



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 26, 2008

OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade
Toronto, Ontario

Executive Members in Attendance:

President: Paul Smith, St. Lawrence on the Park
VP Internal: Ronny Yaron, Woodsworth Co-op
Treasurer: Bruno Leps, Market Square
At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding
At Large: Wallace Simpson, Crombie Park
At Large: Jacque Williams, Old York Tower

Executive Absent with Regrets:

VP External: Harry Renaud, Residents Association
Secretary: Ani Kounavis, 25 The Esplanade

Voting Delegates in Attendance

Cherril Baker, David B. Archer Co-op
Patricia Bearclaw, Cathedral Court Co-op
Joan Boyd, PAL
Joan Campbell, Market Square
Jennifer Chan, Windmill Line Co-op
Marie Copkov, 176 The Esplanade
David Crawford, 135 George Street South
Elizabeth Ecker, 65 Scadding
Oleg Holowaty, 25 George Street
Roman Janco, 109 Front Street East
Valerie Joseph, Muriel Collins Co-op
Hawaa Kabbashy, New Hibret Co-op
Glen Kim, Mozo
Richard Kwong, Mozo
Arlene Markow, Woodsworth Co-op
Emma McBey, OWN Co-op
Ronald Monteith, Woodsworth Co-op

Sherri Russell, FAN
Alan Seymour, Old York Tower
Becky Street, 109 Front Street East
Wendy Stockwell, St. Lawrence Lofts
Lumumba Wolde-Gariel, 140 The Esplanade
Connie Yang, OWN Co-op

Voting Delegates Absent with Regrets:

Terry Eitel, Old York Tower

Non-Voting Associates:

Stig Harvor, La Place St. Laurent
David Sangaraille, La Place St. Laurent

Guests:

David Brewster
Laurie Channer, 65 Scadding
Jim & Barbara Dalziel, 65 Scadding
Tom Davidson, Councillor Pam McConnell's Office
Dennis Glasgow
John Kennaley, MPP George Smitherman's Office
Anita McMaster, Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association
Edward Nixon, EN Consulting
Sam Washington

Recording Secretary

Arlyss Ponchuk

Registration and Refreshments

1. Opening Remarks and Round Robin — President Paul Smith

President Paul Smith called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm, quorum having been met, and chaired the meeting.

The President encouraged Delegates to visit the SLNA's new website at www.slna.ca. Delegates applauded David Crawford and Bruno Leps for their work on it. The President advised that the SLNA's response rate for email queries at slna@bellnet.ca has increased thanks to Wallace Simpson who picks up and redirects emails daily.

Bruno Leps and Paul Smith are negotiating with EnerAct for the SLNA to take a more active role in smartliving St. Lawrence. A committee of local people provide technical counsel. Dan O'Leary, Dennis Bartels, Ian Lipton, and Gabriel Draven have a lot of experience in energy conservation and greening initiatives.

The Executive is looking for Champions for the Community Improvement Plan (CIP). Volunteers are needed who will mirror and monitor City staff. "We want to be first on their list of priorities." That takes some pressure from volunteers who will email, write to, and call the City representatives responsible for each project. Delegates are encouraged choose projects on the SLNA website or at an upcoming article in *The Bulletin* (categorized by City department, then by project). Sheri Russell and Sunga McLean from the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre have agreed to co-ordinate volunteers.

Bob Kemp of the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA created an initiative to water the neighbourhood's trees, to "Save the Planet One Tree at a Time." There are about 500

trees in the SLNA and about 25% are dying. With a donation from Citizen's Bank of about \$5,000, Bob purchased an electric scooter and wagon with watering tank. He will hire people from local shelters to water the trees. The scooter and wagon will be on display at St. Lawrence Market's Customer Appreciation night on April 3, at the North Market.

Paul endorsed the slate of candidates for the new Executive, to be elected tonight. "These people are highly qualified to give us leadership and activity." His term ending this evening, he thanked the SLNA and the Executive "one and all."

A round table of introductions was conducted.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Patricia Bear Claw

Seconded by: Cherril Baker

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of the March 28, 2007 Annual General Meeting and Business Arising

Motion: to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2007 Annual General Meeting as presented.

Moved by: Wallace Simpson

Seconded by: Bruno Leps

CARRIED

Treasurer Bruno Leps encouraged any Delegates who are not receiving minutes and other SLNA correspondence by

email to ask him or Director Jacquie Williams to be included in the mail-out list.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 Delegates' meeting as presented.

Moved by: David Crawford

Seconded by: Emma McBey

CARRIED

4. Feature Presentation by Tom Davidson (Constituency Assistant to Councillor Pam McConnell)

The Chair welcomed Tom Davidson.

Hydro One Site

Two years of construction at the transfer station between Sherbourne and Frederick south of The Esplanade finished recently. An underground tunnel was built to connect the transfer station to another transfer station, to enable Hydro to draw on the resources of one or the other during power outages across their grid range.

During construction nearby residents endured emissions of dust and other elements, and construction noise. Hydro One responded to some concerns, but residents are relieved that

the construction work is completed. Hydro One has offered to "give something back" in return for the neighbourhood's consideration. They will install all around the site an attractive brick wall topped with ornamental iron fencing. The design is consistent with the character of the neighbourhood. It was chosen in consultation with the community, particularly with residents of Frederick Street whose homes face the site. Hydro One will also insert mature-sized columnar oak trees and some conifers to complete the line of trees around the site, and will put plantings between. Construction of the wall will begin in late summer and finish by fall.

Through a different project with Toronto Hydro the lamp posts on Frederick Street will be replaced any day now as spring weather improves.

Jarvis Slip: Sugar Beach

Tom Davidson gave a computer presentation of the design winner for the Jarvis Slip public space, to be called Sugar Beach. The site is located at the foot of Jarvis Street next to the proposed Corus building. It will be publicly accessible and will fit into Corus's use as a media building with an open theatrical element on the side. The proposed waterfront promenade will pass through it. The site will include semi-mature trees irrigated by a system combining rain collection and lake water, a beach, and pylon lighting for illumination at night. Public washrooms will be on site, perhaps coin-operated washrooms under the City's proposed city-wide streetscape furniture plan. The Corus building next to Sugar Beach will be accessible to the public, with a restaurant and a café. City planners are negotiating extended hours of public access to Corus. The design for Corus has not yet been approved. Construction on Sugar Beach will begin later this year and finish in 2010. Construction on Corus is scheduled to begin in the summer.

Sherbourne Park

Tom Davidson gave a computer presentation, using the designer's presentation to the review panel. Sherbourne Park will be a 4-acre park located at the foot of Sherbourne Street, and bisected by Queen's Quay. Vehicular access will be on the west side, separated from the park by a double row of trees and sidewalk. Buildings, as yet undecided, will be built to the east, but there will be no private doorsteps onto the park as the park is a public space.

Businesses immediately north of Queen's Quay are privately owned. The City and the Waterfront Corporation approved a precinct plan with a specific built form to be allowed in the future. Landowners can apply for development rights once the City issues a tender. The land will probably be turned into residential developments, including affordable housing and certain levels of sustainable building standards. The benefit to the landowners is that they will be allowed to build to a certain height and a certain "envelope." A 40-storey tower is planned for the foot of Sherbourne Street. Between Sherbourne and Jarvis a line of 12-storey buildings will be allowed with towers at either side. This was negotiated to avoid a line of tall buildings running east to west obscuring the lake from the city as is the case farther west in downtown Toronto. Building heights toward the lake will be staggered lower, to about four storeys at

lakeside. Tom offered on request to provide the SLNA the zoning by-laws for the East Bayfront precinct.

Land south of Queen's Quay is mostly publicly owned, so the City can issue tenders to developers directly and will have more control over what is selected to be built there.

Construction will begin later this year and finish by the spring of 2010.

Laurie Channer, a visitor from 65 Scadding, pointed out that there are existing businesses on the west side of lower Sherbourne Street. She asked what will happen to them given the precinct plan. Tom Davidson offered to find out. He pointed out that a new site for George Brown College will be built at the foot of Sherbourne Street.

Regarding the waterfront public promenade, Tom Davidson stated that a proposal for Queen's Quay would eliminate the vehicular lanes south of the streetcar line and replace them with a continuation of the promenade and a bicycle lane, and maintain the north lanes for vehicular traffic. The proposal is undergoing a series of environmental studies. The goal is to make that area more accessible. Tom Davidson confirmed that a railway line next to Redpath Sugar has prior existing rights and will remain.

City Planners aim to make East Bayfront accessible to nearby neighbourhoods not only east/west via the promenade, but also north/south across the Gardiner Expressway and train tracks. The park will be built first, as will Corus and George Brown College, as incentive for later residential developments.

Sherbourne Park trees will be primarily white birch. A stormwater remediation and water purification system will be designed into the park so that a channel of water will lead down to the lake. The water will pass through a natural cleansing process involving ultraviolet light and reeds. A small lake will be inset into the park for summertime swimming and winter skating, and can be drained to be converted into a public forum space.

The Chair thanked Tom Davidson. Delegates applauded.

To request more information on East Bayfront development plans, see the SLNA's new website at www.slna.ca for a contact list.

6. Financial Statements and Motions — Bruno Leps, Treasurer

The final budget for 2007, the proposed budget for 2008, and the Auditor's Report were emailed to Delegates prior to the meeting.

2007 Budget

The initial budget for 2007 forecast a loss of \$6,700. At yearend the budget had a surplus of \$2,577, in part because \$4,500 budgeted for marketing materials (brochures etc.) will be paid from the 2008 budget. All budget categories were underspent.

2008 Budget

Membership Fees are budgeted at \$8,900, same as for 2007. In 2007 \$9,200 was collected because some outstanding fees from 2006 were paid in 2007. The Planner's Tour was a success, so will be repeated this year at a projected cost of \$1,000, the expense to be shared with other local organizations. The Canada Day event is self-funding thanks to Connie Yang and her team applying for funding. The budget includes new items for beautification and gardening. The budget allocation for elections is for All-Candidates meetings, which have been successful to-date. Although there is a projected loss of \$4,350, the budget has a \$20,000 carryforward from previous years to draw from. The beautification and gardening projects funded in 2008 will probably become self-supporting within a year or two, neutralizing any ongoing deficit in the budget.

Elisabeth Ecker asked what items fall under capital expenditures in the 2007 budget. The Treasurer explained that funds were allocated for purchase of a computer. A laptop computer was bought for \$300, and was treated as an operating expense rather than as a capital expense.

Hawaa Kabbashy asked whether the software license for the website would be expensive. The Treasurer explained that Microsoft offers a steep discount through organizations that provide software to nonprofit groups. The SLNA has arranged with a company in California to purchase a full license for less than \$80.

Hawaa Kabbashy asked, as revenue comes mostly from membership fees, what is the make-up of the SLNA's members. The President explained that SLNA members include residential buildings, such as co-operatives, Toronto City Housing Corporation, townhouse rows such as Longboat Residents Association, and condominiums. The SLNA's new website lists the association's membership. In 2007, 3-4 new buildings joined. The Executive's objective each year is to try to increase that base, to become a more powerful activist group. The boundaries of the SLNA are from Queen Street to the tracks, and from Yonge Street to Parliament Street.

Motion: that we have an Operating Budget in 2008 of \$16,150 in revenue and \$20,500 in expenses.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Alan Seymour

CARRIED

Auditor's Report

The Treasurer presented the Auditor's report.

Elisabeth Ecker asked the cost of the Auditor. The Treasurer explained that the total cost is \$950, which includes \$800 for the audit and \$150 for filing federal taxes. Under new government regulations, nonprofit organizations are no longer required to conduct an annual audit, as it can be a burden to a nonprofit group. Nonetheless the SLNA Executive recommend for the sake of continuity in documentation and accuracy in recordkeeping that the SLNA continue to have an annual audit. Therefore an allocation for an audit of the 2008 financial statements is included in the 2008 budget.

In 2006 the SLNA ended the year with a surplus of \$19,367, and in 2007 the SLNA ended the year with a surplus of \$21,720. The SLNA is therefore in good shape financially.

Motion: to approve the audited financial statements as prepared by Cowperthwaite Mehta for the period ending December 31, 2007.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Connie Yang

CARRIED

Hawaa Kabbashy and another Delegate asked going forward that votes include requests not only for Delegates in favour, but also for those against and those abstaining. The Chair agreed to do so, explaining that votes have been by a significant majority in favour so far.

Motion: that Cowperthwaite Mehta be re-appointed as our auditors for the 2008 fiscal year.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Elisabeth Ecker

CARRIED

Connie Yang proposed that the SLNA apply for charitable status in order to be able to issue tax receipts to encourage

donations. The Treasurer reminded Delegates that under charitable status it is much harder to take a stance as a political activist, and the SLNA would have to complete much more paperwork. Cherril Baker added that this matter

has arisen repeatedly and that not applying for charitable status has been the SLNA's position for many years.

Delegates applauded the Treasurer's presentation.

6. Elections for Executive Positions

The Chair presented onscreen the biographies of advance nominees for the open Executive positions:

President (2-year term): Suzanne Kavanagh was already standing. The Chair called three times for more nominees. There were none. Suzanne Kavanagh was acclaimed. She described her background and interest. .

Secretary (2-year term): Matthew Raizenne was already standing. The Chair called three times for more nominations. There were none. Matthew Raizenne was acclaimed. He was not present to speak.

VP-External (2-year term): Robert Sherrin and Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel were standing. The Chair called three times for more nominations. Ballots were created and distributed for the election.

VP-Internal (2-year term): Jacquie Williams, having completed one year as Director-at-Large, was already standing. The Chair called three times for more nominations. There were none. Jacquie Williams was acclaimed. She spoke about her work to-date as Director.

Motion: to appoint Tom Davidson of Councillor Pam McConnell's office and John Kennaley of MPP George Smitherman's office as Scrutineers.

Moved by: Hawaa Kabbashy

Seconded by: Elisabeth Ecker

CARRIED

The Scrutineers left the room to count the vote for the position of VP-External.

Motion: that the quorum for Delegates meetings in 2008 be set at 18 (same as 2007).

Moved by: Patricia Bear Claw

Seconded by: Dan O'Leary

CARRIED

Ronny Yaron on behalf of the SLNA thanked Paul Smith for serving as President for the last two years. "He has been a light in our lives. He has given us a lot of new energy. We've had so many good ideas from Paul. He is a fountain of creativity. He has so much more enthusiasm for community development than anything that we could ever hope to accomplish. A lot of what you think of as the SLNA is now due to him." Ronny explained that Paul would receive a gift of appreciation later. She gave him a card at this time. Delegates applauded.

Connie Yang thanked Paul Smith for being a great help in organizing Canada Day. "We will really miss you and hopefully you can come back to our SLNA meetings and give us more ideas." Delegates applauded.

The Scrutineers returned. They submitted the ballots and reported results to the Chair. The Chair announced that Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel was elected as VP-External.

Director-at-Large (2 positions open for 2-year terms): Ronny Yaron and Wallace Simpson were standing. The Chair called for more nominations. There were none. Ronny Yaron and Wallace Simpson were acclaimed. They spoke of their interest in being on the Executive.

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President – 2 years	Suzanne Kavanagh
VP External – 2 years	Lumumba Wolde-Gabriel
VP Internal – 2 years	Jacquie Williams

Treasurer – 1 year (continuing)	Bruno Leps
Corporate Secretary – 2 years	Matthew Raizenne
Director-at-Large – 1 year (continuing)	Dan O’Leary
Director-at-large – 2 years	Wallace Simpson
Director-at-large – 2 years	Ronny Yaron

7. Other Business

a) Canada Day Celebration

Connie Yang has applied for a grant for the 2009 Canada Day Celebration. The granting agency asks that the SLNA endorse the six-point action plan of Canada’s Action Plan against racism and discrimination.

Motion: that the SLNA hereby endorses the six point action plan of Canada’s Action Plan against racism and discrimination:

- #1. Assist victims and groups vulnerable to racism and related forms of discrimination.*
- #2. Develop forward-looking approaches to promote diversity and combat racism.*
- #3. Strengthen the role of civil society.*
- #4. Strengthen regional and international cooperation.*

#5. Educate children and youth on diversity and anti-racism.

#6. Counter hate and bias.

Moved by: Emma McBey

Seconded by: Alan Seymour

CARRIED

Motion: that the SLNA agrees to continue the celebration of the Canada Day event as proposed by Connie Yang, a Delegate of the SLNA.

Moved by: Cherril Baker

Seconded by: Joan Campbell

CARRIED

8. Concluding Remarks — New President

Suzanne Kavanagh offered to answer questions. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

The SLNA acknowledges The St. Lawrence Market Tenants’ Association for sponsoring this evening’s refreshments, and OWN for hosting tonight’s meeting.

Corporate Secretary

President