



St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting

Held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.

Hosted on the Zoom Videoconferencing Platform

Board Member Sharon McMillan welcomed 70 community members and delegates to our monthly community meeting in President Stewart Linton's absence.

Reusable Toronto – Shifting our city from single-use to reuse - Emily Alfred – Toronto Environmental Alliance

Emily introduced herself as the Waste Campaigner from the Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA). TEA is Toronto's Environmental Advocacy Association, working in Toronto for 35 years to advocate for environmental policies and programs for the City, including a lot of work on waste. Specifically we have started a group called "Reusable Toronto". This is a group of researchers, community groups, zero waste businesses and champions of reuse. We are working together to eliminate waste and to shift Toronto away from disposables towards the opposite of disposables which is reusables. We want to look at real solutions and start focusing on what we need to move towards rather than just the need to reuse. The problem is that we consume too many resources. We make and create a lot of things, more than this planet can sustain.

We see it most starkly when we look at all of the garbage and all of the materials that we face every day, trying to figure out where it goes. We have landfills filling up, we see a lot of things ending up as litter, and our recycling and composting systems can't keep up. The other fact is that everything we are holding and everything that we have has an environmental footprint before we even get to it. So it takes a lot of resources to make every piece of plastic, trees are cut down for every piece of paper, there is a lot of mining for every piece of metal. There is a lot of single-use packaging, things that are used for just a few minutes.

An international estimate is that plastic production is going to triple by 2040, half of all plastic used in the world is single-use packaging, and only 9% of global plastic is recycled, clearly the system is not working. Even if we had a perfect recycling system it is not really a solution in the long-term for plastics. For Toronto statistics – 95% of plastic street litter in Toronto is disposable food and beverage packaging.

But it's not just plastics that's the problem, it is all single-use items. For example, Canadians use 1.6 billion single-use cups every year, some of those are paper coffee cups. Cup lids and straws are the #3 top large litter item in Toronto.

Right now we are talking a lot about foodware, directly related to things used for serving food, and a lot of it is for take-out food, it's for things that we choose on the go, thinking about a coffee to go, for example, or something quick for lunch. Most if it is dirty, it has food on it, and it can't get recycled or composted properly because it is used in public places. So what is the answer? Unfortunately, while a lot of people are moving away from plastics, they are moving to things called "compostable", "biodegradable" and "bioplastics". I am unhappy to have to say that in Canada those terms are not regulated right now. So those terms can be applied to products that aren't necessarily compostable or biodegradable in your municipality. They can apply to things that look like plastic, they can apply to wood things and paper – all of those have an upstream footprint so it takes a lot of work to create those things in the first place and some of them have toxic additives. Those things are banned in other countries but in Canada we are a bit behind. The worst part is that they are not actually getting composted. The City of Toronto does not accept them in the Green Bin. Anything that is plastic-like or

a solid, durable product and will not break down actually gets scooped out in the beginning of the process and gets composed as garbage. A lot of composters don't want them because it takes so long for them to break down in the composter and if they have toxic additives they can contaminate it. So what do we do? We can't recycle or compost our way out of our single-use problem, we need to shift our focus to Reduce & Reuse, which is the first two of the three R's. This is where Reusable Toronto's mission comes in. We have looked at studies from around the world and we know that "reusable foodware" – and by that we mean real cups, plates, real utensils – has a lower environmental impact than single-use foodware. If you take a real cup when you go to a restaurant it always has a lower environmental impact than single-use foodware.

We have been taught and encouraged by a lot of people to think that disposable cups and disposable dishes are lighter weight, more convenient and perhaps cheaper and better for the environment because they don't require as much maintenance. But the fact is that this is not true, there have been some studies that have shown this. Reusable dishes actually have a lower impact. So some studies show that after only two washes steel utensils actually use less water and have a lower environmental impact than disposables. Every dish, when you look at the full lifecycle impact of the energy and the resources that went into making it, transporting it and washing it, at a certain point if you keep reusing it it reaches a point where it is better for the environment than a single use. That can range from as little as 2 uses up to 122 uses. Many of these reusable dishes can be used thousands of times. We also know that reusables use less water. A lot of people think that washing dishes takes a lot of water, but they don't realize how much energy and how much water it takes to make disposable cups. For example, with paper cups it could use nearly 1,400 litres of water to produce 500 paper cups, but only 200 litres of water to wash one ceramic cup 500 times.

When it comes to climate considerations, reusable dishes have a lower climate impact. All disposable cups have a three to 10 times higher CO₂ impact than reusable cups that you can just wash in the dishwasher.

Some studies have shown that reuse also saves money. In a study from Quebec they found that if you served coffee every day for 365 days – i.e. 365 cups, lids

and all the waste that goes with it, the cost would be \$55.00 as compared with 1 ceramic cup, washed and reused 365 times is less than 10% of that cost. If said cup was only washed 100 times before it broke it would still be less than a third of that cost.

This is not a just a Quebec study, there is a group in the U.S. called Rethink Disposable. They help small business switch from disposable dishes to reusable dishes, and that may be all of the dishes they serve or only a smaller percentage. They do this with cafeterias, food trucks and restaurants. In going back to them they found that 100% of the businesses and institutions that swapped single-use for reusables for dine-in customers a few years later had saved money. A lot of businesses expected that reusable dishes would cost them more in terms of labour and washing but the costs were a lot lower than they realized. And a lot of the businesses underestimated how much money they were spending on disposable dishes and the cost of waste management to deal with them.

Another important item is the fact that reuse creates local jobs. Reuse creates 50 times more jobs than disposal. Reusing 10,000 tonnes of waste can create nearly 300 jobs, while sending the same amount to landfill creates only six jobs. You need local people to wash and manage and deal with dishes, whereas disposables can be imported from overseas and it doesn't necessarily help the local economy.

How do we make "reuse" a reality. There are all the great benefits of why reusable dishes are better than disposables, and what we know is that around the world, as governments are grappling with how to deal with filling up landfills, microplastics in the water and litter in our streets, they are using policies to make this happen faster. In Canada the Federal Government has a Plastics Strategy. You may have heard of the fact that there is going to be a ban on six single-use plastic items starting in December of this year. On December 20, 2023 these six single-use plastic items will not be legally allowed to be distributed or sold in Canada. The items are plastic bags, stir sticks, six-pack rings, plastic utensils, some foodware and plastic straws. This means every restaurant, every store, every business and every school is going to have to think about how they are going to serve food without using these plastics. That is going to reduce a lot of

plastics use over the coming years, but we also want to make sure they are not just going to switch to another kind of disposable.

At the same time the City of Toronto has been working on a policy to reduce single-use and take-away items after seeing how much litter and waste is caused by single-use foodware and single-use packaging. Starting in 2018 they were looking at what kind of regulations and policies could the city use to reduce single-use items. They had public consultations with overwhelming public participation (the largest number ever seen in any public consultation) with full support for the City to take action, including passing regulations. The City does not just look at plastic, it looks at any type of material, e.g. the regulations would not just ban plastic bags, it would also ban paper bags. They don't want people to switch from one type of disposable to another because it does not solve the City's problem of too much waste. Currently there is a voluntary program where the City tries to encourage businesses to reduce waste, but coming up this Fall City Council is expected to vote on the next phase, city-wide regulations. This was expected to take place in 2021, but the process was paused.

Toronto businesses are ready. The UofT Trash Team (which is part of Reusable Toronto) conducted research in 2021, primarily with small businesses, which shows clearly that most are taking steps to reduce waste; "Environmental Impact" is top consideration for foodware, and they want support and guidance to reduce waste further. They are clearly hoping that the government will play a role in helping them to reduce waste.

We also found that Toronto residents are ready. The City of Toronto's staff report shows that 87%-93% of Toronto respondents who participated (over 20,000 people each time) support City action to reduce single-use items. They want the City to take action. The UofT Trash Team also did a survey of 100 customers last year, mostly in the Waterfront area of Toronto, and found that most of the residents think the City should do more to reduce waste. As an example, more than 89% want businesses to offer reusable dishes when they dine in.

This past summer we did the third phase of the UofT Trash Team effort and one of our key partners was the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Waste

Reduction Group. We were able to work with 8 research assistants, we went across Toronto, talked to businesses, asked questions, and then shared resources on how to use single use items. We visited over 600 business in 7 areas and did an in-depth interview with the owner or the Manager of 190 of them. In the St. Lawrence area we visited 58 businesses and interviewed 27. We found that almost all of them are taking steps to reduce waste right now and many of them were talking about how they can shift towards reusable foodware through either allowing customers to bring their own cups, looking towards reusable take-out options such as a container a customer can borrow and return later, or offering more reusable foodware for the customers who dine in. We are still tabulating the results of this research done over the summer and will be able to share more of that soon.

While many of the businesses we talked to are already taking the necessary steps we heard loud and clear that a lot of small businesses are uncertain and don't want to take a jump into doing something radical and new because they are afraid of what will happen if their neighbouring businesses don't do that. One example is charging a customer for a disposable cup – if their neighbour doesn't do that they might lose that business. This is why we are seeing a lot of countries around the world looking at policies and programs to support businesses to help everyone to take action to reduce waste.

Here are examples of the policies that Reusable Toronto is advocating for:

- 1. Accessories on request.** Restaurants ask before they give out accessories – utensils, napkins, condiments, etc. This is the easiest one – simply eliminating stuff one does not need. Some restaurants are afraid of getting a bad review if they don't include condiment packages, etc. But eliminating that will allow businesses to save money.

Policy Examples:

- LA, Chicago, San Francisco
- New Jersey, Washington State
- Vancouver
- Edmonton, Banff

There are policies being passed in other countries and other cities where this is required – businesses have to ask, including in Canadian cities such as Vancouver, Edmonton and Banff.

2. Reusables for dine-in. Another policy we are really excited about is requiring Reusables for dine-in, and this is what Banff is calling a Back to Basic policy. This is where all restaurants are required to serve food and drink in reusable foodware.

Policy Examples:

- Berkeley, California
- France, South Korea, Netherlands, Estonia
- Edmonton (cups)
- Banff, Alberta (2024)

For example, in France, starting in January of this year, all restaurants have to provide reusables for dine-in. A lot of other countries in Europe right now are passing this regulation and in Canada Banff, Alberta is the first city to pass a rule like this, and Edmonton has passed it for cups – a real cup, not a disposable one.

3. Bring-your-own (BYO). Promote and have a clear process to accept customer cups, containers and bags.

In the St. Lawrence area in Toronto the Waste Reduction group and St. Lawrence Reduces have been going around and talking to a lot of business. In our research we found that a lot of businesses in that neighbourhood say that they allowed customers to bring their cups. It is of course also something that can be passed in policy, see below for examples.

Policy Examples:

- Toronto example: Reduces Network
- Edmonton (cups), Banff
- Netherlands
- Spain

4. Reusables for take-out. Provide reusable foodware for take-out orders. This allows you to “borrow” a cup/container/box from a retailer, you scan the cup and bring it back later. It is all free, except when you don’t bring it back.

Policy Examples:

- Toronto example: Suppli, Muuse, Inwit, Friendlier
- Germany
- Netherlands

This is something that is required in Germany – when you do take-out they have to offer a reusable take-out option alongside the disposable. A great way to eliminate waste. Other examples are A & W across Canada, they have a reusable cup, similarly Tim Hortons in Vancouver.

5. Reusables at events. Toronto has a lot of stadiums and these events use a lot of disposable cups. A typical stadium uses more than 5,000,000 plastic cups year. Reusable cups solve that problem.

Policy examples:

- Berkeley, California
- Banff
- Belgium, Slovenia
- In Toronto: Toronto Garlic Festival and Withrow Park Farmers Market
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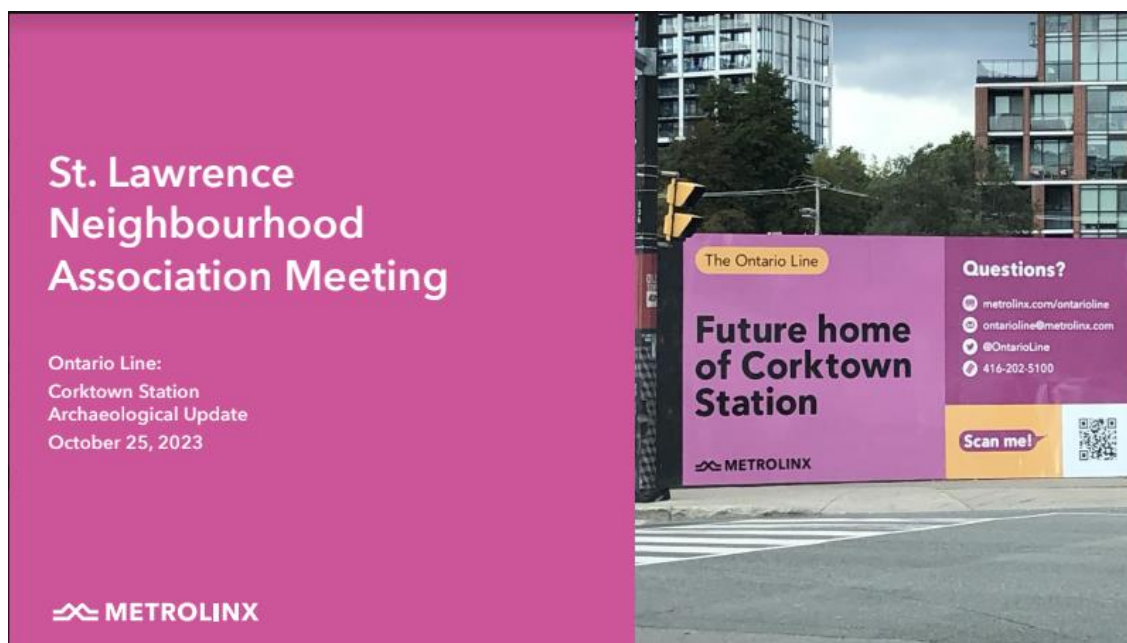
Next Steps. To sum up, in the Fall of 2023 we are expecting that the City of Toronto will be voting on a Single-Use-Reduction Strategy. Reusable Toronto will be advocating for the City as to how they can move forward on:

1. Reusables for dine-in
2. Bring your own (BYO)
3. Reusables for take-out
4. Reusables at events

We expect to have the research we conducted published soon, and we are looking for locations and restaurants that would like to be part of a pilot study. Our UofT researchers are looking for small restaurants that would like to either start offering reusable dishes such as a reusable take-out program. There is a small amount of funding available to support this process. Please contact Emily directly for further information: Emily@torontoenvironment.org

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Zahrah Munas - Metrolinx – Corktown Station - Archaeological Update



At the recent St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting on Oct. 25, Metrolinx staff provided an update on the archaeological work completed to date on the First Parliament Site at the south east end of our neighbourhood.

We are pleased to share the Metrolinx presentation slides that were discussed at the meeting - please click [HERE](#) to view/download.

Monica Esteves – CanadianStage

CanadianStage has been in the neighbourhood for 50 years at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts but also at 26 Berkeley Street. In 1987 It was founded through the merger of two companies, Centre Stage and Toronto Free Theatre. In that time it has become an anchor and major theatre company in Toronto, one of the major regional theatre companies across the country. It has a very broad range of works. Because the St. Lawrence Centre is a large space (almost 1,000 seats) the performances are a bit more accessible and populist but still very contemporary. At Berkeley Street the performances are a bit more daring and adventurous. This summer was the 40th anniversary of Dream in High Park, and between all these three venues (obviously not during the pandemic) we generally welcome almost 100,000 audience members per year. Most of our audiences are not tourists. A very high proportion of our audience live within our local postal codes as well. We also work quite closely with a large number of arts organizations in this neighbourhood.

What will be happening this season, in a few weeks from now beginning on November 14th, is our presentation of an extraordinary production of the Lehman Trilogy. This was a play that started in the UK, moved to New York, and captured the audiences in both cities. It is very deserving of the 5 Tony Awards it won, including Best Play. The Lehman Trilogy features a cast of three actors playing the Lehman brothers, their sons and grandsons in an extraordinary feat of storytelling told in three parts on a single evening. The brothers came to America in the mid-Nineteenth century and the story is told right through to the demise of the Lehman Brothers during the 2008 financial crisis. It is very theatrical, really interesting and beautiful, and highly entertaining. Monica stated that this is one of the best plays she has ever read in her life. CanadianStage is really excited that they were able to get the rights to this production and share it with Toronto audiences and the local community. It is selling really well, we have had great audience response – last year was our first full season coming out of the pandemic – and the positive response is continuing this year. In the next few days we will be announcing an extension to the original November 14th to 26th dates, extending it to December 3rd. Tickets are going quickly!

Another show that has very little availability left is a contemporary dance performance. Some of you may be familiar with choreographer Crystal Pite, Canada's most celebrated choreographer, she won awards all over the world, she has choreographed in London, in Paris for Paris Opera, and frequently at CanadianStage and at the National Ballet of Canada. Five of her new works have premiered at CanadianStage. This latest one is a Kidd Pivot Production called Assembly Hall, choreographed by Crystal Pite and Jonathan Young, December 6 – 9, 2023 at the Bluma Appel Theatre.

After Christmas there will be a production by an incredible company from Australia called Back-to-Back, and the title of the performance is The Shadow whose Prey the Hunter Becomes. All creators and actors are individuals who are neuro-divergent. The performance takes place from January 18 – 28, 2024 at the Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre at 50 Tank House Lane.

CanadianStage is offering another fantastic new work entitled Universal Child Care at the Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre from Feb. 13 – 25, 2024, created by Quote Unquote Collective.

Another play at the St. Lawrence Centre in March 2024 is The Inheritance. This is a Part 1/Part 2 production. Just before the pandemic it took New York by storm and was the winner of 4 Tony and 4 Olivier Awards, including Best Play. It is a very loose interpretation of the novel Howard's End. The dates are March 22 – April 7, 2024 at the Bluma Appel Theatre.

Rochelle Porter – PAL (Performing Arts Lodges Toronto)

Rochelle is on the Board of Directors and also a resident of the Performing Arts Lodges Toronto. The concept of the Performing Arts Lodges Toronto began in 1983. Canada's entertainment industry had come of age, unions were established and thousands worked in careers dedicated to stage, film and radio. Sustaining a livelihood in the arts and cultural sector requires a strong commitment as a career. It is fulfilling and enriching but it can also be extremely harsh. Regular work is precarious, competition is grinding and for most saving money is only a dream. A group of visionaries came together to create affordable housing and

improved living conditions for all who performed in the professional performing arts. The dream became a reality. Currently subsidized by the City's rent-geared-to-income program, 70% of the apartments are geared to income and 30% are listed at fair market value. On paper PAL Toronto is designated as a charitable organization providing affordable housing and a supporting and vibrant community. In reality PAL is a community of imaginative, outgoing, resourceful, accomplished, sometimes unconventional – possibly eccentric but mostly warm and generous folks - who share life-long passion in a career committed to the performing arts. Rochelle's day-to-day experience of living here almost always brings some surprise. A bit of joy. Here is one example. It is about a spontaneous interlude. She lives on the 7th floor and one day got on the elevator when a man entered the elevator on the 5th floor. They exchanged a friendly nod but their attention moved quickly to someone rushing down the hallway yelling "hold on there". As the second man breathlessly entered the elevator the first man asked him: "where is your ticket?". The second man checked all of his pockets and smiled and produced the imaginary ticket. The first man turned to Rochelle and asked for her ticket. Asserting herself she said "I was here first, I am the ticket taker". She held out her hands, they both complied, just as they arrived at their destination. As the elevator doors opened she heard a voice in her head saying a commonly-used theatre phrase – End Scene! PAL residents are some of Canada's most talented people. They include recipients of the Order of Canada, the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards as well as distinguished international, provincial and civic honours. This past September PAL Toronto celebrated its 30th anniversary. Market Street closed to traffic was the perfect setting and the celebration was a huge success. Honoured guests included Mayor Olivia Chow, MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam and Councillor Chris Moise. The street was jumping with live music, neighbourhood friends and industry supporters all helped make it a lively event.

Rochelle would like us to consider becoming a member and playing a part in PAL Toronto's future. For an annual fee of \$25.00 we'll have the opportunity to participate in a variety of entertainment and training. For example, the roof top garden – one of the first roof-top gardens in Toronto offers a spectacular view day or night. Well, after 30 years it is currently undergoing much-needed renovations. It reopens next spring and will include a butterfly pathway and indigenous

gardens. This green oasis will be a haven for our residents. Non-resident members and their guests are invited to enjoy a peaceful retreat and a celebration of culture. Also, we recognize that technology plays a vital role in our lives and PAL Toronto is proud to partner with organizations where free technological training and support is provided to anyone interested in digital literacy skills among older adults. More funding will be provided once funding is in place.

Rochelle stepped in for this presentation on behalf of their Executive Director David Plant, admin@paltoronto.org Contact him to find out more about PAL Toronto's commitment to our neighbourhood and it is possible to apply for PAL membership online. PAL Toronto is a fundamental part of this neighbourhood.

Kristine Morris – Chairperson of Friends of St. James Park

Last year was the first year the organization partnered with the Dogs of St. James Park and this continues this year with The Fur Ball '23 on Saturday, October 2023 at 12 pm in the St. James Park Pavillion. It's official title is The Fur Ball '23 – a Halloween dog costume contest for dogs and their owners and a charity raffle in support of Through Ruff Times. Dogs will compete to win first, second and third prizes. The Prize packs are very generous, they all come from local pet businesses in the area and are definitely worth the effort to bring your dog out to this event. 55 dogs are registered at this point already. The raffle supports a charity organization called Through Ruff Times – For People & Pets. The organization helps individuals who face barriers keeping their pets and provides support. There will be over 55 prizes that have been generously donated by 40 local businesses. Tickets will be sold at the event on Saturday. If you can't be there you can buy tickets at AAA, The Corner Place or Global Pet Foods at Lower Jarvis for your chance to win. Information about this event is on the Friends of St. James Park website, www.friendsofstjamesparkto.com or email us at fsjptoronto@gmail.com

Another Announcement – Save the Date - Sing & Ring in the Holidays with St. John's York Mills Handbell Ringers – they are bringing 8 bells - and the Hart House Singers. Join us around the fire treats and hot beverages on December 17, 2023

at 2 pm. We always appreciate partnering with the BIA in regards to programming.

Robyn Posner – BIA/Old Town Toronto Update

Robyn mentioned that she and her colleagues at the BIA very much appreciate the cooperation with the Friends of St. James Park, it is a very valuable working partnership. BIA's next event is the Old Town Halloween Pumpkin Parade next Wednesday November 1 from 6 – 7:30 in Berczy Park involving students from five schools in the area. As usual the BIA purchases pumpkins from one of the vendors in St. Lawrence Farmers' Market. There will be 185 pumpkins this year, come out and enjoy the creativity of the students. If you want to add to the display, all Jack-o-Lanterns are welcome, bring your carved pumpkins. At the end of the night we recycle all of the pumpkins through the City's program, so rest assured that your pumpkin will go to an appropriate recycling location.

The Calvacade of Lights is coming up on December 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Berczy Park. We will have music and carolling, join us for this great community event. We will start with putting up lights around November 7.

MPP Chris Glover – Update

Chris Glover reported that he is most happy with the work that City Council is doing on their housing plan and the great team working on this file, with Olivia Chow and Ausma Malik and Chris Moise. He considers this the generational project and it is getting us back into building the kind of housing that was the norm at one point and that still exists in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood – building more co-ops, building more social housing and making that investment. Obviously the City can't do it on it's own, we need to push the provincial government as well, and that's where he feels his job is. He and Krystyn Wong-Tam will be pushing as hard as they can, and the things that the City has asked from the Provincial government are the things that we are already pushing for in the NDP. We want to reintroduce rent control for units built after 2018 because right now there are no limits. He has received lots of calls from residents who are facing \$300 or \$500 in rent increases. We saw in the news a few weeks ago

where one landlord increased the rent by \$7,000 a month to \$9,500. There is no justice in this, there needs to be a cap on rent increases for all units, and that is certainly one of the things we are pushing for.

They are looking for inclusionary zoning and that can be applied right across the city, that makes a lot of sense. There is a map on-line that shows the population growth in the City of Toronto by ward and if you look at that map you see that most of the wards in the city between 2016 and 2021 actually had declining populations. Not ours, not Spadina-Fort York, not Toronto Centre – these are two of the fastest growing wards in the country. In Spadina-Fort York we have 150 projects under development, and that is anything from application to completion. The population in Spadina-Fort York grows by 8,000 a year. You can't have all of the development concentrated in one part of the city, we need to move it out. Allowing four-plexes in every neighbourhood makes a lot of sense. We have got the infrastructure here, we've got the sewers and the roads and the sidewalks and everything else. It just shows that there is an alternative to building on the Green Belt. We have obviously all heard about the scandal and Chris thinks this is a real victory for Mark Stiles who asked the Auditor General to investigate and also the Integrity Commissioner. The Auditor General's report came out in the summer and it was just so clear that the system was rigged. Now that the RCMP are investigating, the government backtracked on the 7,400 hectares of land, they are going to reverse that decision. On Monday the new Minister of Housing has said that they will be reversing the municipal boundary expansions in quite a long list of municipalities. The same investors (speculators) had bought farmland beside city boundaries and then the government changed the city boundaries to incorporate these properties, so the government now reversed those decisions.

Edward LaRusic, Ward 13 – Updates – Participatory Budgeting

The deadline for voting is at the end of the month, October 31, and Eddy wants to be sure that everyone at the meeting and all of our neighbours can participate. There is the sum of \$750,000 that is up for spending in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, there are a number of projects on the website that you can view and when you register you can visit Zone 5 and you can vote for the budgets listed (up to \$750,000) and submit your votes. When you register, please choose St.

Lawrence. You go to the website www.torontocentreprojects.ca, go to Participatory Budgeting, the budget will show, scroll down and you will see the projects, you can click on them if you want to know more about the project, but essentially, you click the project you want which will adjust the total and you can vote up to the limit. If you have passed the limit it will not allow you to continue with your chosen project, you have to remove one in order to continue. You can change your mind after you submit up to the October 31 deadline. You don't need to spend the whole budget if you don't want to. There is a submit button once you have selected your projects. You don't strictly need to live within the Zone 5, the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, but you have to live close-by.

Tom Davidson, Director, Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives

Ontario Place – thank you to everyone who attended the public meetings, your voices have been heard very strongly. There is a city development review process that will be ending with our city report at the end of the year, we will keep everyone apprised of that. The other major issue is where the Province is initiating removal of trees. Ausma and her colleagues did move a motion to initiate a review by legal and planning staff of all the regular processes that are involved in that to make sure that we do whatever we can so that nothing moves forward before a final decision is made by Council.

Island Airport – there are requirements for Transport Canada to make runways safer through extension, so a discussion on what those terms look like and what the future of the Island Airport looks like is something that is going to be on our plate. Ausma's commitment is making sure that there is a transparent democratic process to consider the future of the Island Airport.

We are still looking at the Library Project which our city staff have been examining through the questions raised by the SLNA about the options of co-location, including housing, and we have a meeting set up in November with city staff and your representatives Stewart and Suzanne and the Development Committee.

Davide Crombie Park – the revitalization and the cycle track improvements that are coming with it will be discussed in upcoming meetings. A lot of updates will be provided on that project.

A brand-new project at 1 Yonge Street is a new swimming pool that hopefully is also a benefit to the downtown although it was planned for the new waterfront communities.

Please join us for our next SLNA Community Meeting on Wednesday, November 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm.