participate and be involved in an activity of the community. He concluded, "Going forward we could be a stronger association. There is an awful lot of activity in our neighbourhood. Citizens look to us to be the leaders in the community. The more you contribute your time, the better off we'll be." Delegates applauded.

Ronny Yaron pointed out that *The Community Bulletin* now allocates a half page to community associations in each monthly issue, and that reading the SLNA's column is a great way to find out what is happening in the neighbourhood, to decide how to participate. Paul Smith added that members of the community are welcome to forward information for publication to the SLNA, to be included by the SLNA's Communications Team into the next monthly column.

railroad tracks (construction to begin in 2-3 years), and

- London Lofts at Yonge Street and The Esplanade.

Hugh-Francis explained the history of the North Market development. The SLN community has coined the phrase "Market Precinct" to describe the area around the SLM. The City and others are now using this term, and hopefully in doing so will consider all developments in the area in the context of an overall plan. Councillor McConnell is convening a meeting of Context Corporation and Woodcliff Properties to look at the Market Precinct as a unified site. David Crombie and

Paul Oberman of Woodcliff Properties (owner of many buildings in the SLN) are meeting to discuss SLN developments. City planners and the top 2-3 architects in the city are producing a preliminary planning and urban design report.

A photograph taken from the rooftop of Windmill Line Co-op showed the appeal of the SLN: a layered look northward, with lower buildings in the SLN and buildings steadily higher northward. This is the context for developers to create higher developments block by block northward. A 19-storey building is proposed for 406 Adelaide Street East, at the head of Princess Street. Members of the SLNA's development Committee recently attended a working group on the project. The site will have a series of elevations, will be gated but semi-public and will have green space. Both sides of the building will have walk-throughs to Adelaide Street.

Hugh-Francis expressed concern that the Development Committee feels it necessary to

make deals with developers for green concessions that should be part of the City's good urban design principles. Nonetheless, he preferred Section 37 moneys to expensing the City's general revenues, and saw no alternative in the immediate future. Dan O'Leary expressed concern that new buildings are likely to protect their own green spaces and use nearby parks for dog walking.

The railroads bounding the south side of the SLN are under reconstruction. Hugh-Francis has issued a noise complaint. The railway headquarters is another planned development in SLN, at the corner of Yonge Street and The Esplanade.

The Chair noted that Hugh-Francis Burns' report covers about two thirds of developments in the SLN, and pointed out that there are many new buildings planned for and under construction in the neighbourhood.

## **9. Community & Recreation Centre — Sherri Russell**

Sherri Russell introduced David Hane, SLCRC Supervisor. He has been working at the SLCRC for a year now and services have improved dramatically. A facilities supervisor has been hired for building maintenance, clearing David Hane's time to focus on recreational services.

Sherri Russell described the work of the SLCRC's Advisory Council. She thanked the SLNA for its annual donations to the Centre, and asked for continued funding. A listing of SLCRC scheduled activities was distributed, including Cycling Week in May, Seniors' Club summer excursion in July, family carnival and youth leadership camp in August, indoor soccer league in September, and a Halloween party in October. Newly formed groups include the St. Lawrence Satellite Youth Lounge and the Seniors Focus Group Lunch.

David Hanes explained that he has a high priority for addressing youth and children issues in the SLN and is working with the Toronto Housing Corporation to find a solution. He is looking for spaces close to homes to run children's programs, and is developing a mentoring program in residential buildings. He is also working with Connie Yang to develop a Seniors Centre in three years at Four Corners, a proposed development on Church Street between Front Street and The Esplanade.

David Hanes responded to questions. Meetings of the Advisory Council are open to the public; everyone is welcome to attend and to stand for election to the Council. The building is being freshened up: the lobby was recently redecorated and painting is planned for the coming year. Upper management is discussing

with smartliving a project to install solar panels to heat the pool. The building is not yet using its space to capacity. A room will be renovated as a dedicated preschool space for birthday parties or drop-in, to help make the Centre

more family-friendly. Paul Smith asked David Hane to look into usage of SLCRC space beneath the school at 222 The Esplanade. He then thanked David Hanes and Sherri Russell for their reports.

#### **10. Update on 51 Division & CPLC — Keith Bricknell**

Keith Bricknell presented his written report on the most recent CPLC meeting at 51 Division.

Consultation Manual, Keith Bricknell asked the SLNA Executive to email, further to his own submission, that the SLNA should have at least one Delegate to CPLC-51.

A CPLC public forum on crime reduction and Crimestoppers is scheduled for June 18 at Jarvis Collegiate.

Keith Bricknell has developed on his website [www.ekbricknell.info](http://www.ekbricknell.info) a resource to assist CPLC-51 with governance issues, which might be helpful to all small organizations.

As part of a consultation process with the community on the Community Volunteer and

#### **11. Other Business**

##### **a) Canada Day**

Connie Yang reported. A meeting of volunteers is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00 pm. at OWN, with a light supper.

##### **c) Women of Promise**

Alda Arthur described Women of Promise as a registered charitable organization in the SLM community, active for six years. Its main mission is to help women one by one.

The essay writing contest sponsored by RBC is being held at Market Lane Public School, the Downtown Alternative School, and St. Michael's Catholic School. The contest has two subjects: "Why you want to celebrate Canada Day" and "Why you want to live in Canada."

Activities include:

- helping women sell their crafts in viable areas throughout the city, particularly at civic centres thanks to Councillor Pam McConnell's office. The \$45 daily table fee helps fund other Women of Promise projects.

This year banks are being asked to sponsor Canada Day. Connie asked George Milbrandt to thank the SLMN-BIA for its restaurants' sponsorship last year. She expressed hope that the BIA will sponsor Canada Day again in a year or two.

- a 14-day mission trip to Africa in August/September, for five children ages 9 to 15 and two chaperones. Fundraising to cover the cost of travel includes an "Abolition of the Slave Trade Act *African Gala*," Wednesday, June 20 at St. Lawrence Hall. Donations are being collected to take to Africa, including clothing and shoeboxes filled with merchandise by businesses.

##### **b) smartliving St. Lawrence**

Ben Marans reported that smartliving won a Green Award from the City of Toronto. He announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Week Forum on May 31 at SLCRC. For more information on activities, see [www.smartliving.ca](http://www.smartliving.ca).

- Multi-Cultural Food & Music Festival, July 12-15 at St. James Park, with vendors representing all cultures of our community.



d) EN Consulting Announcements  
Edward Nixon left flyers re:  
- Hummingbird Centre Public Meeting  
regarding the site plan application for the  
Hummingbird Centre revitalization, June 18 at  
the Hummingbird Centre

- Union Station rail corridor infrastructure  
renewal program, offering to make  
presentations to interested groups (book at  
edwardnixon@enconsulting.ca,  
abigail@enconsulting.ca, or (416) 605-6311).  
For more information, see  
gotransit.com/unionstationrenewal.

#### **14. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges the Hot House Café for sponsoring this evening's refreshments, and  
OWN for hosting tonight's meeting.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 pm.

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**Corporate Secretary**

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**President**