



**MINUTES OF THE
DELEGATES' MEETING
October 28, 2009
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade**

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, St. Lawrence on the Park
 VP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower
 Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Association
 At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
 At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op
 At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
 VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade

Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Cherril Baker - David B. Archer
 Joan Campbell - 80 Front Street E.
 Shirley Lewis - 55 The Esplanade
 Debra Corey - 230 King St. E.
 David Crawford - 135 George Street S
 Joyce Arnold - 135 George Street S
 Donna Patterson - 230 King St. E.
 Sherri Russell - 31 Princess St.
 Farhan Syed - 7 King St. E.
 Bob Parkin - 71 Front St. E.
 Emma McBey - OWN
 Connie Yang - OWN
 Alan Seymour - Old York Tower

Associate Members & Guests:

Monica Tang - 18 Yonge St.
 Nicky Borland - 25 The Esplanade
 Karina Patterson - City of Toronto (St. Lawrence Mkt.)
 Staff Sgt. Bruce Kennedy - Toronto Police
 Erin Carter - Toronto Police
 Al Uhrich - Toronto Police

Darek Fiedukiewicz, Recording Secretary

Executive Member Regrets:

Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square

George Millbrandt - Longboat Residents Association
 Bob Kemp - Pilot Place Association
 Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding
 Marcus Little - The Wellington
 Marc Piccinato - Windmill Line
 John Wichelow - Windmill Line
 Becky Street - MTCC 1385
 Arlene Markow - Woodsworth Coop
 Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Coop

Regrets:

None

Doug Maybank - St. Lawrence CRC Advisory Council
 Ed Nixon - George Smitherman's Office Government
 Glen Gustafson - Pam McConnell's Office

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 7:03 P.M.

2.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2.3 Approval of Minutes

The delegates reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on September 30, 2009.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on September 30, 2009 as circulated. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: D. Crawford
 SECONDED BY: C. Baker

2.4 Highlights of Executive Meeting

S. Kavanagh summarized the topics of discussion during the last Executive Meeting as follows:

- Matters to be discussed during upcoming Delegates' meetings:
 - November
 - Invitation to school trustees to attend a meeting to consider ways the SLNA can help improve the childrens' education in the neighbourhood
 - First Parliament Site Update
 - January
 - Update on George Brown Waterfront Campus

3. TORONTO POLICE SERVICES (Staff Sgt. Bruce Kennedy)

Toronto Police Staff Sgt. Bruce Kennedy addressed the meeting. He stated that two homicides had occurred in the vicinity in the last year and explained that active investigations were continuing by the homicide squad. A resolution is expected soon.

Next, Sgt. Kennedy explained that the SLNA is a relatively safe neighbourhood and violent crime is rare but the area is plagued by petty crime and disorder (such as damage to vehicles or theft from autos). Police are focusing efforts on these crimes including work by plain clothes officers. Unfortunately, those caught often spend little time in jail and then return to the same activities. The court system does, however, impose progressive penalties for recurrences so perseverance is required.

The police service is also preparing notices to remind the community not to leave items in their vehicles which are visible as thieves capitalize on crimes of opportunity. Residents are likewise reminded to simply reply "no" to begging by pan-handlers and transients. If harassment persists, please contact the police.

Overall, crime is down 18% in 51 Division based on the seven major indicators of crime.

Sgt. Kennedy encouraged all members of the community to report crimes they witness because it is important that they are registered with the community response unit. This is also critical as resources are based on statistics. Police are also willing to meeting with members of the community directly including plain clothes officers meeting with an individual in a café.

The following contact information was shared:

911	Emergency
416-808-2222	Non Emergency Police Line
416-808-5119	51 Division Crew Sargeant
416-808-5152	Staff Sargeant Bruce Kennedy
416-808-5193	General office number (clerk)

416-808-TIPS Anonymous TIPS line

Individuals contacting the anonymous TIPS line do not need to identify themselves to report a crime. Their call will also be automatically encoded and a response will be provided within fourteen days.

The community may also use the following email addresses to contact police:

brucekennedy@torontopolice.on.ca

joannemueller@torontopolice.on.ca

joesmith@torontopolice.on.ca

petercullingford@torontopolice.on.ca

Joe Smith is the Crime Prevention Officer and can assist the SLNA with items such as safety audits, etc. Peter Cullingford is the Community Relations Officer and deals with seniors' safety, youth safety, street-proofing children, and the like.

Next, Sgt. Kennedy introduced the Toronto Anti Violence Intervention Strategy (TAVIS) which was formed to combat violent crime. He stated that every division must have an intervention strategy and TAVIS includes two officers at each division. Crime statistics and intelligence are used by the program to target individuals and problem areas.

A focused neighbourhood TAVIS deployment (FNTD) has also been in place. Two officers from each division are assigned to the area of the city with the highest violent crime rate. To date, good success has been experienced by the program in the Regent Park neighbourhood.

Sgt. Kennedy closed by stating that he felt The Esplanade was one of the best coops in the city and one after which more should be modeled.

Q. W. Simpson requested comment on the issue of elder abuse.

A. Sgt. Kennedy advised that individuals suspecting abuse was in progress should call 911. Otherwise, if someone has information to share, their call will be referred to the Family Violence Unit. This also holds true for child or spousal abuse cases.

Q. D. O'Leary requested an update on current work by the Drug Squad in the SLNA community. He expressed concern over consistent resident drug sellers which inevitably lead to more guns in the neighbourhood.

A. Sgt. Kennedy stated that the team was active in the area two nights earlier and arrested three individuals. The Drug Squad has successfully 'taken down' two gas bars and one coffee shop by targeting areas where illegal drugs sales take place. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property has also been recovered. Sgt. Kennedy explained that police cannot evict individuals from their buildings nor can they participate in tribunals but information on crimes is always welcome. Concerned residents should also contact their condominium boards or their property manager who can represent their resident groups at tribunals.

Q. A delegate voiced concern over panhandling and enquired whether 51 Division was working with the Streets-to-Homes program?

A. Sgt. Kennedy stated that his division works with the Parks Ambassador with respect to a number of parks and the police service also offers support on criminal issues. The division also has a good relationship with all the hostels in the area as well as the Salvation Army. Sgt. Kennedy explained that the police are not a social agency so they do not provide social services; nevertheless, they do assist although this is not their primary function.

Q. How integrated is parking enforcement with the police service?

A. Sgt. Kennedy explained that parking enforcement is the responsibility of an office of the City of Toronto so their staff does not work for the police service. They do, however, work on the same radio systems, so information is often shared with the police services dispatchers. Police rarely issue parking tickets.

5. CITY OF TORONTO UPDATE (Karina Patterson)

Karina Patterson introduced herself as the Marketing and Communications Consultant for the City of Toronto, Market Complex. She stated that the office is responsible for a number of programs and events such as:

- The “Alive” campaign to support event development and community relations.
- The St. Lawrence Market Anniversary event which will be held on November 7th to celebrate that Toronto was born in the neighbourhood 175 years ago! It will be a day-long celebration including cooking demonstrations, a kids’ zone, buskers, etc.
- A new Market Kitchen Cooking School on Saturday mornings at 10am which features free food, cooking demonstrations, and a history show.

K. Patterson invited community members to visit the Market Office for more information.

6. NORTH MARKET UPDATE (Glen Gustafson)

Glen Gustafson announced that an 1812 Great Canadian Victory Party was being planned for Friday November 6th and Saturday November 7th. Tickets are \$25 and the event will feature food that was common in 1812 as well as interpreters in period costumes.

The Heritage Lighting will also be switched on Friday November 6th at 6pm. This is an ongoing project to accentuate the heritage features of the buildings in the area. Bruce Bell will lead a walking tour during the evening to highlight St. Lawrence Hall, the South Market, as well as a number of businesses taking part.

Next, G. Gustafson provided the following updates on the North Market redevelopment:

- It will be a new \$75Mil multi-purpose facility.
- The public market will be located on ground floor and courts services will occupy the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors.
- Design guidelines require the building to be compatible with the heritage character of the area and it must also meet the City’s Green Development Standards.
- Thus far, the business case and financial analysis are completed and a financial commitment has been secured (with the exception of the market floor).
- Parking access to the building will be via Jarvis Street.
- Council approved a zoning by-law for a temporary market at 125 The Esplanade.
- The design competition will launch on Nov 12th and run through spring 2010.
- Tenants will begin moving North Market tenants in late 2010.
- A detailed design is expected from the competition winner in the second half of 2010.
- Construction will commence in 2012 and occupancy will follow in 2014.
- A governance model will be recommend whereby an advisory committee will included members of the community, the Farmers’ Market, and various expert representatives (such as those with a heritage background, etc).

Q. M. Little questioned whether a temporary parking lot would be built during any point in the construction.

A. G. Gustafson confirmed that there were no plans to do so.

Q. B. Street enquired when the first physical changes would be noticeable.

A. G. Gustafson noted that the work is still in the planning phase but he expects the temporary market will be built at the end of 2010. Demolition and construction will then follow but every effort will be made to work in close cooperation with the Farmers’ Market to minimize disruption.

Q. S. Lewis asked who would select the winning design.

A. G. Gustafson advised that the selection would be made by a panel which will include at least one local expert who is very familiar with the heritage area of St. Lawrence. Displays will also be made available for the community to provide comment.

Q. A delegate questioned whether the parking lot timetable would follow a parallel schedule to the rest of the building and what steps would be taken to ensure there is no disruption to Jarvis Street.

A. G. Gustafson confirmed that the schedules were indeed linked. A traffic study was also undertaken on Jarvis Street and it appears that the recommendation will be to prohibit left turns into or out of the garage to minimize disruptions.

G. Gustafson also provided an update on 251 King Street. He stated that the Development Committee had drafted a resolution regarding the proposed construction at King and Sherbourne. The current building is occupied by a law firm who is also the developer wishing to rebuild. The hearing is scheduled for 10am on Tuesday November 17th in the OMB Hearing Room - 655 Bay St. Details will also be posted to the SLNA website.

M. Little stated that the OMB hearing will simply schedule additional hearings for 2010 but he encouraged the Delegates to put their names forward as participants in this important process. He also explained that a resolution was required to adopt a position and for the SLNA to be formally represented during the hearings.

It was resolved that the SLNA strongly supports the retention of the existing historical building at 251 King Street East in its entirety (not merely its façade), and that any structure built on or around it conforms to the city's guidelines especially regarding set-backs, angular planes, height, and heritage. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED unanimously.**

MOTIONED BY: D. O'Leary

SECONDED BY: C. Yang

7. BY-LAW PRESENTATION (Marcus Little)

Marcus Little reminded that he introduced the proposed By-Law changes during the last Delegates' Meeting. The committee will now work with the comments received from D. Crawford and will publish a revised document within two weeks.

The final draft will be tabled for an official vote during the November Delegates' meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Update from George Smitherman's Office

Ed Nixon stated that the ground breaking is taking place for Canada's Sugar Beach and the new George Brown Campus will also have a ground breaking in late November.

He next stated that a decision on whether Toronto's bid for the 2015 PanAm Games is eagerly being awaited on November 6th. If it is successful, an open house will be arranged to display the large model of the West Don Lands that has been proposed.

The first phase of the kindergarten program has been rolled out.

Santa Claus Parade

The annual Santa Claus Parade will take place on November 15th.
Seniors Lunch

A Seniors Lunch is planned for December 2nd. Tickets are \$15 and may be obtained by contacting Dan O'Leary.

Union Station Representative

S. Kavanagh invited any delegate interested in servings as the SLNA Union Station Representative to email her for more details on the role.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on November 25th at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

President



LIST OF MOTIONS

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SECONDED BY: C. Baker

2. 251 King Street East

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