



**MINUTES OF THE  
DELEGATES' MEETING**  
October 30, 2013  
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

**Board of Directors in Attendance:**

President: Steve Lowden :  
Secretary: Jacquie Williams  
VP Internal: John Wichelow  
VP External: Dwight Peters  
Treasurer: Caida Gill  
Director at Large: Ian Campbell  
Director at Large: Dan o'Leary

**Voting Delegates in Attendance:**

Robert Sherrin - Abbey Lofts  
Rhonda Parto - Caroline Co-op  
Ruth Williams - 1 Church Street  
Inamdar Sumant - 30 Church Street  
Wally Simpson - Combie Park  
Margaret McQuade - David B. Archer  
Lois Thomson - David B. Archer  
Colin Randall-Smith - Old York Place 11  
Judith Nagata - King George Square  
Debra Corey - Kings Court  
Maureen Browne - London on the Esplanade  
Deborah Field - Longboat Residents Assoc.  
Sonja Secker, Market Square  
Andrea Vechter - Market Square

**Associate Members & Guests:**

Tom Davidson - Councillor Pam McConnell Office  
Cheryl Baker - David B. Archer  
Sharon Segal - Windmill Line Co-op  
Margaret Kegel - New Times square  
Stig Harvor - Old York Tower  
Beenu Arya - 25 The Esplanade  
Margaurite Thompson - St. Michael's School  
John Stanton - Staff Sergeant, 51 Division

**Board of Directors Regrets:**

VP Internal: Maureen Walsh

Alan Seymour - Old York Tower  
Duncan Ash - Old York Tower  
Connie Yang - OWN  
Olga Kremko - OWN  
David Balcon - 313/323 Richmond St. E.  
Elizabeth Ecker - St. Lawrence on the Park  
Suzanne Kavanagh - St. Lawrence on the Park  
Toby Tenenbaum - St. Lawrence on the Park  
Gabriele Franke - 176 The Esplanade  
Don James - 222 The Esplanade  
Heidi Phillips - Windmill Line Co-op  
Faith Sawyers - Windmill Line Co-op  
Jocelyn Thomson - Woodsworth Co-op

**Regrets:**

Doug Maybank - Crombie Park  
Joan Lewis - David B. Arche  
David Crawford - 135 George St. S.  
John Stewart - Market Square

Tim O'Rourke - 15 Scadding  
Deb Deygan - 51 Division  
Jo-ann Davis - TDCSB - St. Michael's School  
Ed Nixon - SEDNA

**1. Registration**

**2. Opening Of Meeting**

**2.1 Opening Remarks**

Steve Lowden (President) stated that he would be chairing the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

## **2.2 Approval of Agenda**

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

**MOVED BY:** Ian Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** Faith Sawyers

## **2.3 Approval of Minutes as amended for September 25, 2013**

It was resolved to approve the amended Minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on September 25, 2013 as presented. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Wally Simpson

**SECONDED BY:** Don James

## **3. Board Meeting Update:**

Steve Lowden

- Delegate Code of Conduct
  - Steve reviewed the Code with delegates and guests and reminded them that they were expected to follow its principles
  - The Code of Conduct is located on SLNA website and he urged all members to review its contents
- Board Report
  - The Board finalized the draft budget for 2014/15 which will be presented later in the meeting
  - Recommendations for improving communications among the SLNA were finalized and include some ideas that are already in action and two for delegate input. These are:
    - Improve email system with new addresses (i.e. president@slna.ca and board@slna.ca )
    - Develop a monthly summary of upcoming events
    - Use the website to post volunteer opportunities and attract more volunteers
    - Partner more with the Bulletin to raise the Association's profile
    - Start to use social media (Facebook, Twitter) to attract new people and improve overall communication capability. Steve made a recommendation to look for a Social Media webmaster which was agreed to by delegates. Delegates did suggest that some study on our demographics would help determine which tools will be most useful.
    - Improve and upgrade the SLNA website with function like an event calendar function and add this to the 2013/14 budget. Delegates agreed to this recommendation.
- Neighbourhood News:
  - The SLNA's letter to the editor of Toronto Life in response to their best neighbourhood's story was published
  - Preliminary meeting on World Pride took place to gauge interest in holding events in the St. Lawrence community during the festival (June 19-July 2, 2014)
  - PAN AM 2015 planning continues, the theme is "neighbours"
  - Steve and Maureen attended the inaugural Resident Association Neighbourhood Association Community Association (RANACA) meeting on Sept 28. RANACA brings various neighbourhood associations together to share learning and build capacity.
  - Federal Electoral Boundaries: The St Lawrence riding will be split down The Esplanade and Mill St. SLNA should send a letter to City Hall not to follow suit with municipal boundaries at the right time.
  - TO Centre by-election is November 25, 2013. A principal-candidates debate will be held on Nov 20, 2013 at Jarvis Collegiate, 7-9pm. Delegates agreed to hold a unique SLNA all-candidates meeting and a meeting will try to be arranged.

#### 4. Committee Updates

- Community Policing Liaison Committee Don James, SLNA rep
  - Staff Sgt Spanton of 51 Division Community Response Unit and CPLC-co-Chair, Deb Devgan presented
  - All 17 police divisions in the City have a CPLC
  - Discussed how to contact the police:
    - **Community complaint form** exists and is the best way to submit a complaint for ongoing issues. Can be submitted on line. Deb will send an online copy. All submission receive a response.
    - Call 416-808-2222 for immediate one-time non-emergencies.
    - Call 911 for emergencies.
    - Sgt Spanton can be reached at 416-808-5152
  - Other notes:
    - CPLC blog spot has lots of good info at: <http://cplc-51division.blogspot.ca/> or google "51 Div cplc"
    - Biagio receive a community award for dinners for homeless
    - 300 people attended a successful Environment Day which will be held again next June
    - PACER Report process is starting up and are looking for a qualified co-chair
    - Next Town Hall meeting is Nov 21, 2013
    - CPLC Gala is Tues Nov 12, 2013. The SLNA has a table, cost is \$75pp
    - Looking to increase outreach to youth
    - Biggest issues are aggressive street people/homeless and Jarvis traffic/gridlock. Tom Davidson noted that the City is working on a comprehensive gridlock plan that he will present at a future SLNA meeting
    - Sgt Spanton is in charge of MCIC, officer with a nurse, for emotional health issues. Are trying to engage with youth in schools and are starting safety talks with seniors
  
- Marathon Committee Steve Lowden
  - It was another strong year for fund-raising with just under \$10K raised for the school nutrition program, JAMII and Children's Play Garden (CPG)
  - Won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in neighbourhood cheering section again (lost to Greektown who had more people out on Race Day)
  - This was the first year that the SLNA managed the entire program (including the Silent Auction) with the support of various volunteers.
  - Highlights include the most successful silent auction yet with raffle tickets, a banner day with local school kids thanks to JAMII and CPG, selling of t-shirts and cow bells, and the presence of a DJ and Brazilian band, and volunteer tent
  - Steve advised that a fund-raising committee should be established earlier and a stronger focus placed on getting more people out on Race Day; as well next year, there will be stronger accounting controls
  - In response to delegate questions about donation management and tax receipts for silent auction credit card purchases, Steve committed to report back to the delegates in November with action taken to rectify the concerns.

#### 5. Community Updates

- St. Michael's School Jo-Ann Davis/Marguerite Thomson
  - Construction is starting shortly on required repairs
  - St Michaels has relocated to Sacre Coeur for the year while the Toronto Downtown Alternative School has stayed put...for now.
  - Issues relate to the original construction. The slabs weren't attached to walls when built and movement is causing cracks. Also need to look at impact on pipes
  - Have started design work and almost have project manager in place. Timeline is:
    - December 2013: Design will be completed

- February 2014: Construction starts
  - September 2014: Students return
- Market Lane is at 50% capacity, St Mike's is at capacity (166). Schools have a longstanding agreement that the school with the bigger capacity will get the bigger space which is the Market Lane location
- Berczy Park revitalization (Edward Nixon)
  - The first Public Consultation took place on Oct 23.
  - Next Public Consultation is Thursday, November 21
  - Delegates can visit <http://www.berczypark.ca/> for updates

## 6. Budget 2014

- Treasurer Caida Gill presented a draft of the proposed SLNA 2014/15 Budget for delegate input
- A final budget will be presented at the November delegates meeting for approval
- The SLNA currently has 50 members and two warm leads. Its goal is to have 54 members. Membership fees are graduated based on building size and cap at \$325/bldg.
- Key highlights include:
  - No overall increase in fees!
  - Proposed increases:
    - Office expense (\$250) – printing for meetings, increased room rental fee
    - Marketing materials (\$1000) – to allow for production/printing of marketing materials; orientation package
    - Community events – \$2000 placeholder to fund an additional event sponsored by SLNA (e.g. Open House, World Pride)
  - Offset by:
    - Elimination of money to BIA (\$500)
    - Reduction in Recording Secretary expenses (\$1364.50)
    - Reduction in Community Fund (\$500) to reflect reduced soccer team sponsorship
    - Increased membership fee (\$600 based on 2013 actuals)
    - Lower cost of "Music in the Park" (\$750 actual vs \$1000 budget)
  - Additional one-time item: Website renewal (\$2500 max) to be funded from reserves
  - Reserve fund: money for anniversary benches will be spent when the roadwork is done; seniors' centre amount (\$1000) will be kept on books until North Market is finished
- Delegate suggestions included:
  - Keep website capital and website one-time upgrade as separate lines
  - Use word shortfall vs. deficit

## 7. New Business

Steve Lowden

- Tom Davidson from the Councillor's office clarified the situation on Public Housing requirements in new developments in response to the recent media on the Bayfront project. The City does not actually buy units and the 20% target is required of all new developments
- Dwight Peters reported that the **Gardiner East Redevelopment** project continues to move forward. The October 16, 2013 Public Consultation drew over 300 people. Delegates can learn more and contribute to the discussion at <http://www.gardinereast.ca/>. As council will be asked to make a decision on the Options in Spring 2014, he suggested that this item be presented at a future delegates meeting.
- Steve noted that the **November Delegates' meeting will not be at OWN** due to construction, new location has yet to be determined

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm. All were in favour and the motion was **CARRIED**.

**MOVED BY:** John Wichelow  
**SECONDED BY:** Mary McDonald

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Secretary**

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**President**



### **LIST OF MOTIONS**

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