



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

**Held on Wednesday, April 26, 2026 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Hosted on the Zoom Videoconferencing Platform**

SLNA President Stewart Linton welcomed 70 community members and Delegates to the April 2023 SLNA Community Meeting.

### **51 Division Update – Sgt. Henry Dyck**

Sergeant Dyck reported on a couple of business break and enters on King Street, in both cases the same individual was arrested. By the time the individual was arrested for the break-in at 501 Bistro he was on eight releases from the court already, he had over 115 convictions and he was on three active probation orders at the time of the arrest. He is currently in custody.

Sgt. Dyck introduced two of the newest neighbourhood community officers working in the South End for the waterfront, PC Jason Hanson and PC Alan Wong. PC Hanson is currently in his 18<sup>th</sup> year with the Toronto police force, working in different units, and he has now been in 51 Division for approx. 7 years, and in the waterfront unit for less than a year. He loves working in the waterfront unit because of the stunning beauty of the area and he enjoys interacting with the business owners on a daily basis. PC Wong is in his sixteenth year with the service, both at 51 and Traffic Services and the Transit Unit. The two officers arrived at 51 Division around the same time, but as the last to arrive he feels he is still catching up and taking his lead from Sgt. Dyck. Sgt. Dyck mentioned that another Neighbourhood Meeting is in the works, and it will likely be held in June in Berczy Park. Everybody is always welcome to the meetings, the next one will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> in St. James Town.

## **Toronto's First Post Office (located at 260 Adelaide St. East) – Town of York's Historical Society – Alex Miller-Gerard and Rebecca Rizzo**

Alex Miller-Gerard, the new Executive Director, gave a brief overview of Toronto's First Post Office before introducing Rebecca Rizzo, Museum Coordinator, who works on their new educational programming and outreach. Toronto's First Post Office is a national historic site, a full-service Canada Postal outlet and they function as a museum offering a lot of monthly and annual community events. The Post Office was first built in 1833 by the Postmaster of York, James Scott Howard, and it served as both a post office and his primary residence. The building was lost to time and rediscovered after the fire in 1978. With the assistance of dedicated volunteers the building was restored to its original specifications. There is a research library upstairs, open by request, and there is a scale model of the city from 1837 as well as a large number of books about the Town of York at that time. There was an annual Fundraising Event held on March 6 to celebrate the anniversary of Toronto's incorporation (Toronto's birthday). A Fall authors' series will be coming up and they also offer lectures. The Post Office also features a gift shop. They offer membership through the Town of York's Historical Society, supporting heritage, preservation and educational initiatives. There are also some perks – amongst them discounts in the giftshop, preferred event pricing, an invitation to the AGM and the Society's monthly newsletter. Website: <https://townofyork.com/>

Rebecca is responsible for education programs, the collections, research and the exhibits. Her work is as multi-faceted as is the space, it is really a snapshot in history. It was a Post Office from 1833 to 1837 operated by the original Postmaster and then it ran out of the Adelaide location until 1839. After that Scott Howard was able to sell it to a private homeowner by the name of Harris, and after that it was indeed "lost to history". At one point it served as storage unit for the Farmers Union. It was ultimately completely boarded up until 1978. The fact that it is still operating as a post office is very special, it is the oldest purpose-built post office in Canada. It offers a wide range of educational programs, most of them for elementary school students, some of them are adapted for other levels. But they all end with the students writing a letter with a quill and ink and wax-sealing it, and then it gets sent off in the Post Office. There is a Mothers' Day event coming up on May 11, based around writing a letter to your mother or a mother figure in your life, designed for adults and children. There is presently a temporary exhibit "Sketching the Town of York", showcasing the viewpoints and faces of the early town and how it has developed, and there will be a new exhibit in the summer. They also offer walking tours for both children and adults and they partner with the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse for educational programs. Toronto's First Post Office is open every day, and they will be participating in Doors Open this year.

President Stewart Linton added that the Toronto First Post Office – Town of York Historical Society - has been an associate member of the SLNA for a number of years which is very much appreciated. They will have a table at SLNA's Canada Day celebration at St. James Park.

## **11<sup>th</sup> International Public Markets Conference, June 8 – 10 – What's it all about?**

### **Marina Queirolo**

Marina introduced herself as the founder and steward of an initiative called Market City TO and its purpose is to work with markets across the city such as the St. Lawrence Market and food markets from all across the City that Marina works with regularly. The purpose is to advocate for better policies for markets across the city, to build local capacity so market managers can participate more actively and support one another so that we have better and more locally produced food across the city. This will lead to every neighbourhood having a local market as well as having more economic opportunities for small and medium entrepreneurs that currently have some challenges in accessing customers.

As part of their work they are bringing this conference to our city, the 11<sup>th</sup> International Public Market Conference is happening from June 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in Toronto as part of Local Food Week, an initiative that is in partnership with the City of Toronto Economic Development. The St. Lawrence Market is a partner and serves as the main conference venue. Have you heard about this event before? It is happening in your neighbourhood and it is happening across the City. Do you shop at the St. Lawrence Market? (Many hands up). Do you love markets? (Many said yes). Marina loves markets, too, and started out as a market vendor, followed by 10 years as a practitioner and market manager, managing Evergreen Brickworks, and now she is a researcher and advocate and she is part of the St. Lawrence Market Advisory Committee. This conference is about making markets visible in this city.

The aim is building the mid-size public distribution infrastructure that supports equitable access to fresh, nutritious, culturally appropriate and locally produced food and other goods for all residents, as well as economic opportunities for small and medium entrepreneurs. We all know that markets were shut down during Covid. Our City and our Province think that markets are special events as opposed to simply places for commerce and retail infrastructure. Many of you might not know that we have 110 markets across our city, but nobody thinks of them as one whole sector or network. Many places in the city do not have markets. You are lucky that in your neighbourhood you have our only municipal market. This is a conference that has happened 11 times. It is a national conference and it will bring over 300 practitioners, academics, municipal government, developers and operators of different markets to our city. My first priority is to help inspire some of our municipal staff to think about markets differently and give them more resources and more support as well as showcasing the work we have been doing for so long in our city. Market City TO is my organization, St. Lawrence Market and City of

Toronto are partners and Projects for Public Spaces in the U.S. is the owner of the Conference. People from around the world will be attending, we had a Call for Proposals attracting 81 submissions, people from Italy, from Barcelona, from London, from Kenya, from Peru, from Brazil – they are coming to talk about their market systems and the initiatives they are undertaking, we want to learn from them and they want to learn from us.

Our Conference Theme is “Setting a New Table”. We recognize that over many years markets have been a challenging place, they are not supported and not everyone has access to these opportunities. We want to make our table bigger, we want to include more vendors and more diverse people in the decision-making process and we need to talk about the current challenges and why markets have barriers for people to participate. That is our underlying theme. It is a three-day event. Toronto is responsible for developing the local content, we are doing 12 workshops across the city, plus hosting 6 tours, there will be panel discussions, mainly designed to bring together the international audience with Canadian and local speakers, the Opening Plenary at St. James Cathedral and tours across the city – detailed information will be available. Please share the news. Ontario Local Food Week takes place June 5 – 11, 2023 and the following week will be “Public Market Week”, another new initiative.

During the Conference the Thursday events are mainly happening downtown, the Opening Plenary is in St. James Cathedral, Lunch is at St. Lawrence Market South Building and the break-up sessions are at the Great Hall. On Friday the mobile workshops happen across the City, then back to St. Lawrence Market for break-out sessions and then on Saturday there are tours across the City. One of the tours, led by a historian, focuses on telling the untold stories of our street food and public infrastructure of our city during a walking tour. Schedule of market events: <https://publicmarkets.pps.org/> or contact Marina directly with further questions at [mqueirolo@marketcityto.org](mailto:mqueirolo@marketcityto.org)

### **SLNA Waste Reduction Group – Update – Donna Patterson**

Last Saturday was Earth Day and every year the city does what they call “Cleaning Toronto Together”. It’s an event that’s held Friday, Saturday and Sunday but most neighbourhoods do their clean-ups on the weekend, i.e. Saturday and Sunday. We had planned a clean-up for Saturday, the actual Earth Day, with the Friends of St. James and Friends of Berczy Park, as we have done for the last couple of years, and we were going to do a clean-up of all three parks. The Waste Reduction Group did the clean-up of Crombie Park and Market Lane Park on Saturday, despite the rain. In Crombie Park there was a lot of single use garbage in the basketball court area and the children’s playground. We are hoping to do more regular clean-ups, perhaps three or four times a year.

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is going to be Environment Day for Ward 10, Ausma Malik's Spadina-Fort York area. The one for Ward 13 was last week for Regent Park on Dundas Street. The Waste Reduction Group usually comes to the Ward 10 area in our Neighbourhood. This will be on Sunday, May 14, from 10 – 2, Crombie Park. (Frederick St. South of the Esplanade). More information will be sent out, with a link to the City's website to tell you what the City is actually collecting. It is basically things for the Salvation Army and they collect technology as well. The biggest thing they collect that we don't collect at our REmarket days is household hazardous waste. You can bring that to the Environment Days, we will set up a table and there will be other people from the City talking about sustainability and Transform TO, etc.

On Wednesday June 14 and Thursday June 15 we are going to hold our 7<sup>th</sup> Remarket. We have produced a flyer which will be sent out. We will be using the St. Lawrence Market tent, as in prior years, at the corner of Market and The Esplanade. Thank you to the Market for allowing us to do so, it is a perfect location for us. We will be collecting donations for the Salvation Army over two days - Wednesday is always open 10 – 7 and Thursday 10 – 6. We also collect technology for RCT, mobility aids which will be sent overseas, we collect batteries, cartridges, pens and writing instruments for Staples. A new initiative is that we are now collecting prescription pill bottles - please empty them and take the labels off, along with the glue, and then we send them to an organization that deals with a charity that sends medicines overseas. We are also starting to collect empty make-up containers and dental waste. Also on the Wednesday we have a Freemarket where we ask people if they wish their donations to go to the Salvation Army or to Freemarket. If they choose Freemarket we put the donations on tables, sort them (men's clothes, women's clothes, books, toys, housewares, etc.) and then people in the neighbourhood can come in and take what they want. These items are not meant for resale, but otherwise there is no limit on what people can take. On the Thursday there will be Repair Café. They are repairing small appliances, home electronics, computers, jewellery, clothing and general housewares. Culture Link will be doing small bike repairs, adjustments, and ABC bike checks. The Salvation Army is very happy with everything that we collect.

Our next Initiative is St. Lawrence Reduces. <https://oldtowntoronto.ca/stlawrencereduces/> This was started a couple of years ago, we ask the local businesses in the neighbourhood if our residents can come in and bring their own reusable cup and container. If the businesses agree we put a green Bring Your Own sticker on their front door and promote them on social media. There are a lot of businesses and we have not covered them all, so the absence of a sticker may mean that we have not asked them yet. When you go shopping, please take along your reusables and ask the businesses if they will take them. The federal government is banning certain single-use items this year so using reusables will help the businesses and save them money. The website above shows the participating businesses.

We are also working on increased use of social media, please see the following: Our instagrams - St Lawrence Reduces - <https://www.instagram.com/stlawrencereduces/> Waste Reduction Group - <https://www.instagram.com/g/slnaremarket/>, and our email is - [reduce@slna.ca](mailto:reduce@slna.ca)

## **Further Updates – Nancy Fung**

TerraCycle free Waste Recycling Program. In March TerraCycle was offering some free commercial grade aluminum cigarette receptacles to combat cigarette litter. They were offering it to municipalities as well as not-for-profit organizations. As part of that program the WRG has requested 24 receptacles from them and with the BIA's assistance will be identifying and contacting businesses for them to install these receptacles near their door or other appropriate location. The original timeline of these receptacles was supposed to be April but is now delayed for three or four weeks. Hopefully we will get these receptacles out on the street in the neighbourhood in May. Another item that we are looking at is the fact that we are now accepting recycled items and this became so successful that we are now looking at a drop-off location in the neighbourhood so the community does not have to wait for the next REmarket to recycle those items. We are currently in discussions with the St. Lawrence Community Centre to identify a pilot drop-off location. We were involved with the Green Neighbour Network where the WRG along with other groups in Parkdale, High Park and Scarborough applied for a Canada Summer Job Grant. We were asking for two students in each of the neighbourhoods. We were successful in getting the grant, but only for one student for each neighbourhood. The students will be approaching businesses in their neighbourhood in the summer for eight weeks to understand their challenges in light of the single use plastic regulations taking effect.

## **Ontario Place – what's happening – Ontario Place for All – Norm Di Pasquale**

The Proposed Ontario Place Redevelopment. Norm is the Co-Chair of Ontario Place for All, a grassroots organization with over 15,000 supporters now which wants to assure that Ontario Place follows core principles for the waterfront revitalization. Norm's Co-Chair is Cindy Wilkey and the Steering Committee members include experts in architecture, law, urban design, heritage and other concerned citizens – we need people power to win this fight. What have we accomplished so far? In 2019 the Ontario government announced this redevelopment and said, well, it can all go, the Cinesphere and the Trillium Park as well as the Pods – and that's when Ontario Place for All was formed. We quickly held a rally with approx. 300 people there. We got together with other groups and we successfully stopped them from destroying the Cinesphere, Trillium Park and the Ontario Place Pods. Over 13,000 letters of concern were sent to the Premier, Mayor and the Minister of Infrastructure. We put in a request to the Auditor General to audit process and "value for money" with the proposed redevelopment of Ontario Place, and they are considering it for next year. We sent an open letter to partners of the

MegaSpa, including TIFF, expressing concern with their partnership. We had over 300 written deputations and 100 in-person deputations at City Hall.

Ontario Place has a set of Core Principles:

Ontario Place must be for ALL and kept publicly accessible. There must be a thoughtful and comprehensive public review before any changes, with a full and robust public consultation that:

- Conforms to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report call for informed, respectful and meaningful consultation with indigenous peoples over economic development
- Recognizes the diverse communities that use and contribute to Ontario Place.

Public interest, not commercial interest, must drive the new vision.

Future plans must:

- Acknowledge the waterfront's indigenous heritage and incorporate meaningful indigenous consultation
- Maintain Ontario Place as part of Toronto's waterfront park system
- Be integrated with the revitalization of Exhibition Place
- Celebrate Ontario
- Be guided by a collaboratively developed Strategic Conservation Plan that sustains Ontario Place as a recognized cultural heritage landscape.

The City has been doing pretty good work for Ontario Place and they have Guiding Principles for the Revitalization of Ontario Place that were recommended by Toronto-East York Community Council and approved on May 14, 2019 based on the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan themes of:

- Removing barriers/making connections
- Building a network of spectacular waterfront parks and public spaces
- Promoting a clean and green environment
- Creating dynamic and diverse new communities
- Openness and transparency

And a process that includes:

- Conservation of Ontario Place cultural heritage value
- Expansion of publicly accessible parks and open space
- Robust public consultation including consultation with indigenous groups

### Some Quick Facts:

Ontario Place opened in 1971 with the intention of democratizing access to Toronto's waterfront and celebrating Ontario.

- 156 acres of land and water – land 70 acres, water 86 acres
- The West Island, site of Therme MegaSpa, has 14.8 acres land

In 2013 Ontario Place was designated a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance.

- Statement of cultural heritage value: A rare and intact Modernist expression of integrated architecture, engineering and landscape architecture that honours and incorporates the natural setting of Lake Ontario
- 2019 it was added to the City of Toronto's Heritage Register
- 2020 – placed on the World Monuments Fund Watch list for endangered cultural heritage assets along with the Valley of the Incas

With the maturing of its landscape and the opening of Trillium Park in 2017, Ontario Place has become a major park destination and natural habitat for birds, wildlife and many other creatures.

- In 2018 it had over 1.4 million visitors, not counting the Budweiser Stage and Echo Beach

### Ontario Place: Attributes of its Cultural Heritage Value:

The innovative integration of architecture, engineering and landscape is at the heart of the cultural heritage value of Ontario Place from a design perspective – these attributes are not divisible:

- The particular combination of elements constitutes one of the most important expressions of late twentieth century modernism in the history of the Province – the naturalized landforms, on the cutting edge of new ecological design interest; the Cinesphere with its triodetic dome and pioneering IMAX technology; the Pavillion, comprised of five interconnected pods with their tensile structural arrangement; the Forum and the Children's Village play area with their new forms of public engagement (both no longer in existence) and the overall programming designed to change the public perception of Toronto's waterfront.

From a social perspective, the experience of Ontario Place was intended to celebrate Ontario and Ontarians and re-establish a connection to Toronto's waterfront.

- Ontario Place inspired a remarkable transformation of Toronto's waterfront that is still underway.



Redevelopment concept. The Budweiser stage wants to become quite a bit bigger and an all-seasons concert venue. They haven't come very far along with their development application so we are not focusing on them at this point, the detailed development application has not been provided to the City as of yet, so we are really focusing on Therme MegaSpa at this point. The Spa will take up all of West Island, meaning everything there will be clear cut, all the trees, the silos, West Commons. There is an environmental assessment underway by the Province which completely exempts the West Island, it says "a private partner is leading the West Island work", so they found a way to weasel out here on West Island. There is an architectural rendering of the Proposed Private Spa. It will take up all of West Island as we know it today. They are lake filling all of this space which they are calling public space. The Spa dominates the whole site and gives you a tiny sliver of public space. Spa height is another consideration, it will be 45 metres, or 13 storeys, half the height of the Rogers Centre. It will dominate the view of Ontario Place on land and on water and obliterate many existing views of the Cinesphere and Pods. The west entrance with the Ontario Place tower will be rebranded to advertise Therme. They want to put 2118 parking spaces in an underground parking lot. The cost of this to taxpayers is estimated at \$450 million, with site upgrades another \$200 million. Underground parking lots on the waterfront are significantly more expensive to build and maintain. Every single tree and all of the vegetation on the West Island will be cut down. 846 mature and healthy trees will have to be cut down to make way for the MegaSpa and the other work they are doing. The lease of West Island to Therme is a 95 year lease, a private spa company with 10 years experience building spas. Other leases this long are for public spaces. We have requested from the federal government to release the lease and put in a Freedom of Information request, it was denied and we are appealing it at this point.

You may have heard that this plan includes the Science Centre being demolished, with a shrunken version to go to Ontario Place to justify the MegaSpa, we are in opposition of this suggestion. We have commissioned a report that found that Public Space has a lower public risk, tends to have a longer public life span and the maintenance and upkeep can be moderate over that period. Comparing this to the commercial entity of the Spa, there is a risk that this business is going to fail.

Timeline. City Hall met on this in April and they deferred swapping the land on West Island since the City owns some of the land, they will wait until after the development application process is finished. In June there will be a third public meeting on transportation and issues for resubmission. In August there is the Infrastructure Ontario resubmission. September – fourth public meeting – final staff changes and recommendations to Council. There will be a fourth public meeting in September. It is anticipated that there is a possible vote on the Development Application in December.

How can you help? Write a letter to Premier Ford, Interim Mayor McKelvie and Minister Surma, and of course your local City Councillors and subscribe to our action newsletter at [www.ontarioplaceforall.com](http://www.ontarioplaceforall.com) Please ask mayoral candidates where they stand on Ontario Place.

## **St. Lawrence Public Library – Melissa Sookram**

A Library Card is very easy to get. If you live in the City of Toronto, work in the City of Toronto, go to school in the City of Toronto, or own property in the City of Toronto, live on a First Nations reserve in Ontario you are entitled to getting a card. The card entitles you to:

- Borrow books, music, movies and more
- Place holds
- Download eBooks, digital magazines, movies and music
- Access eLearning resources and online homework help
- Use research databases to access magazine and newspaper archives, business directories, and other specialized content
- Reserve computer time at any branch
- Borrow a museum and Arts pass for free access to Toronto museums and other venues
- Access cutting-edge technology and training at the Digital Innovation Hubs

Fines are no longer charged, but if you are placing an item on hold and do not pick it up within 7 days within that time frame you will be charged \$1.00. And if you do not return your items in a timely manner within the three weeks time frame for a book or the one week time frame for a DVD the system will automatically let you know and if you surpass that as well you will get a charge on your library card. As soon as you return the item the fine will be cleared.

We have the Museum & Arts passes which are one of the most popular items we can offer at the Toronto Public Library. This includes AGO, Science Centre, Bata Shoe Museum, Black Creek. Ripley's Aquarium and the Zoo are amongst the most popular. They are not available at the St. Lawrence Branch but you can get them at Parliament or any of the other district branches. It is First Come, First Serve and you will have to line up, Saturday mornings at 9 am. Parliament, St. James and City Hall are partnered with the St. Lawrence branch and in our neighbourhood.

If you know of a newcomer in the community, the Toronto Public Library has settlement workers and the closest one can be found at our Parliament branch, they will help patrons with immigration or related questions and direct them to appropriate sources of information.

We have lots of materials in many different languages. We have many ESL (English as a Second Language) programs available as well. At the St. Lawrence branch we have English Conversation Circle, one of the most popular programs right now, and we have 30 – 35

participants in the program, it takes place every Thursday. We also partner with local schools in this regard. We also have Citizenship classes and have websites and training packages. Online Course Services: LinkedIn Learning – Video courses on software development, business, design, photography and more. Gale Courses – instructor-led courses on accounting, college readiness, business, creative writing, and much more. Mango Languages – Interactive courses in 71 different languages, including English as a Second Language.

#### Brainfuse Adult Learning Centre

- Live, one-on-one help with academic and career goals, including high school equivalency preparation, resume writing, citizenship test prep and more.
- Parents should explore live online homework help for students in grades K-12 offered daily from 2 p.m. to 11 pm.

#### Additional training courses online

- Road to IELTS – General Module. Interactive activities, practice tests and answers for the general test. For high school, work experience or training programs.
- Road to IELTS – Academic Training Module. Interactive activities, practice tests and answers for the academic test. For college, university or professional applications.
- Learning Express Library – Practice for the LSAT, MCAT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, TOEIC, TOEFL, Canadian Citizenship, and other standardized tests.
- Tense Buster = Lessons and practice tests to help improve English grammar. Beginner to advanced levels.

We have 100 libraries in the City of Toronto and Children's Programs are constantly happening, literally every single day throughout the week. In the summertime we have the Summer Reading Club and those programs will be happening throughout the week as well.

#### Youth Hub Teen Program – Open Monday to Friday from 3:30 to 7 pm.

- A drop-in space at the library where teens can study, chat with friends, use technology or take part in activities such as arts and crafts and gaming.
- Our librarians are available to provide school support, lead programs and connect teens with community resources. Free, nutritious snacks are offered daily.
- We have laptops, iPads and additional tech available to use in the space. Printing services are free in our Youth Hubs.
- The closest Youth Hub is at the Parliament branch.

Summer Reading Club. Started at the St. Lawrence branch and it was so successful that it is now available across Canada. The program is the same everywhere – the child reads a book and reports to a librarian or a library staff member and is provided with a sticker or a prize to

celebrate their accomplishment of reading throughout the summer. It encourages our younger audience to read and have amazing literacy levels.

One of our upcoming programs on May 29 from 2 – 3 pm is Urban Vegetable Gardening, Growing Veggies from Seeds. We will have master gardeners who will come in and show us how it is done.

One of the children's programs that we offer on a weekly basis is Ready For Reading: Story Time Program where we have finger puppets, read stories and have fun dancing and singing. The program runs on the following Mondays: May 1, May 15, May 29 from 11 – 11:30 am at the St. Lawrence Branch, drop-in, no registration required, open to all.

Melissa Sookram is the new branch head at the St. Lawrence Branch and can be reached at 416-393-7621.

## **Community Updates – Stewart Linton**

Last September we talked about an initiative which could potentially affect the quality of life in the neighbourhood. It has been a bit of a struggle figuring out how a committee might work in this regard. We have come up with two suggestions, a Speaker Series and a Seminar Series. These would be single issue meetings, scheduled separately, and more in depth than Community meetings. In terms of specifically the Speaker series, the theme we picked is Health and Well-Being. What the Board is hoping to do is organize two or three of these evenings, using subject matter experts and others. Is this something you think is of value and are there specific categories under the Health and Wellbeing theme that might be of value to you or your neighbours and community?

Rod Monette responded that what occupies many people's minds right now is the area of the hybrid workplace. It is an issue in many organizations and that could certainly be a topic of interest. Mental health is another topic of interest.

Thanks to Rod for his suggestions, mental health was certainly one of the areas we discussed as a possibility.

The second initiative I spoke about is slightly different and would be seminar-related more so than imparting information in one direction and this might be in the form of a panel discussion with members of the community on the panels and other experts. The issue that we identified as potentially being a good one to see whether this has some merit is the issue of EV charging in residential buildings. This would be a similar but different evening where some expertise would be shared and a bunch of things could be learned.

A response from the audience **(Stewart, I could not see his name, it just stated Donnie J – please fill in)** was his concern with the area of safety and security issues in individual buildings or for the neighbourhood per se which would be a most appropriate subject since this is what triggered the suggestion of community engagement in the first place. The BIA was interested in being part of that conversation as well.

**The next SLNA Community Meeting will be held on May 31, 2023 at 7 pm.**

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