

SLNA DELEGATES MEETING
October 25, 2006

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park
Secretary: Joan Campbell, Market Square
VP External: Frank Burns, Longboat Residents,
Association
VP Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op
At Large: Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
At Large: Connie Yang, O.W.N. Co-op

With regrets: Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market
Square

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Leo Agosto, Marketview Housing Co-op
Cherril Baker, David B. Archer
Randy Bath, 15 Scadding
Patricia Bearclaw, Cathedral Court Co-op
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op
Keith Bricknell, The Metropole
Joan Boyd, P.A.L
Delano Brown, Marketview Housing Co-op
Jennifer Chan, Windmill Line Co-op
Jim Childs, Caroline Co-op
Terry Eitel, Old York Tower
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op Homes
Bob Kemp, Pilot Place Society
Catherine Limbertie, 1 Church St
George Milbrandt, Longboat Residents Association
Maria Moreno, O.W.N Co-op
Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Co-op Homes
Sherri Russell, F.A.N.
Alan Seymour, Longboat Residents Association
Farhan Syed, The Metropole
Larysa Sikorska, 15 Scadding
Sara Teng, Kings Court
Sandra Walker, Windmill Line Co-op
Catherine West, 1 Church St
Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower

Associate Members and Guests:

Kathleen Abbott, St. James Condo
Ed Majchrowski, TCHC Representative
Anita McMaster, Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood
Association (GWNA)
Harry Renaud, 135 George St S.
Wendy Stockwell, St. Lawrence Lofts
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op
Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding
Sylvia Grimson, O.W.N. Co-op
Carolyn Homann, Royal Bank of Canada
David Hopper, GO Transit
Ben Marans, smartLiving St. Lawrence
Ann Turner, St. Lawrence Seniors Club
Blake Webb, MPP George Smitherman's office
51st division: P.C. Bernie Bourgeois (badge #6924)
JoyMarie Ferguson (badge #86954), and P.C. Dave

Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

With Regrets:

Marie Copkov, 176 The Esplanade

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Area
CMHC: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee
HRSDC: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
LEEDS: Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design
OMB: Ontario Municipal Board
PSB: Police Services Board
SLNA: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre
SISL: smartliving St. Lawrence
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 Committee

Registration and Refreshments

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks — Paul Smith

President Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm, and chaired the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Alan Seymour

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

3. Approval of the September 27, 2006 Minutes and Business Arising

Amendments:

Page 1, attendance: Norman Hart is a guest
Page 6, #9d, Developments, 406 Adelaide Street East: rephrase sentence as “An application has been made to the City to develop the site to 26 metres high (about 8 storeys) with a 5-storey podium.”

Motion: to approve the September 27, 2006 minutes as amended.

Moved by: Karl Froehr

Seconded by: Aurie Hensman

CARRIED

4. 51 Division Police Report

The Chair welcomed officers from 51 Division’s Community Response Unit, accompanying Bob Kemp, Chair of the CPLC.

P.C. Mark Milne encouraged people to call (416) 808-2222 (rather than 911) for non-emergency police matters, and not be discouraged if a police car does not respond immediately. If people see a lot of “traffic”

in their neighbourhood, call and give the times of day and address for police follow-up. Alternatively, Staff Sergeant Frank Bergen at (416) 808-5152 will pass your concern to officers.

Barbara Bell asked for an update on homicide investigations in the neighbourhood. P.C. Milne reported that no arrests have been made in any homicides of recent years. People with questions can contact the duty desk at headquarters at (416) 808-7000, ask for the homicide squad, then ask for the officer in charge of the specific investigation, i.e. a lead detective.

Patricia BearClaw reported to a duty cop last Saturday morning a man in front of MacDonalds on Front Street selling white pills. She asked if police followed up. P.C. Milne was not aware of the incident but hoped that the duty cop reported the incident to police.

Cherril Baker expressed appreciation for community police on bicycles in the SLN. P.C. Milne advised that the bicycle patrol would try to ride all winter as long as it does not snow too much.

5. Report from MP Bill Graham's Office (TPA) — Jenn Syntetos

The Chair reported that Jenn Syntetos sent her regrets.

6. Report from MPP George Smitherman's Office (Disabilities Issues) — Blake Webb

The Chair welcomed Blake Webb. Blake reported that the SLNA's President had asked him for an overview on disabilities issues. The Ontario Disabilities Act was updated in 2005. The goal of the most recent legislation is to have a barrier-free society by January 1, 2025, in businesses, residences, and transportation services. Hugh Garner Co-op has many residents who require accessibility services. They

At the request of Karl Froehr, P.C. Milne identified the boundaries of 51 Division as the lake to the south, Bloor to north (mid-street), Don River to east (mid-river) and Yonge Street to the west (mid-street). St. Jamestown has the highest density urban community in Canada, and has a lot of crime which draws police away from other jurisdictions.

Paul Smith reported hearing that the person responsible for the car accident that killed a married couple at the corner of Jarvis and The Esplanade was recently "let off" in court and that the family is receiving no compensation. Cherril Baker and James Childs recommended that the family hire a lawyer to apply for compensation. P.C. Milne suggested that Central Traffic could confirm the court findings. If the person was convicted criminally, the family could be eligible to receive compensation through the Family Compensation Board.

The Chair thanked P.C. Milne for his report. The police left the meeting at 7:27 pm.

formed a lobby group called The Barrier-Free Access Group. Blake offered to put the SLNA in touch with them if the SLNA would like to start a similar group.

Wally Simpson will convey separately to Blake his concerns about Bill 107 (pertaining to the Ontario Disabilities Act) being streamlined to remove a good part of

the appeals process. Blake will report on this matter at the next Delegates meeting.

Patricia BearClaw expressed concern that disabled persons have difficulty accessing the TTC at Union Station. Blake responded that the TTC is slowly addressing the issue as a huge capital project. He offered the SLNA contact information for the TTC's accessibility issues committee.

Motion: to form a standing committee, the Disability Access Action Committee, with Del Brown as Chair, James Childs as Vice-Chair, and any interested active volunteers.

Moved by: James Childs

Seconded by: Aurie Hensman

Friendly amendment by Keith Bricknell to make the committee an ad hoc committee for one year, on the grounds that the SLNA's by-laws require that the Chair of a standing committee be a Board member (pointed out by Frank Burns) and that a month's advance notice is required for approval of a standing committee (pointed out by Cherril Baker).

FINAL MOTION: to form an ad hoc committee for one year as of today, the Disability Access Action Committee, with Del Brown as Chair, James Childs as

Vice-Chair, and any interested active volunteers.

CARRIED

At the request of Aurie Hensman, Paul Smith will advise Delegates of Blake Webb's response to Delegates questions in July.

Blake distributed a flyer and announced that every Wednesday throughout the winter MPP George Smitherman hosts a free skating party from 4-5pm. at Moss Park arena, 140 Sherbourne Street at Queen Street. Free family skating parties will take place on Wednesday, January 3 from 3-5pm. and Wednesday, March 14, 3-5pm. with free food and drinks. For more information, call the Community Action Centre at (416) 972-7683.

In response to Frank Burns, Blake advised that he has forwarded to MPP George Smitherman the SLNA's concerns about the OMB, and that George Smitherman has forwarded the SLNA's concerns to Housing Minister Gerretson.

The Chair thanked Blake Webb for his report.

7. Report from Councillor Pam McConnell's Office (North Market and First Parliament Timelines) — Tom Davidson

Tom Davidson was not present, but gave a written report from which the Chair read.

North Market Construction Timetable:

Facilities and Real Estate have spent the summer and fall determining if parking access can go through the Market Square Condominium garage. Space planning is complete. Court functions currently in Old City Hall can be accommodated on the 2nd and 3rd floor of the new building, and Head office functions on the 4th floor. Because the court generates a lot of traffic, a survey

of parking demands will be conducted at current sites. A rough timetable for North Market construction is:

- mid 2007: Council approval of the temporary farmers' market for 125 The Esplanade (south of the South Market)
- mid-2007: request for quotations for temporary structure for the farmers' market

- end of 2007: site work and construction of the temporary structure for the farmers' market
- Spring 2008: occupancy of the temporary structure
- Summer 2008: demolition of the existing building
- 2009-2010: construction of the new building
- 2011: occupancy of the new building

The earliest date that Court Services can relocate under its existing lease is 2010.

Frank Burns expressed concern that the City plans to take over part of the mezzanine for Court Services, which could reduce community space. He also expressed concern that the City will end up running the St. Lawrence Market Complex.

Motion: that the SLNA back a Board as the device that manages the St. Lawrence Market Complex.

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Alan Seymour

Friendly Amendment by Edward Nixon: change "manages" to "governs"

Proposed friendly amendment by Sandra Walker to define the Board as having community representation. Amendment accepted but rephrased by mover Frank Burns as "a Board with community stakeholder involvement" in order to include business interests such as the farmers in the market.

Further friendly amendment by Frank Burns that the Board also manage the reconstruction of the St. Lawrence Market Complex including the construction contracts.

FINAL MOTION: that the SLNA back a Board with community stakeholder involvement as the device that manages the reconstruction of the St. Lawrence Market Complex, including the construction contracts, and that governs the St. Lawrence Market Complex. Cherril Baker called the question. CARRIED

First Parliament Timeline: no report

Gardiner Expressway: Pam McConnell has supported removal of the Gardiner Expressway in the past, but not an extension of Front Street eastward. She will not support removal of the expressway without a convincing business plan that will allow for open access north/south to the waterfront. In the meantime, she is taking measures to improve existing access north/south to the lakeshore. Dan O'Leary pointed out that not much has happened in this regard. Ewa Jarmicka pointed out that that a recent proposal to demolish the Gardiner Expressway proposed expanding Lakeshore Boulevard to 12 lanes of traffic. A number of Delegates stated that removing the Gardiner would not have the positive effect intended.

8. smartliving St. Lawrence (Energy Conservation Workshop & Update) — Ben Marans

Ben Marans, Project Co-ordinator, reported on SLSL's community improvement program. He thanked volunteers who helped with the butterfly garden in Crombie Park, the eco-shed in the organic children's garden at the foot of Princess Street, and

the community garden on Princess Street near the SLCRC. This afternoon 20 youths from the SLCRC's after-school program planted bulbs. Delegates applauded the volunteerism.

Other events include:

- Seniors Walking Tour, which will conclude next week with a haunted/ghost tour led by Bruce Bell.
- Conservation workshops for condominiums and co-ops. Ben distributed posters encouraging residences to book his presentation on water and energy conservation tips and strategies.
- campaign to distribute compact fluorescent lightbulbs and low-flow showerheads at a reduced rate on-site at residences.
- in partnership with TABIA's GreenTbiz, "Green Talks" for businesses, Monday, November 6, 6:30 pm at C'est What Café, 67 Front Street East at Church (www.cestwhat.com). Ben asked for volunteers to distribute an event flyer door to door the afternoon of October 31, to encourage business owners to attend. The presentation will include a report on emerging technologies, free one-on-one consultations, and money saving tips.

- speaker series: October 13's topic was solar panels. Monday, November 13's topic is eco-design for healthy interiors.
- in conjunction with the BIA and the Cavalcade of Lights, a lights exchange, November 18 at St. Lawrence Market. Bring two incandescent light strings and get one LED light string for free. Ben asked for volunteers to help with the event. SLSL events information can be viewed at www.smartliving.ca. Ben will forward the information to the SLNA for www.slna.ca.

The Chair reminded Delegates to convey all event information to the buildings that they represent, to ensure that all residents are aware of all activities announced through the SLNA. Loralie Olinyk asked that the SLNA give Delegates more advance notice so that events can be announced in a timely fashion. The Chair pointed out that the SLNA now has a communications team headed by the Corporate Secretary, to facilitate all communications. Delegates applauded.

9. Finance and Fundraising Committee — Bruno Leps

The Chair advised that Treasurer Bruno Leps had given his regrets.

10. Development Committee — Frank Burns

Frank Burns titled his presentation "Beware of what you want; you may get it" and "Pandora's box."

Some time ago a proposal was made to put a box store Shoppers Drug Mart on the Gross Machinery site, just south of the parking lot on the southwest corner of Jarvis Street at The Esplanade. The Committee of Adjustment denied the application. The developers are now proposing a project in two phases: a) low rise condominium surrounding a retail area (about 7 storeys high); and b) continuation of the low rise podium down to the railroad embankment with a tower (with height

probably comparable to surrounding buildings). The SLNA's Development Committee wants the developers to pay attention to five considerations:

- that any development of the site should be consistent with the SLN Focused Area Urban Design Guidelines. These guidelines were approved by City Council last year.
- that the building be a LEEDS-certified or equally green building.
- that this project incorporate conditions that not only visually reflect the importance of the historic SLM, but that seek to improve the parking/loading situation at the

south end of the market. This may involve incorporating a loading area through a mutual underground access.

- that development of the subject site recognizes the importance of Jarvis Street, from the rail right-of-way to King Street, as an important historically significant corridor. Development of this site should be sensitive to this historically significant area and the St. Lawrence Market and St. Lawrence Hall as important tourist destinations.

- that the proposed development be sympathetic to the proposed park

immediately to the south, and reflect the importance of this park as a link with the historic Walks and Gardens Trust; as well as current community initiatives creating gardens along The Esplanade.

Frank cautioned that unless the SLNA reacts promptly to this proposed development, "events may overtake us." The SLNA's Development Committee plans to ask the developers to make a presentation at the next Delegates' meeting.

11. Feature Presentation: Transportation in the GTA — David Hopper (P.Eng.,

Principal, Transit and Transportation Planning, Delcan Corporation)

David Hopper, on behalf of GO Transit, presented GO's plans to modify the GO Transit railway corridor, particularly the scope of the program and its effect on the SLN. GO Transit is renovating the Union Station corridor and the GO line from Union Station to Straghn Station, to accommodate a projection that commuter numbers will double by 2021. Construction is to be complete by 2014. GO will run every day during construction. GO has not yet contracted a developer.

Some major changes that affect the SLN:

- a new platform south of the existing train shed will enable workers to rehabilitate the entire historic train shed.

- new stairs and elevators will be added to Union Station platforms, and a throughway at the east side of Union Station will give pedestrians better access to Bay Street.

- a temporary quonset for track-laying machinery will be located along the track between Jarvis and Parliament.

- new switches, signals and tracks will be installed along the Union Station line east of Jarvis.

- GO headquarters will relocate in 2010 or 2011 to The Esplanade Building, to be

constructed at the corner of The Esplanade and Yonge Street. Minimal parking will be used as most GO employees have free transit, and AutoShare vehicles will be available to employees for meetings.

- the bridge at Yonge Street will be cut back by 60-70 feet, making the underpass shorter. This will enable traffic signals to go in at Yonge Street and The Esplanade.

David Hopper advised that noise will be unavoidable. Much work has to be done midday between rush hours, during evenings, or on weekends. Some can be done only on weekends, even on long weekends. Heavy equipment is required for some work. GO will replace one switch every weekend, from March through November, for the next four years. Cutting and grinding rails will be necessary, sometimes in the middle of the night. Old ballast from beneath tracks must be hauled away. There will be times when the work is done close to homes, but over the life of the project chances are that people will hear only a small nearby portion of the overall noise. "The lion's share of the work will be invisible to everyone, including riders."

Renovations will be done at once but the number of trains will increase only gradually as demand grows and as the capacity of the system requires. GO will maintain the embankment, and is even now more actively cleaning up along its railways. The community will have an opportunity for input on the development of The Esplanade Building. GO will circulate information to the community through flyers and staff presentations. David Hopper offered a brief update to the SLNA in February/March 2007, before construction season.

At www.gotransit.com/unionstationrenewal, choose the button "GO Grows" for information about the program and an online form for questions.

David Hopper's responses to Delegates' questions:

- GO is purchasing new coaches and new locomotives which have new technology for quieter performance.

- The number of tracks will remain the same.
- There is no plan currently to demolish the Cherry Street switching tower but that it will no longer be required to operate the railway. It might be moved to Gooderham & Worts. A tower at John Street must be removed to install track. Its machinery might go to a museum. The Scott Street tower on the south side of the tracks might be retained as a control location.
- The federal government deemed an environmental assessment not necessary because the work is considered rehabilitation and retrofit of an existing rail corridor.
- GO transit is fully accessible today. The fifth coach of each train lines up with a mini-platform that allows level access onto the train and that lines up with elevators at Union Station for all platforms. GO is next looking at ways to improve access for other than purely physical disabilities.

The Chair thanked David Hopper for his report.

12. SLNA Representation on Neighbourhood Associations and Committees — Ronny Yaron

Ani Kounavis encouraged people to volunteer as SLNA Rep for various associations and groups, as described in an email previously sent to Delegates. She asked Delegates to encourage people in their buildings to become involved.

Volunteers can email slna@bellnet.ca, saying what they bring for experience and enthusiasm. Ronny Yaron added that candidates will be announced at the Delegates meeting in November.

13. Community Fund Projects Update — Ronny Yaron

Deferred due to lack of time.

14. Other Business

a) Royal Bank Office

Paul Smith announced that a new Royal Bank branch is opening at St. Lawrence Hall, at Jarvis and King Streets. Caroline

Homann, Mutual Funds Representative, will speak at an upcoming Delegates meeting.

b) Waterfront Magazine

Ronny Yaron distributed copies of *Toronto Waterfront* magazine and introduced the publisher. The quarterly magazine has been in production about three years.

c) Porter Airlines Boycott

Jen Chen of the Steering Committee for Community Air distributed posters, buttons and postcards asking the community to boycott Porter Airlines, which commenced operations from the Toronto Island Airport on October 23. Donations to the cause would be appreciated.

d) Announcements

Oct. 28 (Sat.), 11am-5pm, Gladstone Hotel, 1242 Queen Street West at Dufferin: YIMBY: Yes In My Back Yard.

Community groups, including the SLNA, will have information tables at this event organized by a youthful creative group that want to galvanize downtown into a coalition of active people.

Oct. 29 (Sun.), afternoon, Marketview Co-op: City Councillor & School Board Trustees Meet & Greet

Nov. 1 (Wed.), 7pm, SLCRC gym: Ward 28 All-Candidates Debate. All 7 candidates will be present.

Nov. 3 (Fri.), 9pm, Crombie Park near Berkeley Street: ceremony to celebrate SAS's donation of fruit trees to the park. Representatives from SAS and Mayor David Miller will be present.

Nov. 9 (Thurs.), 8:45am, Hummingbird Centre: everyone is invited to join the Radio City Rockettes in a bid for a Guinness World Record for the longest single line of dancers with a continuous kickline of at least five minutes. No roads will be blocked. Dancers will circle the building. This is a promotion for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Hummingbird Centre,

Nov. 14 (Tues.): launch of the annual Cavalcade of Lights

Nov. 15 (Wed.): deadline for nominations for the annual Volunteer Awards

Dec. 14 (Thurs.), 7:30pm, St. Lawrence Market's Kitchen, in the west mezzanine: Annual Volunteer Awards, in association with a Holiday Reception. The date has changed from Dec. 15. Invitations will be sent to Delegates. Admission is free but attendees are asked to bring a clean new toy for the Toy Drive or a cash donation. The event will have complimentary refreshments and a cash bar.

15. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments, and OWN for hosting tonight's meeting.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006, at 7:00 pm.

Joan Campbell, Corporate Secretary

Paul Smith, President

