



**MINUTES OF THE  
DELEGATES' MEETING  
September 30, 2009  
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade**

**Executive Members in Attendance:**

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, 65 Scadding  
 VP Internal: Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower  
 Secretary: Matthew Raizenne, Longboat Residents Assoc  
 At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park  
 At Large: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op  
 Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square  
 VP External: Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel, 140 The Esplanade

**Voting Delegates in Attendance:**

Catherine West - 1 Church St.  
 Patricia Bearclaw - Cathedral Court Coop  
 Cherril Baker - David B. Archer  
 Joan Campbell - 80 Front Street E.  
 Cathy Waiten - Indigo  
 Keith Bricknell - 7 King St. E.  
 Debra Corey - 230 King St. E.  
 Olag Holowaty - 25 George Street  
 David Crawford - 135 George Street  
 Joyce Arnold - 135 George Street  
 Donna Patterson - 230 King St. E.  
 Del Brown - Marketview Housing Coop  
 Hawaa Kabbashy - New Hibret Coop Homes  
 Sherri Russell - 31 Princess St.  
 Mary Bailey - OWN

**Associate Members & Guests:**

Mark Fernandez - smartLiving St. Lawrence

**Darek Fiedukiewicz, Recording Secretary**

**Executive Member Regrets:**

At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding

Emma McBey - OWN  
 Connie Yang - OWN  
 Alan Seymour - Old York Tower  
 Sig Harvor - Old York Tower  
 Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding  
 Dennis Glasgow - The Wellington  
 Marcus Little - The Wellington  
 Karl Froehr - Windmill Line  
 Marc Piccinato - Windmill Line  
 Becky Street - MTCC 1385  
 John Wichelow - Windmill Line

**Regrets:**

None

Doug Maybank - St. Lawrence CRC Advisory Council

**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 7:00 P.M.

**2.2 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

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

MOTIONED BY: K. Froehr  
 SECONDED BY: H. Kabbashy

### 2.3 Approval of Minutes

The delegates reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on July 29, 2009.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on July 29, 2009 as circulated. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

MOTIONED BY: A. Seymour  
 SECONDED BY: L. Wolde-Gabriel

### 2.4 Highlights of Executive Meeting

S. Kavanagh summarized the topics of discussion during the last Executive Meeting held September 23<sup>rd</sup> as follows:

- Ratified the proposed by-laws (to be reviewed by M. Little later in the meeting)
- Waterfront
- Buskerfest Debrief
- SLNA support communicated to City Hall regarding the amendment to the Official Plan which would require a minimum of 10% of residential units to include three or more bedrooms.

She also noted that the following items are expected to be tabled during the October Delegates' Meeting:

- North Market update by Cherril Baker
- Report from Police Services Community Liaison
- Concert Presentation

### 3. GEORGE SMITHERMAN, M.P.P.

S. Kavanagh introduced G. Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure to address the meeting.

G. Smitherman reviewed a number of items of focus for his office as follows:

Infrastructure – a new building is planned for Ryerson as well as a health campus for George Brown College at the waterfront which will also feature public spaces.

PanAm Games – the office is supporting Toronto's bid for the 2015 PanAm games which would result in some important investment in West Don Lands.

Renewable Energy – The Ministry is eager to enhance renewable energy initiatives by helping to pass the Green Energy Act. This should also stimulate smaller scale urban initiatives and will encourage community participation. The province is also making good progress on eliminating coal energy production.

Community Initiatives – The office also focuses on community initiatives such as the upcoming Seniors Information Session to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> in the Performing Arts Lodge.

Q. A Delegate questioned what the government was doing to assist the community which is heavily under pressure by developers and an apparent lack of accountability by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

A. G. Smitherman stated that the dispute resolution system has been enhanced with a regulatory change that governs OMB actions and obligations. Steps have also been taken to stress the need for the OMB to take into account municipal concerns.

Q. P. Bearclaw stated that she was involved in the OneShare organization which was seeking to build a wind-farm on Lake Huron but this was unfortunately rejected by the provincial government. She also expressed concern over airplanes from the island airport that disturb sleep of neighbourhood residents during the night time.

A. G. Smitherman explained that the airport is governed at the federal level with some municipal standing; however, he personally does not support the service and avoids it as a consumer. Next, he stated that his office learned of regulatory problems with the Ontario Power Authority so steps have been taken to make it easier to introduce renewable energy projects to the province. The process is quicker but it does impose setbacks of 550 meters from a receptor (i.e. a home) to wind turbines in an effort to strike a good balance. G. Smitherman acknowledged that this has affected some projects which may have included the Lake Huron initiative mentioned so he will [be](#) following up this project specifically.

Q. M. Fernandez thanked the Minister for his work during the Municipal Strike in organizing volunteer garbage clean up in the Eglinton Business Improvement Area.

A. G. Smitherman noted that approximately 1,200 volunteer hours were successfully achieved including preparations for the Busker Fest.

Q. D. Crawford recalled that the province had purchased the first parliament site approximately three-to-four years earlier but questioned why it was still being rented and one section was still not publicly owned.

A. G. Smitherman reported that the Porsche dealer is in transition out. This took some time as they had a big issue with finding an appropriate place to relocate. He added that the province is also working with a variety of other proposals for the property from across the province in order to commemorate the War of 1812. Unfortunately, it is a very expensive property to procure while the province deals with a substantial deficit.

Q. M. Raizenne requested comment on the recent marathon and what Mr. Smitherman might do differently if he were to be elected mayor of Toronto.

A. G. Smitherman stated that he enjoyed the marathon and feels that it was greatly improved with the realignment of the route and its great organization. He then explained that he was very dedicated to his current ministerial responsibilities with the province and he also felt that he has a great relationship with the Premier so any decision regarding the Toronto Mayoral race would be a very difficult one.

Q. M. Fernandez requested that the Minister express his position on the Porter Airlines and TPA intentions to build a pedestrian tunnel to the island airport and in particular whether federal stimulus funding would be made available for the project.

A. G. Smitherman explained that the province has matched most federal funds as a complete partner on various stimulus projects. The vast majority has been allocated and projects are expected to "come-to-life" in the next 3-6 months. Nevertheless, a number of projects are continuing to compete for the remaining funds which represent a relatively small amount of money. The tunnel project can only move forward if both levels of government support it but bureaucrats are continuing to evaluate several hundred applications. Decisions are anticipated in the next 4-6 weeks.

Q. A delegate expressed concern over the province's plan to merge the PST and GST into a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) in the coming year. This will significantly impact Co-Operatives and Condominium Corporations by introducing a major cost increase over regular inflation.

A. G. Smitherman explained that the single sales tax initiative is the single biggest item that can be done to enhance the province's competitiveness. As such, it is being moved forward within the context of the future prosperity of the province.

The HST will eliminate the need for businesses to administer two tax payments and this will therefore result in a measurable cost improvement for them. There will also be a permanent reduction in taxes. G. Smitherman acknowledged that some items will now attract additional tax but in other situations the cost of consumer products and services will be reduced thereby making these more cost competitive for the jurisdiction.

Q. A delegate questioned whether a community consultation would be held on the Affordable Housing Strategy.

A. G. Smitherman confirmed that a consultation could be arranged and he stated that he was open to advice on logistics such as the best time, location, etc. to hold a meeting.

Q. R. Yaron enquired whether the province could make funding available to support more community use of school space after hours. This could include additional opportunities for children to play.

A. G. Smitherman stated that upgrades are being made to make community pools more usable. The school funding formula recognizes pool maintenance but he acknowledged that communities also need assistance. The province has also attempted to ensure that the increased rates charged by the various school boards (i.e. for facility use) remain reasonable. G. Smitherman offered to assist where members of the community identify issues with general cost issues and/or community organizations that require assistance.

Q. C. Waiten noted that she works for a not-for-profit organization which has submitted a request for stimulus/infrastructure funding. She enquired how much was remaining to be assigned.

A. G. Smitherman estimated that approximately \$100 Mil in federal funding as well as \$100 Mil in provincial funds was available. The qualification criteria also carries a minimum project size of \$750,000 so the amounts available can still support many initiatives. Alternately, G. Smitherman observed that the island airport tunnel project could consume the amount very quickly so many decisions must strike a balance between small projects and larger strategic investments.

G. Smitherman added that his office was also working on a ten-year infrastructure plan which will include items such as long-term affordable housing and other not-for-profit opportunities.

Q. L. Wolde-Gabriel felt that the Cabbage Town Youth Centre was not meeting the needs of the youth.

A. G. Smitherman expressed hope that the centre was meeting some of their needs but encouraged the community to put forward specific suggestions regarding needs that remain unmet so that additional initiatives can be considered.

Q. S. Harvor stated that he expects ongoing city deficits due to downloading of expenditures from the province which have continued since the Mike Harris years. He expressed disappointment that the current government has not reserved these during recent surplus years.

A. G. Smitherman clarified that even Mayor David Miller acknowledges that the City has received billions of dollars in new resources from both the federal and provincial governments. These include the now entrenched gas tax revenues as well as significant downloading that has in fact been reversed. Toronto has also introduced two new taxation measures. G. Smitherman noted that Toronto must deal with particular challenges but it has also benefited from various initiatives and has therefore been able to hire 1,500 new employees in the last year alone. The City also took a one-time funding contribution and used it for operating costs. G. Smitherman emphasized that substantial uploading has occurred and he went on to cite the example of the province absorbing 100% of the cost of the Metrolinx project except in the case of one line where the federal government agreed to pay one-third.

He offered to share additional figures to support his assertions and predicted that Dalton McGuinty will be viewed historically as one of the provinces premiers which offered the greatest support to the City of Toronto.

Q. S. Harvor questioned what services he would cut if he was Toronto's mayor.

A. G. Smitherman stated that he has worked closely on a \$42 Mil budget at a provincial ministry. He has also worked closely with Barbara Hall at the City level at a time when it had a declining tax base so he has experience making tough decisions as well. He reiterated that the province will also give the City more money again next year which continues a trend over the last few years.

Q. S. Kavanagh enquired whether G. Smitherman has volunteered as a Big Brother.

A. G. Smitherman confirmed that he had.

Q. S. Kavanagh stated that the SLNA was very interested in heritage preservation including a building which is slated for demolition.

A. G. Smitherman noted that the area features a significant amount of important 'original stock' of the City and offered to assist with the SLNA's heritage preservation efforts. He also takes great pride in representing the riding and bragging about such elements.

#### **4. WATERFRONT MARATHON UPDATE**

S. Kavanagh stated that the SLNA had four runners who participated in the waterfront marathon in support of the Nutrition Program of the Market Lane School. They have raised a total of \$5,171.22 to date. The school's principal will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting so a presentation may be made.

The SLNA also won the contest for 'Best Cheering Section' which featured balloons, decorating, cheering, cow bells, and more!

Alan Brooks offered his thanks and congratulations to the SLNA for its support. He noted that a formal dinner will be hosted by Scotia Bank at the end of November for which the SLNA will receive approximately 4-6 invitations and will be presented the \$6,000 first prize.

A. Brooks stated that he has organized such runs for over twenty years and this was one of the best. There were over 40,000 individuals in attendance and the race featured runners from over forty different countries. Ninety-nine local charities were also involved.

Councillor Pam McConnell was also thanked for her support of the event.

#### **5. WYNN FITNESS (Darlene Burgess)**

Darlene Burgess introduced Wynn Fitness which she will be opening across the street at 98 The Esplanade on November 19<sup>th</sup>. She offered a private invitation to the grand opening event which represents the company's fourth location. It boasts a combined membership of over 11,000 individuals.

D. Burgess stated that she strongly believes in community involvement so she was appointed as BIA director a day earlier. She is happy to be part of the community.

D. Burgess addressed the following questions:

Q. Will pilates be offered?

A. Pilates will be available as well as hot yoga, restorative yoga, thai-chi, etc.

Q. What will a membership cost?

A. SLNA members/delegates will be offered a special rate of \$59 monthly before the location opens.

Q. How large is the gym?

A. The gym will be an open concept facility covering approximately 19,000 square feet.

Q. Will the area be segregated between male and female clientele?

A. D. Burgess stated that she was open to such suggestions. She noted that restorative yoga will be offered as a result of interest that was expressed.

Q. What will be the hours of operation?

A. The gym will be open between 5am and 11pm during the week as well as weekends between 8am and 8pm. It will be open daily except Christmas Day.

## **6. BY-LAW PRESENTATION (Marcus Little)**

Marcus Little explained the reasons for updating to By-Law #1 and also reviewed the proposed amendments as follows:

- The by-law requires a change due to a number of contradictions and missing material.
- The proposal adds recognition of the board of directors, the introduction of rules governing board meetings, sets term limits, and allows for board committees.
- The definitions were expanded, the term of directors was extended to 3-years, and it improved the description of committee.
- The proposal deletes the Ex-Officio Positions (i.e. Past President).

The proposed by-law will be emailed to all delegates and a copy posted to SLNA website. Delegates were invited to send any questions/comments to Jacquie Williams or to raise them during the October Delegates' meeting.

A formal motion to confirm the revised by-law will be raised during the November Delegates' meeting.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Blessing of the Animals**

All community members are invited to attend the Blessing of the Animals ceremony at St. James Cathedral on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am.

### **Announcements from Pam McConnell's Office**

Tom Davidson made the following announcements:

#### i) Heritage Lighting Master Plan

The Heritage Lighting Master Plan for Old Town Toronto will be lit on November 7<sup>th</sup> and will enhance the streetscape.

ii) 251 King Street (S/E corner of Sherbourne and King)

P. McConnell has advised the developer that approval cannot proceed until the Heritage Conservation District Study is carried out. Funding has been secured to start the study in the fall but a position against the development will also need to be defended in front of the Ontario Municipal Board.

iii) North Market

The design process for the North Market has been initiated and a commitment will be included towards this in the capital budget.

iv) Parks Improvements

A proposal will be made for the location of a new children's swing-set to be installed in the fall.

v) Reconstruction of Lower Sherbourne

Reconstruction of Lower Sherbourne has been deferred pending a water/sewer environmental assessment. This will permit time to prepare a promenade plan so it is ready to implement when the project moves ahead.

Q. C. Yang expressed concern over the mess being generated from the Spring Rolls restaurant on Market Street near Front. She questioned whether the City can assist.

A. T. Davidson stated that he would speak with C. Yang after the meeting to ensure he clearly understands the location of the problem so it may be addressed.

St. Lawrence Market Art Club

C. Yang distributed a notice regarding the St. Lawrence Market Art Club and requested that members post copies in their buildings.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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**Corporate Secretary**

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**President**



**LIST OF MOTIONS**

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