

SLNA Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday, March 30, 2005
following the Delegates Meeting – 7p.m.**

OWN — Older Women's Network, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Cam Miller, King George Square V
V.P. Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V
V.P. External: Frank Burns, Longboat Res. Assoc. V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Paul Smith, 65 Scadding Avenue V

In Attendance:

Leo Agosto, Marketview Co-op V
Cherril Baker, David B Archer Co-op V
Patricia Bear Claw, Cathedral Court Co-op V
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
Keith Bricknell, MTCC #1170 V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Sq 2 V
Bonnie Dew, OWN Co-op V
Pam Gierman, Windmill Line V
Aurie Hensman, MTCC #630 V
Samantha Hewit, Space Condo V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op V
Brian McElwain, The Wellington V
Frank McLean, 25 The Esplanade V
Dawn Murray, Windmill Line V
Anna Lee Orr, David B Archer Co-op V
Robert Prowse, Space Condo V
Sherri Russell, FAN V
Wally Simpson, Crombie Park V
Frank Touby, Harmony A Co-op V
Kirk Vavra, Space Condo V
Michael Waring, New Times Sq 2 V
Judith Wilmot, The Bentley V
Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V

Arllyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary

Michelle Buckley, Pam McConnell's Office G
Shawn Bassin, George Smitherman's Office G
Frank Clarke, Bill Graham's Office G
Sgt Glen Wilkinson, 51 Division G

Jeff Gardner, The Wellington G
Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding G
Randy Bath, 15 Scadding G
Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding G
Erin Harris, Toronto Seniors Council G

With Regrets:

Judith Anderson, Marketview Co-op V
Elisabeth Ecker, 65 Scadding V
Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent V
Marcus Little, The Wellington V
Beatrice Magdar, OWN Co-op V
Susan McLeod, Market Square V
Béchara Saab, New Times Sq
Karen Serwonka, David B Archer V
Nancy Sheppard, 65 Scadding Avenue V

ACRONYMS:

BIA: Business Improvement Area
CMHC: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee
HRSDC: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
OMB: Ontario Municipal Board
PSB: Police Services Board
SLCRA: St. Lawrence Condo Ratepayers Association
SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Re creation Centre
TIACAC: Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee
TCHC: Toronto Community Housing Corporation
TPA: Toronto Port Authority
TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation

1) Welcome

Cam Miller called the meeting to order at 8:55 pm and chaired the meeting. He welcomed Delegates.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda as written.

Moved by: Frank Touby

Seconded by: Aurie Hensman

Carried

3) Approval of AGM 2004 Minutes

Amendments: Aurie Hensman asked to be listed as in attendance in lieu of Alex Waugh, who was not present.

Motion: to approve the March 2004 AGM Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Patricia Bearclaw

Seconded by: Frank Touby

Carried

4) Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5) Executive Reports

a) President – Cam Miller

Extract from Cam's submitted comments: "Representing the SLNA on the Community AIR Steering Committee has been one of my areas of focus over the past year. Notwithstanding our efforts, especially with members of the federal Liberal GTA caucus, we have not made much progress. The battle continues, firstly to stop the expansion of the Island Airport, and then to press for the termination of the Toronto Port Authority and closure of the airport."

Cam thanked Frank McLean for his partnership this year on the Island Airport initiative.

b) VP External – Frank Burns

Frank's submitted comments: "As chair of the Development, the Urban Design Guidelines and the Heritage Conservation District Study Committees, I have had an opportunity to see the community struggle with the problems of amalgamation and intense development pressure. It was a pleasure seeing the community rise to the occasion. Many thanks to those that sat on these committees, sometimes on very short notice. I appreciate your stick-at-it-ness."

"This report is another snap shot of the activity in the planning and development world and our response:

- Along the Esplanade there is the Hummingbird Tower on its third architect and rising ever higher. Community members have been attending various public and private meetings and will continue to pay close attention to the Theatre's problems.
- 40 The Esplanade has finally gone to the OMB. It is at the mediation stage.
- The line in the sand is drawn between 40 and 70 The Esplanade. [Frank explained further during the meeting that we do not want a wave of 100 meter condos marching down The Esplanade—the Development Committee hopes to stop such tall buildings as of the site of the Spaghetti Factory.] 70 The Esplanade should be called the "West Side of Church" development. The definition of the character of the Old Town area and the definition of the street wall condition on Church St. in the Urban Design Guidelines are going to greatly affect this development. An "all hands on deck" effort is being made by the community to deal with this too tall project and its impact on the neighbourhood. The need for this kind of effort is making people in the community aware of our need for foresight.
- The South side of The Esplanade (Gross Machinery site) remains at the rumour stage.
- 10-12 Market St. is inviting people to buy a spacious apartment in our burgeoning neighbourhood.
- The North Market Initiative is still waiting for some sensible reports from the City. The SLNA, for the third time, expressed its solid support for the Initiatives' 3up-3down concept of the redevelopment of our Farmers Market.
- In the King-Parliament Area the Goodwill site has occupied a lot of the community's bandwidth. Some members of the Development Committee want to revisit the concept stage. All members are amazed at the height.

"There's lots of work ahead and I'm sure the SLNA is up for it."

Frank thanked the members of the Development Committee. He then expressed concern that another “download” will be coming. “If we let things like this go by they will kill us later on.” He recommended that the SLNA pay strict attention when the government begins to change the Municipal Act.

Frank will be leaving the SLNA. Delegates expressed regrets.

c) VP Internal – Ronny Yaron

Ronny's submitted comments: “For the most part, my efforts during this past year have been in two areas: developing the membership of the SLNA and organizing St. Lawrence Festival 2004. Membership in the SLNA has been growing. President Cam Miller and I made a presentation to representatives of the 6 Toronto Community Housing Co. buildings about the value of joining the SLNA. I have followed up by sending a flyer to post and contacting individual tenants to encourage potential delegates. So far three of the buildings are members. We have also done outreach to some condominiums to gain new members – 255 Richmond St. E., 71 Front St. E., and 7 King St. E. The French Quarter and 313 Richmond St. E. have also been approached. Members of the executive are pleased to make a presentation to the board/membership of any housing organization in the neighbourhood.

“Festival 2004 was a major undertaking, beginning in May 2004 until September 18, the big day, which turned out to be quite a success, in spite of the fact that our working group members were mostly novices. The glorious weather helped a great deal. The fundraising team managed to bring in a surplus over our expenses. There was goodwill on the part of everyone. All Executive members contributed. Sincere thank you's are due to many people. Special appreciation goes to Joan Campbell, Nancy Sheppard and Connie Yang for all their extra efforts.

“This year, on September 16 and 17, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the SLNA Festival, which for many years was known as the Picnic. The planning has begun and we are looking for volunteers to take on various events and activities.”

Ronny recommended raising the quorum from 18 to 25, as the SLNA has about 75 Delegates.

Motion: to raise the quorum to 25.

Moved by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

WITHDRAWN

Motion: that the quorum for Delegate meetings in 2005 be set at 18 (same as 2004).

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Frank Touby

CARRIED

d) Treasurer – Nancy Sheppard

Nancy was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Nancy's submitted comments: “This has been my fifth and final year on the Executive of the SLNA. I regret that personal responsibilities will prevent me from continuing to serve.

I have greatly enjoyed my time on the Executive. It has been a real learning experience. I truly appreciate the help and support of all the people I have had occasion to work with over the years. It has been a true privilege to be able contribute to my neighbourhood, and I hope that future Executive members will find it equally as rewarding.”

e) At Large, Communications – Joan Campbell

Joan's submitted comments: “To keep our members informed about the affairs of their association, our main instruments this year, once again, have been The SLNA Messenger and the SLNA's website: www.slna.ca.

“In addition, we have been looking for ways to make the SLNA more visible in the neighbourhood. This year we revised the brochure, which describes the mission and objectives of the association and outlines the requirements for membership. We are also in the process of reviewing the website, with the aim of making it a more effective tool for communicating with our members and with the wider public. Many buildings now have websites of their own, and one idea is to develop two-way links with these. We hope that the survey which we have just undertaken will produce additional ideas.

"I would like to thank those who worked on Communications this year. Special thanks go to Cam Miller, Paul Smith and Dwight Peters. I also want to repeat my appeal for volunteers to help with Communications. If you have writing and editing skills, media experience or ideas for improving SLNA Communications, the SLNA needs you!"

Joan asked for a volunteer to maintain the SLNA's website as Dwight Peters is no longer available to do so.

f) At Large – Paul Smith

Paul's submitted comments: "My primary activities have been as a back up for Frank Burns on various development committees, addressing 40 and 70 The Esplanade, a site plan for the Focused St.Lawrence Neighbourhood Area and another site plan for the King /Parliament Area, assisting Ronny Yaron with the Festival and attending the Union Station Public Advisory Group meetings.

"In addition I have assisted in monitoring the Waterfront Revitalization Corporation's planning process, which includes the East/Bayfront , West Donlands, Commissioner Park and Lake Ontario Park. I have also worked with Joan Campbell on the Communications Committee, and with Dwight Peters and Cam Miller on the Sustainable St. Lawrence project."

6) Presentation of 2004 Financial Statements – Nancy Sheppard

As Nancy could not be present this evening, Frank Burns reviewed the Financial Statements.

The operating budget netted to zero.

Frank Burns pointed out that the Community Account has not been used in three years. He recommended closing the account in order not to bear the expense of retaining it and keeping it audited.

Motion: to close the Community Account.

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Patricia Bearclaw

CARRIED

The balance will go into the Special Funds account.

Nancy Sheppard will be asked to write an explanation of the account and its closure for the benefit of Delegates.

Pam McConnell arrived.

Motion: that we have an operating budget in 2005 of \$7,100 revenue and \$7,100 expenses, for a net balance of zero.

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Brian McElwain

Carried

Motion: that Cowperthwaite Mehta be re-appointed as our auditors for the 2005 fiscal year.

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Richard Haldane

Carried

Motion: that the annual membership fee schedule for 2005 be:

*for residential /voting members, \$2.25 per unit to a maximum of \$275
for non-voting members, \$30.*

Moved by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

Carried

Cam Miller advised Delegates that because each AGM is held in March, SLNA membership fees for the current year are inevitably sent out late.

Motion: that the SLNA amend its by-laws so that for membership fees as of 2006, the fee amount will be fixed before the end of the preceding calendar year.

Moved by: Joan Campbell
Seconded by: Ewa Jarmicka

Amendment: add to the end of the motion, “during a monthly Delegates meeting”

Moved by: George Milbrandt
Seconded by: Alice Briesmaster

AMENDMENT CARRIED

FINAL MOTION: that the SLNA amend its by-laws so that for membership fees as of 2006, the fee amount will be fixed before the end of the preceding calendar year during a monthly Delegates meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Before the motion was voted on, Joan noted that any by -law change needs to be approved at two meetings, so tonight's will be first approval, and second approval will be requested at the Delegates meeting in April. Cherril Baker pointed out that the next meeting is not the Delegates meeting in April, but the next AGM in March 2006. The Executive assured Delegates that the next meeting at which the motion can be approved is the Delegates meeting in April 2005. The motion proceeded.

7) Nominations and Elections

Cam asked delegates to ensure that they have yellow voting forms.

More than 18 delegates were present this evening, so the election could proceed legally.

Cam listed the positions open for election and their terms. He asked outgoing Directors to summarize their positions.

- a) VP External – 2 years

Robert Prowse accepted nomination.

Nominated by: Ronny Yaron

Seconded by: Paul Smith

CARRIED

Nominations were closed for the position of VP External.

Motion to acclaim Robert Prowse as VP External.

Moved by: Frank Touby

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

- b) Treasurer – 2 years

Paul Smith accepted nomination.

Nominated by: Frank Burns

Seconded by: Aurie Hensman

Motion: to close nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Moved by: Alice Briesmaster

Seconded by: Richard Haldane

CARRIED

Paul Smith was acclaimed Treasurer for a term of two years.

- c) Secretary – 1 year

Samantha Hewit accepted nomination.

Nominated by: Paul Smith

Seconded by: Patricia Bearclaw

Motion: to close nominations for the position of Secretary.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Wally Simpson

CARRIED

Samantha Hewit was acclaimed Secretary for a term of one year.

d) At Large – 2 years

Joan Campbell nominated herself.

Seconded by: Frank Touby

Frank Touby declined nomination by Patricia Bearclaw.

Motion: to close nominations for the position of At Large for a term of 2 years.

Moved by: Frank Touby

Seconded by: Richard Haldane

CARRIED

Joan Campbell was acclaimed At Large for a term of two years.

e) At Large – 2 years

Connie Yang accepted nomination.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Cam Miller

Motion: to close nominations for the position of At Large for a term of 2 years.

Moved by: Frank Touby

Seconded by: Richard Haldane

CARRIED

Connie Yang was acclaimed as At Large for a term of two years.

f) At Large – 1 year

Richard Haldane accepted nomination.

Nominated by: Patricia Bearclaw

Seconded by: Ronny Yaron

Motion: to close nominations for the At Large position for a term of one year.

Moved by: Frank Touby

Seconded by: Aurie Hensman

CARRIED

Richard Haldane was acclaimed in the At Large position for a term of one year.

ELECTION RESULTS

VP External – 2 years	Robert Prowse
Treasurer – 2 years	Paul Smith

Secretary – 1 year	Samantha Hewit
At Large – 2 years	Joan Campbell
At Large – 2 years	Connie Yang
At Large – 1 year	Richard Haldane

Motion: to close the elections.

Moved by: Wally Simpson

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

Because all positions were acclaimed, there were no ballots to destroy. Cam expressed appreciation for the SLNA's new executive.

8) Adjournment

Councillor Pam McConnell spoke. "The work you have done this year has been pretty important. This has been the most important year in the development of our neighbourhood. It could have been an incredible crisis. The work this group has done has been very very significant. You have looked at a new vision for the neighbourhood, have defended the old vision of not only a sustainable and healthy neighbourhood but one that embraces the historical significance of this neighbourhood. I want to personally congratulate Cam who has been a great leader for bringing that forward, and his executive, but particularly Frank Burns and his whole Development Committee. There have been huge amounts of work. Those things will direct us at Council and help us choose one development over another or one way over another way of doing things."

Pam added that in times when a consensus has not been able to be worked out between two parties, Frank and the Development Committee have stood strong. In Council she feels she has been backed up strongly by the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

Delegates applauded.

Pam continued: "Next year we have huge amounts of work, for implementation. Decisions made now will affect the next generation of St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

"We have a very good pedestrian committee working in the neighbourhood on pedestrian safety.

"We have a clean-up day April 23 in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. This beautiful city works when everyone pitches in."

Pam thanked her assistant, Michelle Buckley, who was also present, saying that Michelle gives her detailed briefs of what The SLNA talked about and she helps when Pam cannot be in four places at once. Pam is very proud of Michelle's work and she expressed hope that the SLNA has been well served by the work Michelle has done on behalf of Pam's office.

Delegates applauded.

Pam McConnell concluded by saying she looks forward to working with the new executive next year.

The door prizes were deferred to the Delegates meeting in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Corporate Secretary

President