

# SLNA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 28, 2007

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade

## Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park  
Secretary: Joan Campbell, Market Square  
VP External: Hugh-Francis Burns, Longboat Residents Association  
VP Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op  
Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square

At Large: Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade  
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park  
At Large: Connie Yang, O.W.N. Co-op

## Voting Delegates in Attendance:

Randy Bath, 15 Scadding  
Patricia Bearclaw, Cathedral Court Co-op  
Keith Bricknell, The Metropole  
Joan Boyd, P.A.L.  
Jennifer Chan, Windmill Line Co-op  
Richard Cuthbert, 71 Front St E.  
Terry Eitel, Old York Tower  
Karl Froehr, Windmill Line Co-op  
Aurie Hensman, 160 Frederick St  
Catherine Limbertie, 1 Church St  
Marcus Little, The Wellington

Emma McBey, O.W.N Co-op  
George Milbrandt, Longboat  
Ronald Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op  
Maria Moreno, O.W.N Co-op  
Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding  
Loralie Olinyk, Harmony Co-op Homes  
Sherri Russell, F.A.N.  
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower  
Farhan Syed, The Metropole  
Jacquie Williams, Old York Tower

**REGRETS:** Lene Andersen, 140 The Esplanade

## Associate Members & Guests:

Jennifer Arp, Bill Graham's office  
Michael Comstock, St Lawrence Market BIA  
Marie Copkov, 176 The Esplanade  
Tom Davidson, Pam McConnell's office  
Ed Majchrowski, TCHC Representative  
Didier Pomerleau, King's Court  
Harry Renaud, 135 George St S.  
Edward Nixon, Windmill Line Co-op

Tim Rourke, 15 Scadding  
Ben Marans, smartLiving St. Lawrence  
Janet Tomas, 222 The Esplanade  
Abigail Moriah for Edward Nixon

**Arlyss Ponchuk, Recording Secretary**

## ACRONYMS:

**BIA:** Business Improvement Area  
**CMHC:** Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
**CFOT:** Citizens for the Old Town  
**CPLC:** Community Police Liaison Committee  
**HRSDC:** Human Resources and Skills Development Canada  
**LEED:** Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design  
**OMB:** Ontario Municipal Board  
**OTTN:** Old Town Toronto Network  
**PSB:** Police Services Board  
**SEDERI:** South East Downtown Economic Redevelopment Initiative

**SLM:** St. Lawrence Market  
**SLMN-BIA:** St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area  
**SLNA:** St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association  
**TABIA:** Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)  
**TCHC:** Toronto Community Housing Corporation  
**TIACAC:** Toronto Island Airport Community Advisory Committee  
**TPA:** Toronto Port Authority  
**TWRC:** Toronto Waterfront Revitalization

**SLCRC:** St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre

## Registration and Refreshments

### 1. Opening Remarks and Round Robin — President Paul Smith

President Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, and chaired the meeting. In lieu of a round robin, he asked Delegates to socialize at the break.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Amendments:

- #4 Greetings from Political Representatives was moved to follow #5 Feature Presentation
- #7 Elections for Executive Positions was moved to precede #5 Feature Presentation.

*Motion: to approve the Agenda as amended.  
Moved by: Cherril Baker  
Seconded by: Karl Froehr  
CARRIED*

### 3. Approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2006 Annual General Meeting and and business arising

*(minutes of the February 28, 2007 delegates meeting are deferred until April)*

*Motion: to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2006 Annual General Meeting as presented.*

*Moved by: Wallace Simpson*

*Seconded by: Ronny Yaron*

*CARRIED*

### 4. Financial Statements and Motions — Bruno Leps, Treasurer

Treasurer Bruno Leps distributed his Treasurer's Report. He presented the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2006.

The Treasurer reported that the SLNA closed the year with \$18,000 in the bank, amongst three bank accounts that he is consolidating into one. The main variance in the budget was \$16,480 in actual revenue rather than the \$2,600 projected, which came from the Canada Day event, the beautification project for SLN gardens, and the film festival.

Bruno offered, if he continues as Treasurer after tonight's elections, to send the annual audited financial statements to Delegates ahead of time.

The Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2007. He described it as essentially the same as for 2006, but with two new expense categories: the website (\$1,000) and brochures and flyers (\$4,500). A design team is re-branding the SLNA, developing a new look for the organization (see presentation later this meeting).

Harry Reynaud pointed out discrepancies between the Auditor's statements and the Treasurer's summaries, particularly showing that the SLNA is running an annual deficit. The Treasurer acknowledged the deficit budget, but noted that overall the SLNA's budget is healthy. The Executive recommends increasing membership in the coming year to break even with expenses, rather than increasing member fees. The Treasurer recommends maintaining the carry forward surplus from 2006 as a contingency fund. The Executive recommends that all SLNA events be self-funding. Nancy Sheppard pointed out that the proposed deficit budget includes a number of items that are one-time only or that are contingency items that might not happen, so that the deficit at year end might total only \$600.

*Motion: to approve the operating budget for 2007 of \$8,000 in revenue and \$16,100 in expenses for a negative net balance of (\$8,100).*

*Moved by: Robert Sherrin*

*Seconded by: Hugh-Francis Burns*

*CARRIED*

*Motion: to approve the audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2006.*

*Moved by: Nancy Sheppard  
Seconded by: Wallace Simpson  
CARRIED*

*Motion: that Cowperthwaite Mehta be re-appointed as our auditors for the 2007 fiscal year.*

## **5. Elections for Executive Positions**

With reference to a list of nominees distributed at the meeting, Paul Smith announced advance nominees for the open executive positions:

VP-External (2-year term): Harry Reynaud  
VP-Internal (1-year term): Ronny Yaron  
Secretary (1-year term): Ani Kounavis  
Treasurer (2-year term): Bruno Leps  
Director-at-Large (2 positions, 2-year terms): Dan O’Leary and Jacquie Williams

Paul opened the floor to further nominations for each position. No nominations were forthcoming.

*Motion: to close the nominations.*

*Moved by: Nancy Sheppard  
Seconded by: Cherril Baker  
CARRIED*

*Motion: that the quorum for Delegates meetings in 2007 be set at 18 (same as 2006).*

*Moved by: Hugh-Francis Burns  
Seconded by: Joan Campbell  
CARRIED*

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*Motion: to acclaim the slate of nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee.*

*Moved by: Hugh-Francis Burns  
Seconded by: Elisabeth Ecker  
CARRIED*

*Motion: to close the elections.*

*Moved by: Hugh-Francis Burns  
Seconded by: Aurie Hensman  
CARRIED*

## **Refreshment Break**

After the break, the Chair called the new Executive members and continuing Executive members (Paul Smith as President and Wallace Simpson as

Director-at-Large) to the front of the room to be acknowledged.

## **6. Feature Presentation: The SLNA’s “New Look”**

Ani Kounavis and Richard Kwong of the SLNA’s Communications Team presented a proposed makeover of the SLNA’s logo, letterhead, website, and related marketing materials. The whole package was developed and donated by Response Innovations, a direct response and advertising agency at 256 Adelaide Street East.

The new logo depicts the SLNA name in full in stylish fonts, with a Victorian gas lamp rising up out of the “L” in St. Lawrence, to depict both the SLN’s modernity and heritage.

The website is planned as “a gathering place for residents to obtain information quickly and effectively.” The team asked Delegates to provide photographs of the neighbourhood for a series of scrolling images at the top of the website’s main page. Ani Kounavis and Derek Norridge have offered to develop the website for free.

A palate of warm colours was selected for the website and all marketing materials (flyers, letterhead sheets, envelopes) for immediate visual identification of the SLNA.

In response to Sherri Russell, Ani stated that the communications team is recruiting members of the community to act as reporters, to write articles on community matters and committee updates for the website.

Ani and Richard noted that the SLNA's email address will remain the same, but the website address will change. There will be an advertising campaign in the community to announce all the changes.

Ani and Richard took into consideration Sherri Russell's recommendation to copyright the website and logo.

In response to Delano Brown, Ani stated that she is working with Derek Norridge to determine if the website can be made readily accessible to people who are visually impaired.

Catherine Limbertie offered to look into French translation of the website.

Delegates thanked Ani Kounavis and Richard Kwong for donating their time to this project. Delegates thanked Frank Touby of *The Community Bulletin* for donating the existing website to the SLNA. Ani thanked Joan Campbell as an advocate for the new website and as a valued continuing member of the Communications Team.

## 7. Other Business

### a) *The Community Bulletin*

Frank Touby announced that *The Community Bulletin* is offering the SLNA a half page of free space for community news in its monthly newspaper. Delegates applauded.

### b) Environment Day

Dan O'Leary announced that Councillor Pam McConnell's annual Environment Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, at the park at Sherbourne and The Esplanade. Compost will be available for pickup. People can drop off old computers, batteries, tires, and paint for recycling. Energy efficient products will be available. A replanting project for children will take place that day.

### c) Garbage Clean-up

New Delegate Maria Corfe asked the SLNA to approach government to clean up the garbage in the neighbourhood, and particularly to provide more garbage cans. She asked to be included in any related initiatives. The Chair advised that the SLNA's intention is to have a clean and healthy neighbourhood and added that her concern was noted by Tom Davidson of Councillor Pam McConnell's office, present at the meeting.

Elisabeth Ecker asked that the City ensure that plastic bags in City garbage cans be weighed down so they do not turn inside out in the wind. The Chair stated that the Executive will raise the matter with Parks & Recreation.

## 7. Greetings from Political Representatives

### a) George Smitherman (MPP)

The Chair welcomed John Kennaley of George Smitherman's office. John expressed regrets that George Smitherman was unable to attend tonight as he is conducting two seminars across metro Toronto concerning the most recent Ontario budget.

As requested by the Executive, John gave an update on community health centres (chc's). The Ontario government is committed to increasing the number of chc's from 54 to 76. The SLN and east of the SLN is being examined to determine if a new chc will be established here.

The constituency office is publicizing its contact information so that people, especially new move-ins, and particularly immigrants, can learn what help is available to them in areas including healthcare and drivers' licenses. Joan Campbell offered that the SLNA publish the MPP's contact information on the SLNA's website.

Paul Smith advised that a committee is looking into establishing a Youth Academy of the Arts School in the neighbourhood. They plan to open in September 2007, and are seeking the donation of 2,000 square feet of space. John offered to determine what funding for the school might be available through

the provincial government. Sylvia Grimson distributed flyers.

Ewa Jarmicka asked whether George Smitherman will visit the SLN this summer. Paul Smith advised that he has been invited to the SLN's Canada Day celebration at St. James Park.

The Chair thanked John Kennaley for his report. Delegates applauded.

**b) Hon. Bill Graham (MP)**

No representative was present.

**c) Councillor Pam McConnell**

The Chair and Delegates welcomed Councillor Pam McConnell, who arrived at 8:42 p.m. She described the work that her office is doing in conjunction with SLNA's 20-point plan:

Heritage and Conservation:

The City is sending out a request for proposals (rfp) for a heritage interpretation plan in two parts: a heritage interpretation plan for Old Town Toronto and a plan for lighting neighbourhood buildings.

Greening and Sustainability:

City Council has approved bicycle lanes for Yonge Street. This is part of a plan to connect to a new neighbourhood to be called the Waterfront, a neighbourhood for walking and cycling like the SLN. This was accomplished without reducing lanes of traffic. The Yonge Street Promenade is in its final stages of planning. The SLNA and its Development Committee were instrumental in bringing forward the notion that development on Yonge Street had to connect with the SLNA through a pedestrian conduit.

Underpasses are being cleaned.

**9. Concluding Remarks — Paul Smith**

**a) Downtown Alternative School**

Paul Smith introduced Leo Agosta. Leo advised that he would like to provide a bridge between the three local schools (Downtown Alternative School, St. Michael's Catholic School, and Market Lane School) and the SLNA so that the schools become more integrated into the association.

A community meeting was held recently to present a plan for an office building to be constructed at the foot of Jarvis Street. Attendees, including representatives from GWNA, expressed approval that the site will include good public spaces and a sustainable building (to be certified LEEDS gold).

Councillor McConnell praised the SLNA for setting a framework for the rest of the city in emphasizing the importance of how each new building fits into the neighbourhood. "The work you have done in terms of sustainability has now been embedded into many other communities." Delegates applauded. Special thanks was given to Cam Miller.

Social Infrastructure:

The SLNA and particularly Connie Yang have championed the establishment of a seniors' centre in the SLN. 70 The Esplanade has offered space for the centre for five years. The City will pay heat and electricity. The centre will be run entirely by SLN seniors. Councillor McConnell expressed hope that the centre becomes a model for the rest of the city. Connie Yang noted that she and Joan Campbell work together as co-Chairs of the Seniors Project.

Councillor McConnell stated, "We know the SLNA is the most successful community in Canada." She concluded, "I am really proud you chose me as your representative and hope I do you justice at Council." Delegates applauded.

Joan Campbell asked for an update on funding for a study on the heritage conservation district. Councillor McConnell advised that due to changes in regulations, Section 37 funds can no longer be used, and that the study will need to wait for Section 44 moneys. The next Section 44 funds available will be red flagged for that project.

The Chair thanked Councillor McConnell for her report.

Leo announced that the Downtown Alternative School (DAS), located at Jarvis and The Esplanade on the second floor above the Golden Griddle, plans to renovate the schoolground out front that it shares with St. Michael's Catholic School. He distributed a plan for the renovation, which includes a greening project, a peace garden with native plants, seating

areas, cobb container gardens, and an outdoor theatre. He described the initiative as a community building project, and noted that the schoolground will still contain a very large play area. He asked for volunteers and for funding. Renovations might start as early as the end of April and will take place over the next couple of years.

DAS's annual bazaar, its main fundraising event, will take place on June 9. The SLNA's website and *The Community Bulletin* will announce details. The school accepts donations for the event. Leo offered to speak more on the bazaar at the SLNA's next Delegates meeting.

#### b) Outgoing Executive

### Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges the St. Lawrence Market Complex for sponsoring this evening's refreshments, and OWN for hosting tonight's meeting.

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, at 7:00 pm.

Paul Smith announced that three very devoted and dedicated volunteers to the SLNA are leaving their positions on the Executive: Joan Campbell, Connie Yang, and Hugh-Francis Burns. He asked Delegates to thank them for their tremendous efforts. Delegates applauded. Bruno Leps handed out gifts and cards to each on behalf of the SLNA.

#### c) SLNA meeting location and set-up

Ronny Yaron asked for volunteers to set up the meeting space and arrange for refreshments for future Delegates meetings as Connie Yang is no longer available to do so. She noted that Connie, as a member of OWN, has been providing the meeting space, and noted that the SLNA will need to book a location, either OWN or elsewhere, for future meetings. Delegates applauded Connie's work.

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Corporate Secretary

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President