



St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting

**Held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Hosted on the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform**

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome, Land Acknowledgement
- A New Session at Queen's Park - MPP Chris Glover
- Waterfront Toronto: Tripartite Renewal; Medium and Long Term Goals for the Waterfront - Joe Cressy, Chief Strategy and Public Affairs Officer
- Participatory Budgeting
 - 2023 Projects Completing
 - 2025 Projects: Voting starts October 1
- *Did'Ya Know* -- Tips and tricks from SLNA's Waste Reduction Group
- Toronto Centre Updates - Councillor Chris Moise
- Community Updates

SLNA President, Stewart Linton, welcomed community members and Delegates to the September 24th SLNA Community Meeting. Stewart kicked off the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

A New Session at Queen's Park

MPP Chris Glover

MPP Chris Glover shared some updates on events held in the Spadina-Fort York riding this summer, as well as some thoughts on the upcoming session in the Provincial Legislature.

The MPP's office hosted several summer events in the riding, including:

- "Chill with Chris"
- Ice cream at Liberty Village Open Night Film
- A well-attended end-of-summer barbecue (~600 attendees)
- Annual Bollywood Jam celebrating Bollywood culture with music, dance, and food

MPP Glover regularly holds Coffee with Chris throughout the riding; the next one is scheduled for October 18th - location: TBC. Upcoming events are shared on MPP Glover's website and newsletter - [sign up for updates!](#)

Discussion focused on MPP Glover's comments on government transparency and regulations, as well as concerns around bike lane safety and e-bike and bicycle regulation. MPP Glover clarified that enforcement of traffic rules—including bike lane violations—is under city jurisdiction, but committed to follow up on whether traffic officers stationed at intersections have authority to ticket e-scooter and e-bike violators.

Links:

- [Website - MPP Chris Glover](#)
- [Newsletter - MPP Chris Glover](#)

Waterfront Toronto: Tripartite Renewal; Medium and Long Term Goals for the Waterfront

Joe Cressy, Chief Strategy and Public Affairs Officer

Joe presented an update on the revitalization of Toronto's waterfront, highlighting a new \$975 million investment from the three orders of government. He discussed the vision for the eastern waterfront, including the development of Quayside and a new island, as well as plans for improved connectivity and new destinations along the waterfront. Cressy also addressed questions about funding for the Lower Urban boardwalk and the importance of creating better north-south connections to the waterfront.

Links:

- [Waterfront Toronto](#)

Participatory Budgeting 2025

Stewart Linton

Stewart provided a status update on a few of the projects funded through the 2023 Participatory Budgeting process. He also outlined future initiatives like additional heritage banners, digital kiosks, and shoreline commemoration projects.

- *Original Ten Blocks* Commemorative Banner Project: twelve historic buildings which stand or stood along King St. E. between George and Berkeley are featured on pole banners. **Completed October 2025**
- Streetscape Improvement - Garbage Receptacle Wraps: a pilot project to design and install decorative wraps on six garbage receptacles (four locations around Berczy Park and two locations further east, on the south side of Front St. E., near the St. Lawrence Market) in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. SLNA worked closely with the Toronto Centre Councillor's office and STEPS Public Art to select an artist and develop two different designs which evoke the spirit and feel of the neighbourhood. **Completed October 2025**

This year, the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood again has the opportunity to submit and vote on ideas for the neighbourhood. Idea collection kicked off April 1 and concluded June 30. From October 1 - October 31, the community has the opportunity to rank interest in the short list of projects, to assist the City in identifying the projects that will be selected.

Links:

- [Vote on Cluster 5 \(St. Lawrence\) Projects until October 31, 2025](#)

***Did'Ya Know* -- Tips and tricks from SLNA's Waste Reduction Group**

This month, Katelyn focused on the difference between expiry dates and best-before dates, and how misunderstanding them contributes to food waste.

Only five types of products legally require expiry dates:

- Formulated liquid diets
- Pharmacist-sold diet supplements
- Meal replacements
- Nutritional supplements
- Infant formula

All other foods carry best-before dates, which are not regulated and often arbitrarily chosen by manufacturers.

Use common sense and your senses—smell, taste, and sight—to judge food safety. General guidelines:

- Eggs: up to 1 week past best-before
- Dairy: up to 2 weeks
- Shelf-stable items: up to 1 year

Links:

- [SLNA Waste Reduction Group](#)

Toronto Centre Updates

Councillor Chris Moise

Councillor Moise shared several updates, including ongoing efforts to secure additional funding from the province for community projects, the introduction of an educational Community Benefits page with interactive maps, and updates on various neighborhood projects such as pedestrianization efforts in St. Lawrence and improvements to Market Lane Park. The Councillor encouraged community involvement through initiatives like Toronto Center Talks and Participatory Budgeting voting, which Stewart discussed earlier in the meeting, and opens on October 1st.

The Councillor shared that the Toronto Centre Holiday Banquet will be held on December 5th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the St. Lawrence Center Hall. Register for this free event, featuring a buffet-style dinner and the presentation of Community Builders Awards.

Councillor Moise addressed two community concerns during the discussion. First, he confirmed that a plaque honoring Claude Cormier is a feasible project under the participatory budgeting process and will be up for public voting, while repainting the iconic dog statues is scheduled for winter. Second, in response to concerns about a woman living near the Distillery District, Moise explained that the city's encampment office has been engaging her for months, though she has declined services. He emphasized the importance of building trust over time and shared that this approach has helped house others in the area.

Links:

- [Website: Councillor Chris Moise](#)
- [Participatory Budgeting: Vote on Cluster 5 \(St. Lawrence\) Projects until October 31, 2025](#)
- [Toronto Centre Holiday Banquet - Register!](#)

Community Updates

Book Launch: *Housing for All: How Toronto Built the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood*

Frank Lewinberg, one of the founders of Urban Strategies, has just published a new book with co-author and photographer Vincenzo Pietropaolo called *Housing for All: How Toronto Built the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood*. A book launch event will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Lawrence Hall.

- [Register to Attend!](#)
- [Buy Housing for All: How Toronto Built the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood](#)

A Lake Story - Melissa McGill

A procession of over one hundred canoes will travel across Toronto's eastern Waterfront on September 27th and 28th, each carrying colour field paintings made with pigments sourced from the lake/shoreline and activated by the wind. *A Lake Story* articulated Lake Ontario's colour story across the sky and water, amplifying the lake's own voices of vibrancy, ecosystem, and community.

Rekai Centre - Cherry Place

Construction has commenced on the Rekai Centre at Cherry Place, Campus of Care, a new long-term care home and community hub, designed to meet the diverse needs of Toronto's seniors, offer select medical services to the local community and educate the next generation of healthcare workers.

Leader Lane Pedestrianization

The SLNA and Old Town Toronto BIA has been working with the City on pedestrianizing Leader Lane between Wellington St. and Colborne. This will be completed by the end of 2025.

[Rules for Rideables](#)

Learn the [rules for all rideables](#) in Toronto, including what's permitted and not permitted on roads, sidewalks, and other spaces—organized by vehicle type.

[Limberlost Place](#)

George Brown College's commitment to the development of Toronto's East Bayfront community continues with Limberlost Place, a 10-storey mass-timber, net-zero building currently under construction at Queens Quay East and Dockside Drive. Limberlost Place opened for the Fall 2025 academic year.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 29th at 7:00 pm