



SLNA Community Meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

1. Suzanne Kavanagh chaired the meetings. All were welcomed.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
Moved by: Mary McDonald; Seconded by Emily Pless.
Carried
3. Approval of Minutes
Moved by: Cherril Baker; Seconded by Don James
Carried.
4. Review of proposed By-law updates:
Motion to approve moved by Brian McElwain; Seconded by Sandra Guinness
Carried.
5. Budget:

Motion to set member fees for 2018 at \$2.75 per dwelling unit, with a maximum fee for any building of \$375.00.
Moved by: Don James; Seconded by Melville Olsberg
Carried

Motion to accept 2018 Budget
Moved by: Emma McBey; Seconded by Judith Nagata
Carried
6. President's Update:
 - Suzanne showed newly produced SLNA banners to be used at events to help promote the SLNA.
 - TOCore is hosting an open house at the YWCA on December 2. TOCore's last presentation on the proposed Downtown Plan will take be to SLNA members at the January meeting.

7. Randi Mclain, StArt – Street Art Toronto - a City of Toronto initiative. – innovative private/public partnership established to make streets more appealing. Genesis of program comes out of graffiti vandalism. Program invites graffiti artists to display their talent by creating actual artwork on buildings/structures sanctioned by the city/building owners. The city provides paint and equipment. Strategic aspect of program: the impact of making streets more beautiful is the development of a more positive atmosphere. When the project is finished there is an official unveiling involving the whole community.

Interesting insight: when walls are tagged, and then subsequently power washed, they will often be tagged again. However, when street art is placed on the wall it is very rare for a piece of street art to be tagged.

8. Councillor Lucy Troisi

The Councillor was born and raised in Regent Park and her parents later moved to the Esplanade where her brother still lives. Councillor Troisi currently resides in Cabbage Town. She was very instrumental in the building of the St. James Community Centre and led in the creation of the Parks Ambassador program.

Councillor Troisi discussed parks and in particular Berczy Park. She noted the “dogs” that adorn the fountain were wrapped up for the winter. The overall effect was uninviting and unattractive and she spoke with Parks to have the wrapping removed, which it was.

North Market discussion: \$91.5M budget for North Market. Consulting team led by Adamson Associates. Construction tender called and scheduled to close in September. Construction time line – 2-3 years. The archeological display area involving the 1831 drain is in the plan. The temporary north market area will become park land once the tent is removed.

St. James Park – phase I – children’s playground area will begin this spring (NE corner of park). The main area of the park will still be accessible for activities next summer.

Detailed design and construction plan for the remaining part of the park will be completed by the end of 2018.

David Crombie Park – this park is getting a face lift (very little will be replaced). Consultation process will begin in spring of 2018. Playgrounds are the area of priority.

The Councillor was asked to address the boarded shed that is in the park and provides an underground tunnel to Market Lane School – but no one has been in the tunnel for many decades. The Councillor will look into getting access into the shed and underground passage to address what can be done to remove/address what is essentially an eyesore and a structure not in use.

Gardiner public realm between Jarvis to Cherry – will likely include a long dog run.

Fountain in Crombie Park (by Berkeley) – due to flooding this summer and the water table the fountain was not in use.

Issues were raised about the safety of the Market Square area – a heavily travelled and popular tourist area. Councillor Troisi noted that the City has not increased the level of police presence in this area after several years of growth. She was told there was not enough resources for adequate policing for this popular corner of the downtown core.

It was suggested that the superintendent for our local police precinct be invited to an upcoming SLNA Community Meeting. Councillor Troisi commented that she will attend the meeting as well.

Question posed to Councillor re: her position on the Gardiner. She deferred to assistant Claudia – as far as she knows the Gardiner is remaining and has not heard any discussion about the Gardiner being removed and subsequently replaced with a boulevard. Concern was raised that the Councillor might support suburban Councillors who voted for her. Councillor Troisi stated that she has always been a downtown focused advocate. She will vote on the issues pertinent to Ward 28.

Safety issues raised re: Esplanade and Scott, and Jarvis and the Gardiner.

Indigo building resident, explained his building is a very active advocate group addressing new development on Church – he alerted the Councillor that they will be attending hearings addressing developments that include The Spire. His question: What can the Councillor suggest to enhance applications to propose necessary amendments to buildings? Councillor Troisi indicated that she will speak to developers stressing the need for developers to meet with the community.

9. Next Meeting: January 31, 2018

10. Meeting Adjourned, 9 p.m.