

# MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES' MEETING June 25, 2014 OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

### **Board of Directors in Attendance:**

President: Dwight Peters - 25 The Esplanade:
Secretary: Jacquie Williams - 25 The Esplanade
VP External - Steve Lowden - London on the Esplanade
VP Internal: Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding:
Treasurer Debra Corey - 230 king St. E.:
Director at Large: Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Co-op
Director at Large: Stephen Devine - 176 The Esplanade:

### **Voting Delegates in Attendance:**

Jacquie Jensen - Cathedral Co-op Ruth Williams - 1 Church Street Wally Simpson - Combie Park Doug Maybank - Crombie Park Margaret McQuade - David B. Archer Lois Thomson - David B. Archer Colin Randall-Smith - Old York Place 11 Isorine Marc - Harmony B Co-op Judith Nagata - King George Square Keith Bricknell - 7 King St. E. Joanne Woodwoard - 71 Front St. E. Del Brown - Marketview Housing Co-op Sonja Secker, Market Square Andrea Vechter - Market Square

### **Board of Directors Regrets:**

Louise Amm - OWN
Connie Yang - OWN
Olga Kremko - OWN
Sherri Russell - 31 Princess
Dan O'Leary - 15 Scadding
Toby Tenenbaum - St. Lawrence on the Park
Beenu Arya - 25 The Esplanade
Mary McDonald - 25 The Esplanade
Gabriele Franke - 176 The Esplanade
Don James - 222 The Esplanade
Ronny Yaron - Woodsworth Co-op
Jocelyn Thomson - Woodsworth Co-op

#### Regrets:

David Crawford - 135 George St. S. John Stewart - Market Square Alan Seymour - Old York Tower Eileen Smith - Absolute Faith Sawyers - Windmill Line

### **Associate Members & Guests:**

Elizabeth Ecker - St. Lawrence on the Park David Telewiak - Marketview co-op Gina Jones - OWN Colleen Gelding - 31 Princess Emily Hurst - The Modern Constantine Cabaries - 176 The Esplanade Elpha Cuachon - 133 Wilton Street Jason Belyca - 1 Church St. Sheila Peart - 222 The Esplanade Wendy Devine - Windmill Line Co-op Tom Davidson - Pam McConnell's Office Tom Hooper - Guest Speaker Stig Harvor - Old York Tower

### 1. Registration

### 2. Opening Of Meeting

### 2.1 Opening Remarks

Dwight Peters (President) stated that he would be chairing the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m..

### 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: Isorine Marc

### 2.3 Approval of Minutes for May 28, 2014

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on May 28, 2014 as presented. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.** 

MOVED BY: Keith Bricknell SECONDED BY: Wally Simpson

## 3. Dan O'Leary Recognition:

Dwight Peters thanked Dan O'Leary for his contributions to SLNA as a board member and as a tireless member of the gardening committee.

### 4. Board Meeting Update:

**Dwight Peters** 

- There was discussion about board elections due to the vacancy created by Caida's resignation
- Banking issues were discussed
- 30 things need to happen for a delegates meeting to occur
- Jacquie's idea about an SLNA open house
- Membership trends how to grow attendance
- Budget the annual budget was discussed and the board approved an increase of \$250.00 for Jamii
- Prospective speakers on topics such as Union Station, the PanAm Games, the fall municipal election and the BIA were discussed
- Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon will be in our neighbourhood
- Board roles, committee members and reporting schedules have been posted at www.slna.ca

## 5. Annual Renewal Session Part 1: How We Work Together

**Dwight Peters** 

- Dwight as the new SLNA president shared his thoughts with those assembled: he is currently on sabbatical and being SLNA president was not in his 5-year plan; he was with Proctor & Gamble in marketing and strategic planning, and he has spent 15 years working with charities
- Dwight summed up his vision for his presidency as, "people, parks and \_\_\_\_\_", "enjoyable and somewhat useful", bread not circuses (e.g. small, community events), more discussion...respectful, healthy exchange of ideas, more consultation with locals (e.g. fostering cohesion especially with residents north of King Street, meet with developers regarding projects), engage the community: encourage people in our growing neighbourhood to attend and participate SLNA events
- Dwight shared several quotes to illustrate his vision of SLNA
- Dwight made several points such as: the President's role is unsustainable; SLNA is over-extended geographically; membership has not kept up with neighbourhood growth; volunteer culture has been engaged by micro groups such as <u>Jamii</u> and the <u>Friends of Berczy Park</u>; people want SLNA to succeed but not sure how to actualize a vision
- Dwight reviewed the roles and expectations of the President and Chair

• Dwight reviewed the <u>SLNA Delegates' Code of Conduct</u> and asked that delegates in attendance at meetings respect speakers, ask relevant questions and respect the chair

### 6. Committee Updates:

- Canada Day Committee: Dwight Peters thanked Connie Yang, Maureen Walsh, Margaret McQuade, Lois Thomson, Sheila Peart, and Bryan Horgan (parade) for their great work on this event
- Dwight also thanked the volunteers involved in poster distribution for the event
- Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) 51 Division: the Seniors' Neighbourhood Walks programme will have it's first meeting sometime in early July
- A reminder to those present to use and encourage neighbours to use the <u>CPLC</u> Complaint form for matters requiring police attention
- · Building consultations are in the works

## 7. Guest Speaker: Tom Hooper - What does PRIDE mean to an historian?

- Tom gave a spirited and informative talk, touching on a number of events and issues that inform and sustain the annual PRIDE celebration in Toronto. Tom spoke to issues such as:
- The Stonewall Inn riot on June 28, 1969, in Greenwich Village, New York City
- "Operation Soap" the Toronto bathhouse raids on February 5, 1981
- The 2013 Trans March on Yonge Street
- The passage in 1969 of Pierre Trudeau's Bill C-150, which decriminalized homosexuality
- The Body Politic magazine
- The Ideal Family Unit; spinsterhood; bachelorhood; masturbation; monogamy; polygamy; adultery and mononormativity.
- A question and answer period followed Tom's talk

### 8. Community Updates:

Tom Davidson from Ward 28 Councillor Pam McConnell's office

- Tom spoke to programming in high profile parks such as Sugar Beach and Berczy Park; public access is maintained during events and criteria exist to balance events programming with residents' demands
- The North Market revitalization the temporary market will be located in the parking lot on the south side of The Esplanade between Jarvis and Market streets; more information and setting a date for the move will be forthcoming in July
- The Sobeys/Acura development is out of scale, awaiting the developer's application; there will be a public meeting soon
- There was a question from the floor about parks accessibility for the visually impaired and we were told that City staff review parks suitability
- Tom responded to a similar question by sharing that permits are required for sidewalk sandwich boards and that construction management does take into account the needs of the visually impaired
- In response to a question about the parking lot at the north-west corner of Front and Sherbourne streets Tom said that the lot will be getting a "treatment", i.e. beautification, until development begins on the site

## 8.1 Community Updates:

Mary McDonald, Friends of Berczy Park

- FBP is a volunteer community group attempting to create a space for everyone. We currently have over 500 followers on social media
- The park will be shrouded in September of 2014
- This is the third summer of tables and chairs being provided for public use by FBP
- There are 3 events in July and August with Dulce Gomes, Branch Head of the St. Lawrence branch of the Toronto Public Library which are BYOB (bring your own blanket or baby bottle)

- Canada Day at 3:00p.m. there will be a regatta in the fountain, along with a Jamii art installation and the participation of Councillor Pam McConnell
- The park will reopen in 2015 with FBP in a watchdog/stewardship role; pets will be welcome, there will not be a dog run in the park area as the park is not big enough for a fenced in dog area but there will be a dog-friendly area where more pup owners would meet up with their pets; public art will be safe for kids to play on
- A participant mentioned that there will be a community meeting to address the lack of dog infrastructure in the neighbourhood

## 8.1 Community Updates:

Isorine Marc, Jamii

- Jamii's movie night in June had an attendance of 200 people
- Jamii will be participating in the Canada Day celebration at Berczy Park
- July 19, 2014 at 2:00p.m. will be the unveiling of the new mural at the basketball court on The Esplanade

Dwight presented a list of upcoming events this summer in our neighbourhood.

### 9. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED**.

MOVED BY: Don James	
Next meeting Wednesday July 30, 2014 at 7:00p.m.	
Secretary	President



### **LIST OF MOTIONS**

Delegates' Meeting: June 25, 2014

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Moved By: Ian Campbell Seconded By: Isorine Marc

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