



**MINUTES OF THE DELEGATES' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
March 28, 2018 OWN Co-op, 115 The Esplanade**

**Present**

Suzanne Kavanagh (President)  
Sharon McMillan (Secretary)  
Toby Tenenbaum (Treasurer)  
Marcus Little  
Cherril Baker  
Kathryn Cymbalisky  
Richard Anobile

**Apologies**

**Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

**Suzanne Kavanagh**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Suzanne welcomes everyone and notes that it is the 35th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association. Suzanne introduces the board and announces this is her last meeting before retiring from the board. Miriah Bough was appointed as recording secretary.

**1.0 Approval of AGM Agenda**

It was **moved** to approve the Agenda for the AGM. The Agenda was **ACCEPTED**.

**MOVED BY: Louise Murdock**  
**SECONDED BY: Emma McBay**  
**All in favour.**

**2.0 Approval of AGM Minutes from March 29, 2017**

It was **moved** to approve the Minutes of the Delegates' Annual General Meeting held on March 30, 2016. The motion was **CARRIED**.

**MOVED BY: Mary MacDonald**  
**SECONDED BY: Dan O'Leary**  
**All in favour.**

**3.0 Treasurer's Report  
Tenenbaum**

**Toby**

Toby summarizes that there was a financial review by numerous people and all was approved and looks fine. Overall, revenues were higher than operating expenses (what is expected to be spent on the cost of operating the association) this year. Some reserved funds were used for extra projects such as the plaque for St. Lawrence Hall as well as an update of the website which needed to be modernized. There were reserved funds kept for this purpose. These reserved funds were considered expenses in the review which is why this shows a small deficit (\$320.00 expense over revenue).

Suzanne notes we are doing very well in terms of fundraising and membership in the area has been strong. The importance of membership and building membership is crucial. The SLNA is known for being very good at coming back to the community to ask for motions. This should be celebrated, unlike other associations, this one is taken very seriously and makes sure to communicate with their delegates and community. Externally, the SLNA is known as one of the strongest neighbourhood association in the city.

#### **4.0 Nominating Report/ Election of Board of Directors**

**Marcus Little**

Marcus asks for two scrutineers to act with David Crawford: Brian McCoy and Mary MacDonald volunteer. There are five candidates nominated, with three positions to fill. Marcus opens the floor to further nominations. No further nominations.

It was **moved** to close nominations. Motion **carried**.

**MOVED BY: Wally Simpson**

**SECONDED BY: Debra Corey**

**All in favour.**

The candidates come to introduce themselves:

**Richard Anoblie** having already worked a one year term would like to continue with the board. Richard is hoping to see many contributions given by the committees. He would like to see the association grow in strength.

**Bruno Leps** has been living in the neighbourhood since 1984 and thinks it is the best place to be in Toronto. He believes the resident involvement is what keeps a neighbourhood strong. He believes the association has done a great job representing interest and communicating with all three levels of government. He hopes to continue this tradition.

**Catherine Limbertie** has also been on the board in the past and is really excited to represent diversity. She is hoping to bring another voice to the board (condo owners versus condo renters). She is hoping to reach out and share the value of community for those who may not necessarily own homes in the area.

**Dan O'Leary** felt very embraced by the community when he moved here and is hoping to continue doing work with the board to serve a community he knows quite well.

**Sabina Sormova** has a number of years experience on multiple boards. She is involved with Metrolinx Community Advisory Community, discussing all elements of Metrolinx and how it affects this neighbourhood. She hopes to bring her energy and ideas to the board.

#### **4.1 Election Results**

**Marcus Little**

Marcus Little thanks the candidates and announces the new Board Members (3 year term) as:

- Richard Anobile**
- Bruno Leps**
- Sabina Sormova**

#### **5.0 President's Report**

**Suzanne Kavanagh**

Suzanne wants to express how important it is for the association to build on what is already being done and to find new ways to engage the community, especially with young people.

The Development Committee, the manager having retired this year, was met with to discuss how the area is developing and changing. What is this neighbourhood going to look like long after we are gone? The manager noted that the SLNA is the gold standard for the city. Two other neighbourhood associations have now copied this template. This makes it so important to be talking to developers so that they understand how we want this neighbourhood to look and feel. New developers need to keep in mind the history and the heritage of the area. Development is ongoing and we have to stand firm to remind people this is a heritage area.

Metrolinx is one very important change to the neighbourhood, building one track north and two south. The committee is working with them and are persistent about how underpasses should be added to the area. They are also working on noise and vibration limitations. This should be kept in mind as there will be much more as things go on.

The Heritage Conservation District and OMB have been meeting to express the importance of heritage, which should not be a deterrent for development, but to remind new developments to keep in theme with the neighbourhood. The Association has been putting up many plaques in the area, six so far, including a large one at St. Lawrence Hall.

The St. Lawrence Precinct can now say that the North Market is under construction, in the hopes of being a new potential home for the association and a place for seniors' activities.

West Donlands is another committee working closely to decide on beneficial development. They just celebrated their 20th anniversary.

Waterfront For All was another collection of associations which started to make sure that everyone can get to the water for boating, art, activities, etc.

In closing, it is very important to continue to grow and celebrate the SLNA anniversary, plaques and volunteers. Volunteering is a moral imperative, but the best part is you get to meet great people.

Peter Lovering on behalf of Councillor Troisi, just wanted to pass on the new By-Laws and Amendments about the overnight construction by-law just issued by John Tory. He encourages everyone to look at them or contact him to discuss them. The councillor is busy, but

she is very aware of downtown issues. Peter can personally send along any information the neighbourhood would like.

## **6.0 Key Note Presentation: Sidewalk Toronto**

Suzanne introduces keynote speakers:

Kristina Verner, Vice President, Innovation, Sustainability and Prosperity,  
Waterfront Toronto

Jesse Shapins, Director of Design, Sidewalk Labs

Waterfront Toronto is responsible for revitalizing the neighbourhoods along the Waterfront. They were started to show new ways of creating cities. They expand transit, create public spaces, sustainable communities, etc. Their exciting new project is Quayside, a new type of mixed-use, complete community. They are hoping to pilot ideas on Quayside and expand them. It really focuses on a sustainable community with affordable homes, public transit, parks, etc. Sidewalk Labs was chosen as their partner.

Sidewalk Labs was created two years ago, to start really thinking about city living and how to improve it with technology. They were built to improve difficulties such as affordability, mobility and access to opportunities. What would a city look like if you designed it for people first in the digital age? Cities are all about people first. What role can technology play in bettering the quality of life? Thus, their ideas mixed well with the hopes of Waterfront Toronto.

Their core principles see Quayside as an open standard (a place for everyone), diverse and technological private space.

As a growing city, we face many issues in Toronto, including traffic, lack of green space and affordability. They hope to establish a complete community that allows exceptional quality of life for a diverse audience, create a destination for people and businesses, make Toronto the hub of urban innovation, and serve as a model for sustainable neighbourhoods in Toronto and around the world.

One topic they address is the many concerns of privacy. In a neighbourhood with technology as a focus it is a very important to keep data private and think about the importance of intellectual property. Privacy is a top priority for this project and they are adhering to the strict policies in place about collecting data and information.

They launched October 2017, and are currently at the very beginning of their work. They are hoping to have many roundtable sessions open to all of the community before beginning their building process.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

**Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.**

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**Secretary**

**President**