

**SLNA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
March 29, 2006**

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

Executive Members in Attendance:

Acting President and Chair: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park V
V.P. Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op V
At Large: Joan Campbell, Market Square V
At Large: Connie Yang, OWN Co-op V
Secretary: Samantha Hewit, Space Lofts V

IN ATTENDANCE: (V = Voting Delegate)

Leo Agosto, Market View V
Cherril Baker, David B. Archer V
Randy Bath, 15 Scadding V
Barbara Bell, Woodsworth Co-op V
Alice Briesmaster, New Times Square 2 V
Keith Brichnell, 7 King Street East V
Delano Brown, Marketview Co-op V
Dorothy Creaser, Old York Tower V
Elisabeth Ecker, St Lawrence on the Park V
Terry Eitel, Old York Tower V
Getachew Fantu, New Hibret Co-op V
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op V
Richard Haldane, Crombie Park V
Norman Hart, PAL V
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St. V
Diane Hollingsworth, Windmill Line Co-op V
Mohammed Hoque, New Hibret Co-op V
Ewa Jarmicka, Harmony Co-op V
Bruno Leps, Market Square V
Marcus Little, The Wellington V
Frank McLean, Twenty Five The Esplanade V
George Millbrandt, Longboat Residents Assoc. V
Ron Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op V
Maria Moreno, O.W.N. Co-op V

Verna Vansykl, David B. Archer V

Michael Waring, New Times Square 2 V
Judith Willmott, The Bentley V

WITH REGRETS:

Frank Burns, Longboat Residents Assoc. V
Stig Harvor, La Place Saint-Laurent V
Cam Miller, King George Square V

GUESTS:

Kaarlo Hiiback, George Smitherman's office
Frank Bergen 51 Division Superintendent
Bob Kemp, 51 Division CPlc
Ed Majchrowski, TCHC 15 Scadding
Ben Marans, smartlivingSt Lawrence
Suzanne Kavanaugh, St Lawrence on the Park
Harry Renaud, 135 George

Sylvia Grimson, O.W.N.

Howard Bortenstein
Channa Verbian, 311 Richmond St. E
Ed Nixon, EN Consulting
Anne Turner, St. Lawrence Seniors Group

Madelyn Webb, Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance

Gabriel Lumumba, 140 The Esplanade
Anita McMaster, Gooderham&Worts Neighbourhood

Dan O’Leary, 15 Scadding V

Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Co-op V
Anna Lee Orr, David B. Archer Co-op V
Sherri Russell, F.A.N. V
David Sangaraille, La Place Saint-Laurent V

Alan Seymour, Longboat Residents Assoc. V

Nancy Sheppard, St. Lawrence on the Park V

Wally Simpson, Crombie Park V

Wendy Stockwell, 1 Church Street V
Frank Touby, Harmony A Co-op V

Norma Seymour, Longboat Residents Association

Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding V
Arlyss Ponchuk Recording Secretary

ACRONYMS:

CPLC: Community Police Liaison Committee

LEEDS: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

SLN: St. Lawrence Neighbourhood

SLCRC: St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre

TWRC: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corp.

1. Registration & Newsletter Distribution

2. Welcome & Round Robin

Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. He introduced himself as Treasurer and he chaired the meeting. A round table of introductions was conducted. Attendance was taken at the door.

51 Division

The Chair welcomed Staff Sergeant Frank Bergen and three police officers of 51 Division. Frank Bergen announced 51 Division’s new initiative of working more closely with the community. He spent this afternoon on a walkthrough of St. Lawrence neighbourhood with Bob Kemp of the CPLC. They identified both positives and negatives. He asked that 51 Division be added to the SLNA’s agenda for future meetings to discuss, first, concerns and then positive developments. The police left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Keith Britnell

CARRIED

4. Approval of March 30, 2005 Minutes

Motion: to approve the March 30, 2005 AGM minutes as presented.

Moved by: Wally Simpson

Seconded by: Marcus Little
CARRIED

The Chair announced that this year the Delegates meeting and AGM are merged into one meeting. Minutes for the Delegates meeting in February are deferred for approval to the Delegates meeting in April.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6. Waterfront Presentation — Kristin Jenkins, VP Public Affairs, Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC)

The Chair welcomed Kristin Jenkins of the TWRC. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on revitalization plans for Toronto's waterfront. Sites discussed included the West Don Lands, East Bayfront, and the Portlands. The TWRC is revitalizing rather than redeveloping. It is building a whole new piece of the city, to reduce urban sprawl, increase economic competitiveness, develop sustainable communities, build more affordable housing and increase parks and public spaces. The Corporate Secretary has a copy of the presentation for distribution to Delegates.

Councillor Pam McConnell arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Delegates applauded the presentation.

Questions and Answers

Cherril Baker asked that the presentation be installed in the local library computer for reference by the community. Kristin Jenkins will look into the possibility.

Joan Campbell asked whether the TWRC has control over the design of buildings in the proposed areas. Kristin Jenkins responded that the TWRC will set guidelines and that developers will need to comply with zoning by-laws and Section 37 agreements. The City is making it known that heights in the precinct plan are fixed. Buildings on private lands will be reviewed by the TWRC.

A percentage of the residential units will be "affordable" rental units. A Delegate asked Kristin Jenkins to define "affordable." She explained that a one-bedroom unit might go for \$1,000 per month but that the TWRC is striving to reduce that amount. The Delegate responded that affordable rental should be based on 30% of minimum wages.

In response to Diane Hollingsworth, Kristin Jenkins offered to provide a list of about ten mandatory requirements for "green" structures, as well as references to LEEDS standards for environmental friendly communities. Most of the standards pertain to energy efficiency.

Sherri Russell asked why it will take only 5 months to clean the West Don Lands of environmental contamination. Kristin Jenkins responded that assessment has shown that some sites have no contamination, that others can be resolved with a cap, and that only some have to have soil dug up and removed. A public meeting on the West Don Lands is scheduled for April 3 at St. Lawrence Hall, which will include an open house on the risk assessment and risk plan for the clean-up.

A Delegate asked whether vehicular traffic would be accommodated, as Kristin Jenkins had reported only on access to local transit. Kristin Jenkins responded that there will be no problem with car access.

A Delegate asked the demographics of occupants in the new area. Kristin Jenkins responded that the TWRC wants to see a whole range of demographic groups, and wants to make sure families can find affordable places to live downtown.

Ewa Jarmicka asked whether the TWRC will do anything to discourage developers from using antiquated building technology. Kristin Jenkins responded that green buildings will require contractors to construct buildings differently. Keith Bricknell clarified that Canada has a new Building Code that allows use of viable alternative methods as long as the result complies with goals defined by the Code.

Wally Simpson asked if the TWRC would clean the water in the Don River. Kristin Jenkins responded that because the water flows from upstream, the TWRC can deal only with the mouth of the river.

A Delegate was concerned that existing pedestrian walkways on the west side of Cherry Beach will be disrupted, and that natural habitats will be destroyed. Kristin Jenkins stated that the TWRC has contributed to making Cherry Beach pedestrian-friendly, and that development will only reach the edge of Ashbridge's Bay, so should not adversely affect the natural habitat there.

The Chair thanked Kristin Jenkins for her presentation. Delegates applauded.

7. Updates from Political Representatives

Councillor Pam McConnell

Pam McConnell reminded Delegates of projects that were being spoken of this time last year, which are now actively in progress:

- revitalization and greening of the waterfront,
- redevelopment of Regent Park,
- increasing police foot patrols,
- a battle with the developers of 40 The Esplanade which resulted in preparation of St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Urban Design Guidelines and a project to have this neighbourhood designated a heritage district,
- a greening initiative that evolved into smartliving St. Lawrence

The Pedestrian Committee continues its work. Pam McConnell reported that stop signs have been removed in the area of Market Street and are to be replaced, but due to by-laws not being updated, there are now problems with installing new signs. That is being worked out. During a recent site visit, she and her new assistant Tom Davidson noticed that people are not obeying the stop signs, so she has asked 51 Division to patrol the area, for the safety of the community.

The Pedestrian Committee is also addressing the importance of a pedestrian pathway to the lake, and the value of the Jarvis corridor as a gateway to our community. The underpass on Jarvis Street is being cleaned up and lighting is being installed. There is an opportunity for local artists to paint a mural that welcomes people to the SLN. Pam McConnell acknowledged that the intersection of Lakeshore Boulevard and Jarvis Street is not pedestrian friendly, and described the Yonge Street intersection at Lakeshore Boulevard as a better working model.

The Island Airport, off the agenda last year, is back on again. General Manager Lisa Rait unilaterally wrote, approved and pushed through an environmental assessment allowing for airport expansion, against the community's wishes.

The City continues to work with the SLNA's Development Committee. Today they achieved a deferral on the East Lofts at 275 King Street. Thanks to the work of the community through the SLNA and the SLNA's Development Committee, working in conjunction with the City, developers have been persuaded to present a much better proposal for 70 The Esplanade. Discussions will also have to take place for the proposed Shopper's Drug Mart on Jarvis south of The Esplanade.

Delegates applauded. The Chair thanked Councillor Pam McConnell for her report, stating, "We work closely with Pam's office and it pays dividends for all of us."

George Smitherman (MPP)

The Chair welcomed Kaarlo Hiiback. Kaarlo reported that George Smitherman is working with St. Jamestown community and 51 and 52 Divisions to increase safety and security in that neighbourhood. George Smitherman's office is hosting a Town Hall meeting in May regarding Portlands energy. Kaarlo will let the SLNA know the date and location once it is scheduled. Kaarlo conveyed a message from George Smitherman. He thanks the SLNA for all its hard efforts this last year and sends best wishes for Delegates and Officers for the next year.

The Chair reported that Kaarlo provided contact information requested at the February Delegates meeting.

The Chair thanked Kaarlo Hiiback for his presentation.

Hon. Bill Graham (MP)

No representative was present.

8. Break

9. Community Fund Recipients

The SLNA raised \$20,000 at the Gala and Festival last year, which was allocated to a new Community Fund. Ronny Yaron reported that the Executive has chosen recipients, as follows:

SLCRC's Summer Sports League. The SLCRC has the only community-run sports league in Toronto that provides affordable soccer for 200 neighbourhood boys and girls up to age 12. Their 20 teams play all summer.

Youth Education Program in Filmmaking, for PAL's second annual film festival Commfest. Young people have a chance to train how to make films with assistance from the Association of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto. The films, made over the summer, will be screened at the festival in the fall.

St. Lawrence Seniors Committee organizes outings every spring and summer. The grant will cover the cost of 50 trips around southern Ontario. Dorothea Creaser introduced Ann Turner, Treasurer of the group and member of the SLCRC Advisory Council, and thanked the SLNA on behalf of the Seniors Committee.

A community group at 1 Church Street, a housing complex of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation. They have set up an intergenerational focus group of youths and adults, which provides mentoring, an after school homework club, and performances (including one recently for Black History Month).

Parenting Program for the St. Lawrence Co-operative Daycare which has three locations in the neighbourhood. The Parenting Program works with Circles of Support to give evening workshops to parents while children are involved in recreational programs.

Ronny concluded by saying that it was hard to choose recipients as there are many good people in this neighbourhood who want funding for good projects.

Motion: to accept the recommendation of the Executive to allocate the \$20,000 in the Community Fund to the above groups/projects.

Moved by: Sherri Russell

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

Recipients will be invited to describe their projects at the April Delegates meeting.

Delegates applauded Ronny Yaron's and the Executives' work in this initiative.

10. Financial Reports and Motions

Treasurer Paul Smith presented the audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2005.

Motion: to approve the audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2005.

Moved by: Paul Smith

Seconded by: Marcus Little

CARRIED

Motion: that Cowperthwaite Mehta be re-appointed as our auditors for the 2006 fiscal year.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Connie Yang

CARRIED

Motion: that the annual membership fee schedule for 2006 be:

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

-for non-voting members, \$30

Moved by: Nancy Sheppard

Seconded by: George Millbrandt

CARRIED

Motion: that the quorum for Delegates meetings in 2006 be set at 18 (same as 2005).

Moved by: Verna Vansykl

Seconded by: Joan Campbell

CARRIED

Motion: that we have an operating budget in 2006 of \$10,600 in revenue and \$10,600 in expenses, for a net balance of zero.

Moved by: Nancy Sheppard

Seconded by: Richard Haldane

CARRIED

11. Elections

The Chair introduced Aurie Hensman to chair the Elections. Aurie Hensman announced that the SLNA has received some nominations in writing. Joan Campbell verified that all Delegates present received a card for voting and copies of the nominees' biographies.

- a) Director-at-large – 2 years

Aurie Hensman described the role of Director-at-large. There is one position open for 2 years and one position open for 1 year. Written nominations have been submitted for Ronny Yaron and Wally Simpson. Aurie Hensman asked three times for further nominations.

Motion: to close nominations for the positions of Director-at-Large.

Moved by: Joan Campbell

Seconded by: Sherri Russell

CARRIED

Ronny Yaron and Wally Simpson were acclaimed as Directors-at-large. [Recording Secretary's Note: After adjournment, Ronny Yaron chose the 1-year term, and Wally Simpson chose the 2-year term.]

In response to a point of order by Nancy Sheppard, Joan Campbell formally resigned from her position of Director-at-large, allowing for the year remaining in her term to be open for election.

b) Corporate Secretary – 2 years

Aurie Hensman described the responsibilities of the position. A written nomination has been submitted for Joan Campbell. Aurie Hensman asked three times for further nominations.

Motion: to close nominations for the position of Corporate Secretary.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

Joan Campbell was acclaimed as Corporate Secretary for a term of 2 years.

c) Treasurer – 1 year

Aurie Hensman described the responsibilities of the position. Paul Smith formally resigned from the position of Treasurer, allowing for the year remaining in his term to be open for election. A written nomination has been submitted for Bruno Leps. Aurie Hensman asked three times for further nominations.

Motion: to close nominations for the position of Treasurer.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: Paul Smith

CARRIED

Bruno Leps was acclaimed as Treasurer for a term of 1 year.

d) VP-Internal – 2 years

Aurie Hensman described the responsibilities of the position. A written nomination has been submitted for Diane Hollingsworth. Aurie Hensman asked three times for further nominations.

Verna Vansykl declined nomination.

Motion: to close nominations for the position of VP-Internal.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: Paul Smith

CARRIED

Diane Hollingsworth was acclaimed as VP-Internal for a term of 2 years.

e) VP-External

Frank Burns has one year remaining in his term. Aurie Hensman recommended appointing an alternate for occasions that he is unable to attend Development Committee meetings. Cherril Baker suggested that the committee instead consider having a Chair for the committee who is not the VP-External.

f) President – 2 years

Aurie Hensman described the responsibilities of the position. A written nomination has been submitted for Paul Smith. Aurie Hensman asked three times for further nominations.

Aurie Hensman declined nomination by Barbara Bell.

Motion: to close nominations for the position of President.

Moved by: Marcus Little

Seconded by: George Millbrandt

CARRIED

Paul Smith was acclaimed as President for a term of two years.

Motion: to close the elections.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Dan O’Leary

CARRIED

Motion: to approve all the people acclaimed.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Marcus Little

CARRIED

ELECTION RESULTS

President – 2 years	Paul Smith
VP Internal – 2 years	Diane Hollingsworth
Treasurer – 1 year	Bruno Leps
Corporate Secretary – 2 years	Joan Campbell

Director-at-large – 2 years	Wally Simpson
Director-at-large – 1 year	Ronny Yaron

With the elections concluded, Aurie Hensman turned the meeting back to Paul Smith.

Acknowledgements:

The Chair announced that Frank McLean is resigning as Delegate from 25 The Esplanade, including his roles as SLNA Waterfront Liaison and SLNA Representative to the Toronto City Centre Airport Community Advisory Committee (TCCACAC) effective with the April 26 Delegates meeting. Delegates applauded Frank McLean’s work.

Paul Smith recognized Samantha Hewitt for handling the responsibilities of Corporate Secretary. Delegates applauded.

Paul Smith thanked Jorge Carvalho of the St. Lawrence Market for providing refreshments and for his service to the community. Delegates applauded.

Paul Smith thanked Nancy Sheppard, his mentor. Delegates applauded.

Announcements:

Edward Nixon introduced himself as City appointee on the Union Station Public Advisory Group. He announced that a public forum and workshop is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 12:45 sign-in, at Union Station’s Great Hall. There will be a presentation on the history of the train shed, plans GO has for expansion, a tour, refreshments and a chance to do exploratory visioning work for what can be done in the future. Members of the community are welcome to attend. Pam McConnell will send a notice from her website. The SLNA will email notice to Delegates. People can look up www.toronto.ca/unionstation for more information.

Councillor Pam McConnell announced Environment Day, Thursday, May 4, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Lower Sherbourne Park, Members of the community can bring recyclables, and pick up compost. Notification will be posted in residential buildings.

Ronny Yaron reminded Delegates that a public meeting on the West Don Lands is scheduled for April 5 at St. Lawrence Hall.

The Chair reminded Delegates to distribute current copies of the SLNA’s newsletter to every unit in their buildings.

12. Refreshments

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 7:00 pm.

Corporate Secretary

Chair