



St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Community Meeting

Held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:20 p.m.

Hosted on the Zoom Videoconferencing Platform

SLNA President Stewart Linton welcomed 68 community members and building delegates to the September 27, 2023 SLNA Community Meeting.

51 Division Neighbourhood Update – Sergeant Henry Dyck

The good news is that crime for the area overall is down. It went down last year by about 20% and a further 8% for this year. The reductions are across the board in all categories, with one exception: Theft Overs. Theft Overs can be thefts of vehicles, scooters, jewellery, etc. and those are the most common ones for that category which is slightly up for this year which is good news.

Sergeant Dyck reported that on Saturday, August 12 officers responded to a shooting call at 222 The Esplanade and on arrival officers located three people with injuries from gunshots. This is currently a very active investigation. He mentioned that people do not need to be concerned about their personal safety regarding this particular incident but of course any incidents of this nature are always disconcerting and they are continuing with their best efforts to make sure the individuals responsible for this shooting are brought to justice. This represents the second shooting in the neighbourhood for the year and the only one that had injuries as a result. Shootings are down 60% in the neighbourhood, but a cautionary tale – firearm arrests and firearm seizures are up exponentially, they are still seeing a lot of firearms in people's possession on the street.

As of the last couple of weeks there were a couple of smash and grab break and enters in the area. Normally they find that there are one or two culprits that commit multiples of these crimes and undoubtedly they will end up catching the perpetrator, it's likely the same person.

Traffic is often a concern that comes up in these meetings. Sergeant Dyck wants to make mention of the fact that the stats for traffic enforcement for our neighbourhood are way up this year over last year. He does recognize that traffic is an ongoing concern for this neighbourhood and they are currently in the process of hiring some divisional traffic support officers dedicated to just dealing with traffic so that greater traffic enforcement can take place across the Division as a whole.

The Waterfront Neighbourhood Community Officers continue to be engaged in events that took place in the area recently, including the Toronto Waterfront Festival, Bob Kemp's memorial service and this week the Councillors' Town Hall Meeting which took place at the St. Lawrence Community Centre.

Just a reminder to everybody – if you want to get hold of us to ask for our presence at an event or a meeting or to ask us to get in touch with you because you are concerned about something in particular, the best way to do that is very simple - send us an email at waterfront@torontopolice.on.ca

Ken Jackson mentioned that the last time Sergeant Dyck attended our meeting there were quite a few incidents on the TTC, and there seem to be fewer incidents in that regard. The answer was that 51 Division have been taken on additional officers for training purposes over the last few months and they have been able to utilize those officers, paired with some of their own officers, for specific TTC enforcement during the rush hour and in the morning and afternoon at some of the key places where incidents have been taken place within the Division. That initially resulted in a lot of arrests and there are now fewer arrests and fewer incidents. Provincial enforcement citations are still very high. There are less of the more serious incidents taking place in TTC bus shelters and TTC subway stations, but they continue to work on "quality of life issues" through enforcements and referral to social service agencies. 51 Division is one of the few divisions still working on TTC issues due to the availability of the extra people, but they have been quite successful in the Division in bringing the number of incidents down.

Jamie Cappelli, who lives in Market Square (right next to the Metro grocery store), which has a perhaps less mobile demographic, reports a higher rate of electric bike deliveries with the bikes flying around at full tilt. He almost had a collision with one of the bikes around a blind corner. He wonders if this is even on the radar and if any steps are being taken. Sgt. Dyck reports that this is indeed on the radar and it has been folded into the Division's traffic details. He also shares this concern, he has seen some near misses and some serious injuries due to bikes

slipping on the streetcar tracks. He is hoping to add some additional enforcement in that area as well.

Quayside Project Update – Waterfront Toronto – Zoie Brown, Ben Hoff, Lovely Juson, Lura Consulting

Ben Hoff, a planner and partner with Urban Strategies, will be doing the bulk of the presentation today. Other members of the project team will be joining him, including representatives from Waterfront Toronto. Jed Kilbourn, Director, Development Planning, Waterfront Toronto has been working on a number of Waterfront Toronto items, particularly on the Quayside application. He covered the following areas:

- Pre-Application coordination occurred between January and June 2023
- Formal development application was sent to City on June 29, 2023
- Materials are posted on City's Application Information Centre website for public access.
- Application Information Centre: <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/application-information-centre/#location=&lat=&lng>
- Reference addresses are:
 - **259 Lake Shore Blvd East** for Blocks 1 and 2 <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/application-details/?id=5294051&pid=230304&title=259%20LAKE%20SHORE%20BLVD%20E%20-%20APPLICATION%204%20-%20BUILDING%201A>
 - **333 Lake Shore Blvd East** for Blocks 3, 4 5 [https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/application-details/?id=5293985&pid=230287&title=333-LAKE-SHORE-BLVD-E---APPLICATION-2--\(BLOCKS-3B,-4-&-5\)](https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/application-details/?id=5293985&pid=230287&title=333-LAKE-SHORE-BLVD-E---APPLICATION-2--(BLOCKS-3B,-4-&-5))
- City Divisions now reviewing development applications
- These applications are works in progress and drawings and plans are still being refined
- They want to hear public input on the applications
- City will host a Community Consultation Meeting in the Fall of 2023
- Some parts of the public realm including the design of Silo Park and the potential school/cultural centre on Block 5 are not being designed right now (and are not included in these applications), but will be subject to future design competitions.

Ben Hoff reported on the Engagement Activities from January to June 2023:

- Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting, Workshop and Interviews
- Eastern Waterfront Open House (500+ attendees)
- Digital Survey

- City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto Meetings
- Design Review Panel Meetings

The areas for which feedback was sought:

- Quayside vision and guiding principles
- Master plan and built form
- Urban farm and public realm
- Engagement and communication process

Responses – Key Themes

- Excitement about the Quayside vision

Great interest in:

- Living with nature (green public spaces)
- Innovative waste and sustainability solutions
- Affordable rental housing
- Human first design (scale)
- Urban farm including food security and education

Application Details – Quayside By The Numbers

This includes a total of seven buildings, over 320,000 square meters of GFA, a good portion of which is residential GFA. There is a total of over 4,600 units which includes a large number of family-sized units – 30% 2-bedroom units and 12% 3+bedroom units. There are 869 proposed affordable rental units. There is over 5,000 square meters of retail space, over 12,000 square meters of educational, childcare and community spaces, about 5,000 square meters of office space and 3.5 acres of public realm spaces, in addition to the adjacent parkland.

The Quayside Lands, looking from West to East, start at Bonnycastle Street, followed by Block 1 on the West, Block 2 is adjacent to Small Street, Block 3b itself is created through the realignment of Queens Quay and the extension of Queens Quay to the East, and the realignment of Parliament Street to the East, it's a future block that doesn't exist yet today. Block 4 is similarly a block that will be created on the East side of Parliament, then there is Silo Park to the South and Block 5, which will be a community hub.

Just to describe the applications themselves: there are a total of 7 applications submitted which are available through the City's website. The Project Webpage is <https://quaysideto.ca/>

The Application Components

Architectural Drawing Packages – Documents providing detailed designs of the site plan and each building’s architectural plans.

Planning Rationale – A document that provides an overall description of the proposal being submitted, reasons why it should be considered for approval and other specific information to assist City Staff in understanding and evaluating the application.

Urban Design Guidelines – A document with principles that facilitate the coordination of various elements that form the built environment. Specifically, these guidelines will describe how streets, parks, buildings, open space, built form and landscape elements of the new development will work in conjunction to create a new neighbourhood that supports the overall goals and objectives defined in the Official Plan and Zoning By-laws.

Supporting Studies – Landscape Concept Plan, Traffic Report, Arborial Report Utilities, Community Services and Facilities, Housing Issues Report, Environmental Assessments, Geotechnical, Groundwater, Functional Servicing, Stormwater Management, Sun/shadow, Wind, Noise and Vibration, Public Consultation Plan and others.

Development updates will be provided on the project webpage at <https://QuaysideTO.ca/> and the City’s Application Information Centre.

The Public Realm around Quayside. The master plan is centred around the community forest in the heart of Quayside. That is a new public pedestrianized space that will be created, it will be open to the public and a central focal point. That will then be connected to one of the key open spaces, including Queens Quay Blvd. that will soon be approved with the plans that are emerging. A whole series of portals and cantilevers will then provide those linkages from the community forest into Queens Quay. Similarly the project links with and provides improvements to Lakeshore Blvd. to the North. The community forest itself links into Parliament Plaza and is proposed as the focal point of the project. There is a whole series of communal spaces – retail spaces on both sides of Queens Quay East and further along East of Parliament Street. There will be institutional spaces, residential lobby and amenity spaces, a community hub in Block 1b and more amenity spaces within Block 2. The intent is to provide a very rich and active ground floor so it feels like an exciting place to be. The Community Forest space is very large and will be broken down into a whole series of activities, including active play spaces for kids, active lawn spaces to hang out in, a water feature and proposed other activities.

Much of the public realm activity is to the South of Quayside, including all the retail spaces that animate that. A lot of the functional uses will be put to the North, such as bike connections to

below grade bike parking, vehicular access to underground parking and access to loading stations. Access to the underground garage is provided from Bonnycastle Street on the West side and Small Street on the East Side.

The Master Plan proposes a series of building types, including the Timber House, a 12 storey mid-rise building along Queens Quay, a single consolidated structure that bridges across Small Street. It provides an opportunity for an urban farm across the rooftop. There are a series of tall buildings on podiums lining the Northern edge of the site next to the Lakeshore and those vary in height from 68 storeys down to 55 and up to 72 on Parliament Street.

The Community Hub itself is located in Block 1b, approx. 3,400 square meters, with the following suggested uses in mind:

- Private Daycare with indoor and outdoor space
- Community support, education and co-working spaces
- Health and wellness spaces
- Outdoor play area in community forest

Office Space – Building 3B will have 5,000 square metres of office space.

307 Lake Shore Blvd. – Plaza Partners has proposed a 49 storey building at the 307 Lake Shore Blvd. site, the application has been appealed to the OLT.

Sustainability - Quay Side is being developed with a focus on delivering social benefit, improved biodiversity with minimum carbon emissions, as well as a Transit Supportive Development to move people around and hopefully lead to reduced car ownership and car use.

Next Steps – Project and Engagement

- Upcoming engagement for SAC, MCFN & Indigenous communities, neighbourhood associations and public, including:
 - Community Conversations (pop-ups and presentations) – Summer/Fall
 - Community hub and other theme specific discussions – Fall/Winter
 - Statutory Public Meeting – Fall/Winter

Overall Timeframe for Project – at this point in time there is no certain timeline. Hoping to get into the ground within the next two or three years – 2025 – 2026. There are a lot of things from a market perspective that they need to confirm. A big component of the project includes affordable housing and the plan for this needs to be finalized, i.e. there are a few stars that

need to align. At this point in time they are focused on getting the project shovel-ready in order to move quickly if all the key components of the project come to fruition.

A question on the silo site was answered with the fact the developers working on the silo site are also working on the Quay Side project. The silos themselves are a designated heritage building. There is a preliminary master plan to develop residential building on those lands, including some non-residential, but there is no timeline place, they are focusing on Quay Side right now and will likely not get to the silo lands for quite some time.

An audience question about what is being done to make Queen's Quay East safer for people walking, riding bikes and dealing with accessibility issues was answered with the assurance that there are protected bike lanes in both directions. There are a couple of signalized intersections at Bonnycastle and Small Street. All access for vehicles coming to Quay Side is to the North on Small Street and the North on Bonnycastle. It is limited to those local streets, and those vehicles won't pass over the Southern side of Queen's Quay. All the new roads being built have dedicated bike facilities, including Parliament Street. They are always looking to make things as barrier-free as possible. There was a further audience question about availability for rental of the buildings that are being developed - the answer was that the affordable rental option will obviously be rental but the market housing is planned as condo development - but if there is an opportunity in the future for rental housing it will definitely be considered. A further question about how many people will actually be accommodated was answered with an estimate of two people per unit on average, i.e. 9,000 people. A further question had to do with the co-op model that was used to develop the St. Lawrence neighbourhood originally, and apparently that was based on a federal funding program and of course a very different housing market and this will definitely not be a possibility for the new development. The affordable housing component of the project has similar intentions to the former co-op model used in the neighbourhood.

A further question addressed the impact of so many people moving into our neighbourhood – the size of a small town, as the speaker mentioned, and he was concerned about additional items of infrastructure for residents in addition to education and childcare, such as health care, pharmacies, post offices, and service centres. The response was that Quay Side is a much larger point of intensification across downtown, and the issues mentioned have to be dealt with comprehensively, i.e. individual development can't necessarily deal with all of the issues in one site but there is an ability to address community needs in smaller moves over time. Quay Side is already delivering on a lot of these areas. Another question was about accessibility to public transportation and Waterfront Toronto will be dealing with TTC and Metrolinx on these issues. <https://www.waterfrontoronto.ca/our-projects/waterfront-east-lrt>

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik

Deputy Mayor Malik was called away on an emergency this afternoon and **Bushra Mir**, Constituency and Planning Advisor, addressed the audience this evening:

Since the last time then Councillor Malik attended one of the SLNA meetings prior to the election of a new Toronto Mayor much has changed in the way of redistribution of roles and responsibilities. Councillor Malik was named Deputy Mayor, a tremendous honour, it means so much to so many people, and it is a great responsibility. Our team is working closely with the Mayor's Office to bring some of our responsibilities forward. In addition to her new role Deputy Mayor Malik is also chairing the Striking Committee, the Committee of Revision and she is the Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee and the Toronto East York Community Council. She is also a member of the Board of Health and the Economic and Community Development Committee. While some of these responsibilities are new, some are renewed. She has made it clear to the Mayor and to our team that her first responsibility will be to the residents of Spadina-Fort York and this is where we want to prioritize our community engagement with our residents.

Since the new Mayor has been elected we have seen a number of changes since she took office in the Spring. Just this month at the Mayor's first full Council meeting Council approved the new financial framework for the City of Toronto. This work will examine some new revenue sources for the City. Currently the City is facing an estimated \$1.5 billion shortfall for the 2024 operating budget and an estimated \$46.5 billion shortfall over the next 10 years. Clearly this is an issue that needs to be addressed immediately and addressed by all levels of government.

The Mayor's other top priority has been the housing crisis and Deputy Mayor Malik has also devoted a great deal of her time to this issue. A Council plan was passed to build 25,000 new rent-controlled homes in Toronto. The City is also looking at how to build on existing city lands and will continue to push forward inclusionary zoning which would allow for affordable housing to be part of the building that will be happening in the future.

A quick update on Ontario Place. Deputy Mayor Malik is committed to fighting for a green and accessible Ontario Place. Just this month Infrastructure Ontario submitted their revised application to the City and that revision was based on some of the public meetings that were held and the input given by residents. Planning staff will be reviewing submissions carefully and we are expected to see a report at City Council sometime in December. At this point we haven't seen many of the changes to address some of the fundamental issues that have been identified by planning staff. We are waiting for the report and if there are any residents who are interested please contact our office for next steps.

More locally, the David Crombie Park revitalization – Phase 2 of the revitalization and The Esplanade/Mill Street Connection Project is currently underway. You may have seen City staff at David Crombie Park during community pop-ups in July and August, and this was intended to re-engage with community, to remind them that this is still happening and to provide some updates. Just today we received an update from staff that they are going to be hosting a public information meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 26 at 125 The Esplanade (The Tent).

- Session 1: 3 – 4:30 pm
- Session 2: 6 – 7:30 pm

The new District Library – planned for the site just South of St. Lawrence Market - Deputy Mayor Malik is working with the Public Library and city divisions to maximize the uses for this site which would include affordable housing and additional community infrastructure. A meeting will be organized for sometime in November. The meeting will be held in advance of the broader public engagement process around the design of the library.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Noise Bylaw Review meeting sessions. They occurred over the last couple of weeks on General Noise, Amplified Noise, Motor Vehicle Noise and Construction Noise. Someone from our office attended all of the Noise meetings, it was important for us to hear the feedback of residents on what they would like to see, and we are also gathering our own feedback as well, please feel free to reach out to us. Following these consultations we are looking to see a report which will come to Committee in November.

St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre – Elena Katsiouras, Community Recreation Programmer (Acting)

The Community Centre does have a weight room, offers fitness classes and there is a swimming pool as well. There is a brand-new Fitness Membership model consisting of Memberships, Passes and Visits – see details as follows:

Membership Type	Term	Adult (19+)	Youth (16-18) Older Adult (60+)
Fitness TO	1 month	\$34.50	\$17.25
• Weight Room	3 month	\$54.00	\$27.00
	12 month	\$183.00	\$91.50

Fitness TO Plus Swim	Term	Adult (19+)	Youth (16-18) Older Adult (60+)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight Room and Lane Swim 	1 month	\$40.50	\$20.25
	3 month	\$69.00	\$34.50
	12 month	\$231.00	\$115.00
Fitness TO All Access			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight Room Lane Swim Fitness Class Aquafit Class 	1 month	\$51.00	\$25.50
	3 month	\$86.50	\$43.25
	12 month	\$288.50	\$144.25
Multi-Visit Pass			
Lane Swim 10 Visit Pass	10 Visits	\$43.00	\$21.50
Aquatic Fitness 10 Visit Pass	10 Visits	\$129.00	\$64.50
Single Visit and Day Pass			
Single Visit Fitness Class	Single Use	\$11.00	\$5.50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitness Class Aquafit Class 			
Fitness TO Plus Swim Day Pass			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight Room and Lane Swim 	Single Use	\$4.50	\$2.25
Fitness TO All Access Day Pass			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weight Room Lane Swim Fitness Class Aquafit Class 	Single Use	\$16.00	\$8.00

If you have a membership you can attend any of the Registered Fitness classes for Yoga and Tai Chi, or attend Drop-In classes for:

- Yoga
- Tai-Chi
- Cardio High/Low
- Gentle Fit
- Body Step
- Fit

The FALL 2023 Recreational Swim Schedule starts September 30 through to January 7, 2024. Contact St. Lawrence Pool at 416-392-1347.

Drop-in sports are available for

- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Pickleball (60+ Pickleball is free)

There are drop-in programs available, free for Toronto residents, for breakdance, Recreation Fun and Play with Caregiver, and there is a Youth Lounge.

Contact the Centre for days and times at 416-392-1347.

The Community Centre has 2 international squash courts available – contact 416-392-1347 for bookings. Lessons are not available, nor is there a squash ladder.

Registered Programs include Drawing and Painting classes, Pottery Classes, Piano, Guitar, and Ballet. Martial Arts is also on offer, as well as science and cooking classes for kids.

There is a very nice Older Adult Programming Lounge upstairs, available Monday to Friday, which offers Board Games, Tai Chi, Knitting Club, Drawing & Painting, Pottery, Bingo – some but not all activities are free, so please contact the Centre for detailed information.

Lastly, the Centre offers a Haunted House & Halloween Event for children and youth. Craft and Cookie decorating will take place in the lobby, volunteers are welcome. Contact elena.Katsiouras@Toronto.ca or call at 437-928-2904.

The City does offer a subsidy for recreation programs, people are able to apply on line, it is called Our Welcome Policy. If you are eligible. You can put members of your family on it as well, and you receive a certain amount of money yearly which you can put towards programming or membership.

311- Customer Experience Division – Tyler Hadley, Supervisor, Channel Operations and Ivy Shao, Project Manager

Tyler explained that 311 is the first point of contact for residents, visitors and businesses of the City of Toronto and generally submits service requests to our integrated divisions such as solid waste, transportation, Toronto Water, to name just a few. 311 also provides information about all available city services. Currently you can speak with an agent by calling 311, but we have also launched some new channels and we have made changes to channels that we have previously offered. In addition to our phone channel you can now also submit requests through our self-serve portal which is available on Toronto.ca and as well through our mobile app with your smartphone. This is pretty handy if you happen to be out in the neighbourhood and you spot a giant pothole, you can immediately send us the information. If you are looking for some more general information about city services you can connect with us over Twitter or our new chat feature which is available on Toronto.ca. We have made a slight change to our email channel 311@toronto.ca. We no longer submit service requests through this channel but our service representatives will still answer any questions you may have about city services.

Ivy Shao will demonstrate a walk-through for our self-service channels. With the new 311 Toronto web portal and mobile app you can create and track a service request, find info about city services and programs and explore service requests in your neighbourhood using the channel of your choice.

You can connect with us via our new portal, live chat, mobile app, social media (Twitter), email (general enquiries only), fax and mail. You are able to create a service request for any issues that you have and check the status of any enquiries you have made without having to call 311. At this point 311 is not integrated with all service divisions, at this point we are integrated with five major city divisions which are Toronto Water, Transportation Services, Solid Waste, ML&S and Toronto Animal Services. Other requests will travel back to these integrated services allowing us to give real-time updates. They also work together with some other Divisions through the front-end, they are not integrated through technology, e.g. answering questions for Revenue Services and Court services, 311 does facility booking as well as taking calls for Toronto Public Health after hours, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the morning. They create service requests for business licensing despite the lack of integration. The same goes for Parks & Recreation, as an example, they can provide the name of the Park's Supervisor.

On the web portal you can create a service request, track a service request, find service information and explore your neighbourhood, which features an interactive map. Type in an address, and the map provides you with the information. Currently they have close to 600 service requests from 5 Divisions. In the Create a Service Request section they try to make everything intuitive and easy to find using the easy-to-understand categories. There are 11 categories at this point. One Example is the often requested solid waste collection calendar, the snow-clearing section is very popular, as are graffiti removal and roads, sidewalks, bicycle and traffic safety. The easiest way to find information is to do a keyword search and the system will bring up all of the related issues. Ivy suggests that if the keyword entered does not bring up an immediate response it is probably best to go back to the categories and use a related word, and it will likely bring up the desired result. As an example, go back to Roads or Sidewalks and enter the word pothole.

Community Updates

Participatory Budgeting (how would you spend \$750,000 to improve your neighbourhood?)

- Idea evaluation phase coming to a close
- Community voting phase begins October 1, ends October 31
 - Projects proceeding to implementation will be announced in November
- SLNA submitted 17 ideas in 10 categories on behalf of everyone sending us ideas
 - 10 of those are “under consideration” for PB
 - 4 others are “feasible” outside of the PB process
 - 2 fall under the purview of Traffic Regulation
 - 1 was deemed ineligible
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The projects that have made it through the process so far are:

- heritage banners for the original blocks of the Town of York
- heritage signs to demarcate the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood
- Heritage Conservation District – some additional plaques to celebrate indigenous history and places
- Additional plaques to recognize significant addresses or people who lived there
- Replacing dead street trees
- Additional heritage lighting on additional buildings such as the lighting at the Cathedral
- Additional pedestrian scale lighting throughout the neighbourhood in parks or other public spaces
- Some street scape and public realm improvements with additional furniture
- More beautification options than planting street trees – this is where the trees either can't be put or haven't been put

- Working on additional public art in the neighbourhood

This is posted on Chris Moise’s website, displayed very prominently under Participatory Budgeting.

- Invite everyone to vote!
- Projects are ranked by number of votes – most votes first
 - In descending order until \$750,000 reached
- Projects proceeding to implementation
 - Announced in November
 - 12 – 18 month completion target

Noise Bylaw Review – mlsfeedback@toronto.ca

- Refinements to the 2019 Noise Bylaw (591) are being proposed by MLS
 - Municipal Licensing and Standards
- Refinements grouped into categories
 - Amplified sound
 - Construction
 - Loading and unloading (waste collection)
 - Motor vehicles
 - Power devices
 - Unreasonable and persistent noise
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The City is really interested in how we feel about this – please participate and send in your comments. Deadline for residents’ input is October 15.

Donna Patterson – Waste Reduction Group - Remarket

Donna reported on two successful Remarket Days on September 20 and 21 last week. It’s two days of donations, repair and recycling. We have a whole bunch of stats on how things went – very successfully. There was a Freemarket event as well, where we accept donations, display them on a table and anybody in the community is welcome to take anything they need. On Thursday we held our usual Repair Café event which is overseen by our volunteer “Fixers” who fix clothing, jewellery, small appliances, bikes and carry out safety checks.

Just some stats:

- We had 850 donors and Freemarket visitors
- 37 skids of donations that went to the Salvation Army, and that is approx. 11,000 pounds
- 3 ½ skids of electronics that went to Renewed Computer Technology
- 82 items were brought in during Repair Café and our volunteer fixers worked on those
- 21 bikes were brought in for small repairs by the Bike Hub
- We are now collecting recycling that the City doesn't recycle. We are collecting prescription pill bottles, we collected 335 of those, 1 bag of dental waste products, a third of a bag of razor products, and we sent all of those to TerraCycle; we are collecting glasses for Optic Zone, 1 ½ bags of empty cosmetic containers, and also for Staples we collected batteries, writing instruments and Toner cartridges. Anybody can take those up to Staples – there are places in the parking lot where you can leave those.

Thanks very much for the St. Lawrence Market for letting us use the market tent, it's obviously a fabulous location for our purposes and thank you to the BIA and the SLNA for their support and promotion. We have a special thanks for Kevin at the BIA who went around with a little buggy to some of the residents in the neighbourhood who were not able to bring their donations to the tent for pick-ups on Wednesday, and on Thursday he also delivered a lot of our recycling to Staples. A special thank you to Kevin – he is fabulous.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers, we also have a lot of non-Waste Reduction Group volunteers – Deborah, Chet, Ken, Victoria, Lynne, Arthur and Brian - thanks very much to everybody.

We will do all of this again in January and already have dates – Wednesday January 24 and Thursday January 25, 2024. If you have any questions you can email us at reduce@slna.ca.

Thanks to everybody who came out to Freemarket and everybody who donated.

Update on Recreation Centre – you are probably aware that the air conditioning malfunctioned in the summer and – as often happens – it turns out that before it can be fixed the roof needs to be redone. It is going to be part of the budgeting process for next year and Councillor Moise says that it is unlikely that the whole process can be completed before summer 2024. So it is quite likely that for part or most of the summer air conditioning will not be available.

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