



## **St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday, November 24, 2024 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Hosted on the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform**

### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome, Land Acknowledgement
- Delegate Approval - 2025 SLNA Budget
- St. Lawrence Market Update, Daniel Picheca
- Waterfront Toronto update, Mira Schenker
- Aging in Place Series #4: Partner Resources
- Community Updates

SLNA Chair, Stewart Linton, welcomed community members and Delegates to the November 24, 2024 SLNA Community Meeting. Stewart kicked off the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

### **Delegate Approval - 2025 SLNA Budget**

The budget for 2025 was circulated to delegates prior to this meeting. It was reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Delegate Suzanne Kavanagh made the motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. Delegate Lorraine Borek seconded. There were no objections.

### **St. Lawrence Market Update - Daniel Picheca**

With Market Street still pedestrianized, Daniel announced the inaugural Winter Market. This free event will be held on Market Street between Front Street and The Esplanade, Thursdays to Sundays between December 5-23. The Winter Market will offer a festive shopping experience filled with unique artisanal goods, delicious seasonal food and drinks, and exciting entertainment!

### Hours:

- Thursdays and Fridays: 12pm - 7pm
- Saturdays and Sundays: 10am - 5pm
- Monday, December 23: 10am - 4pm

Daniel also shared an update on the North Market building. Portions of the building have already been turned over to the city. Daniel anticipates that the space will be opened to the public in March of 2025, with event space bookings available in the spring. There are also plans for a grand opening of the building; dates and details TBC.

Delegates asked about sharing posting details of the Winter Market in their respective buildings. Details and links will be posted on the SLNA website, and posters can also be picked up at the Positive discussion. Discussion on posters and details - all will be posted on SLNA website. Posters can also be picked up at the St. Lawrence Market office.

Links:

- [Winter Market Website & Full Entertainment Schedule](#)

### **Waterfront Toronto - Mira Schenker**

Mira shared updates on the Port Lands flood protection, Don River re-naturalizing, park construction. In early 2025, the design for streets and public realm will kick off. And that the park and river will be opened to the public in summer 2025.

Mira also shared the new name for Villiers Island in Toronto's Port Lands is Ookwemin Minising, which means "place of the black cherry trees" in Anishinaabemowin/Ojibwemowin. The name was chosen by a circle of Indigenous advisers to honor the area's history and the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples.

Discussion focused on the timeline for the future Equinox bridge across the Keating channel, and whether that would improve access to local businesses. Delegates also inquired about the reopening of the Don Roadway, which is dependent on completion of adjacent work on Lakeshore Boulevard, targeting the end of 2025. Mira also committed to taking back a request for more benches in the area, but anticipated they were planned for later phases of park and public realm work.

Links:

- [Mira's Presentation](#)
- [Waterfront Toronto - Port Lands Website](#)

### **Aging in Place Speakers Series #4: NORC Innovation Centre Partner Resources**

Stewart provided an update to continue the Aging-in-Place speakers series (formerly NORC speakers series). The NORC innovation centre has released a partner resource list, which will be linked on SLNA website.

Discussion around interest in cross promotion of exercise classes in different buildings, to enable community members to attend. The SLNA board indicated events can be posted on the Events Calendar on the SLNA website.

Links:

- [NORC Innovation Centre Website](#)
- [NORC Innovation Centre Email](#)
- [NORC Ambassadors Do-It-Yourself Guide](#)

## **Community Updates**

### TTC 501 Streetcar

The long awaited [501 Queen streetcar diversion](#) is now open for the duration of Ontario Line construction. Between York Street and Church Street eastbound streetcars will travel along Richmond, and eastbound streetcars will travel along Adelaide, to avoid construction on Queen Street. The [503 Kingston Road streetcar](#) will continue to use Wellington Street to service King Station before returning eastbound.

### Distillery Winter Village

The [Distillery Winter Village](#) is on until the 5th of January.

### Update

OL construction - first parliament site progressing (find link?)

### St. James Church - Clock

The SLNA Board received inquiries on the clock, which has not been functioning since 2023. Maintenance of the clock falls under the City of Toronto Corporate Real Estate Management team and repairs are currently being tendered.

### Participatory Budgeting

Stewart provided an update on the City of Toronto's participatory budgeting process, noting that planters have been added in the neighbourhood.

### The Esplanade - Benches

During the earlier Waterfront Toronto presentation, a delegate raised a concern that benches were removed on The Esplanade to accommodate construction and inquired as to whether they could be reinstated. Macy Parakh from Councillor Moise's office said she would look into it, and ask that inquiries be directed to [mparakh@toronto.ca](mailto:mparakh@toronto.ca).

### Berczy Park

Friends of Berczy Park got the okay to activate the fountain again. Maureen Brown and a team of knitters at Old York Towers and team are knitting scarves for the animal statues.

### [REmarket](#)

As there is no SLNA Community Meeting in December, Nancy shared a reminder that the next REmarket will be held on January 29th & 30th.

### [Nominations to the SLNA Board of Directors](#)

Reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of March (26th). There will be open spots on the board for nomination & election of directors. Delegates in good standing can self-nominate or be nominated via the [nomination form](#).

**Next SLNA Community Meeting - January, 29 2025**