



Annual Report  
Sharon McMillan, SLNA President  
March 27, 2019

# SLNA 2018-19 Board of Directors

- ▶ Sharon McMillan, President
- ▶ Sabina Sormova, VP
- ▶ Toby Tenenbaum, Treasurer
- ▶ Richard Anobile
- ▶ Cherril Baker
- ▶ Bruno Leps
- ▶ Dan O’Leary

# SLNA Active Delegate Committee Chairs/Reps

- ▶ Cherril Baker - Parks Committee
- ▶ Toby Tenenbaum - Seniors Committee
- ▶ Suzanne Kavanagh, Development Committee
- ▶ David Crawford, Heritage and Streetscape
- ▶ Don James, Community Policing Committee Liaison

# Overnight Construction

- ▶ Spring 2018: SLNA quickly opposed the City's new rule for overnight construction
- ▶ Joined with other downtown Toronto residents associations in lobbying for the cancellation of the new rule
- ▶ Leadership and support from Councillors Cressy and Wong-Tam resulted in the urgent passing of a motion prohibiting non-emergency utility work during the overnight hours.
- ▶ SLNA letter: *"...as this incident demonstrated, when local councillors and resident groups work together the consultation and communication process can be increasingly more efficient and effective at realizing shared and prioritized goals."*

# Dangerous Intersections

- ▶ Last June, following concerns raised by delegates along the Church and Jarvis corridor, a letter was sent to Mayor Tory recommending the following:
  - ▶ An enforcement blitz focused on reminding and ticketing drivers who block pedestrian crossings - specifically the pedestrian crossing at Adelaide and Church.
  - ▶ Traffic Wardens during rush hour periods in the morning and evening to support enforcement in this area
- ▶ **RESPONSE:** within a couple of days of our SLNA letter, Mayor Tory's office responded and indicated that the Mayor was instructing the Chief of Police to provide Wardens for the Adelaide and Church intersection during rush hours.
- ▶ While those Wardens were provided, they were not provided on a sustained basis and we have continued to lobby for a permanent solution. See Traffic Audit initiative later in report (presented by Sabina Sormova).

# SLNA Canada Day



# SLNA Canada Day & Picnic Sponsors

- ▶ We launched our first SLNA Canada Day & Picnic Sponsorship Package
- ▶ A great opportunity for local businesses to show their support for the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood
- ▶ First Silver sponsor: East Thirty-Six Restaurant
- ▶ SLNA applied for and received \$750 Heritage Canada Funding



# Fall Municipal Election

- ▶ Intervention by the province into Toronto's municipal election created confusion, concern
- ▶ Wards merged, city council shrunk as a result of the passing of the province's Bill 5 *Better Local Government Act, 2018*
- ▶ Result: Ward 28, Toronto Centre - now Ward 13, Toronto Centre
- ▶ South of Esplanade - Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York
- ▶ SLNA Boundaries did not change



# SLNA Profile During Campaign

- ▶ Campaign season brought increased media focus on issues important to our neighbourhood

**TORONTO STAR**

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

*“Sharon McMillan, president of the non-partisan St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association, said they will be looking for candidates “who reflect our priorities” — including a non-NIMBY approach to development, focus on affordable housing, safe streets for everyone with a high volume of traffic moving through their neighbourhood, and protecting heritage and green spaces.”*

# Our New Councillors at SLNA Meetings



Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Ward 13



Councillor Joe Cressy, Ward 10

# Downtown Relief Line - SLNA Response

- ▶ Strong Endorsement - DRL can help to relieve the traffic congestion and address safety issues currently affecting our neighbourhood
- ▶ More convenient, timely transit will be used more by commuters - can help to reduce the volume of cars coming into the downtown core.

# SLNA Sponsorships: Heritage Toronto, BIA

- ▶ Heritage Toronto collaborates with community groups from across the city to share Toronto's history with thousands of residents and visitors.
- ▶ Last year the SLNA sponsored Heritage Toronto's "Creating Toronto: The Story of a City" tour. The tour reached 248 participants, supported 28 volunteers and raised \$1450 in donations.
- ▶ SLNA is sponsoring the same Heritage Toronto tour this summer season.
- ▶ The SLNA also sponsored a number of the BIA summer events last year including movie night in St. James Park.
- ▶ This year we are sponsoring 4 BIA events over the summer to be announced in the coming weeks.

# SLNA Sponsors Local Groups & Initiatives

- ▶ Jamii - local non-profit arts and community organization
- ▶ Local gardening initiatives
- ▶ Local soccer teams coordinated through the St. Lawrence Community Recreation Centre
- ▶ Holiday lamp-post ornaments in December

# SLNA has Representation on Various Groups/Committees, including:

- ▶ St. Lawrence Market Precinct Advisory Group
- ▶ St. Lawrence Market BIA
- ▶ BIA Streetscape Committee
- ▶ Seniors Activities Committee
- ▶ St. Lawrence CRC Committee
- ▶ Community Police Liaison Committee
- ▶ Waterfront Toronto/Quayside Stakeholder Group
- ▶ West Don Lands Committee
- ▶ Waterfront4All
- ▶ Crombie Park Revitalization Committee (*Public Information Workshop - Tuesday, April 2 from 4 - 6 pm OR 6:30 - 8:00 pm @ St. Lawrence Community Centre*)
- ▶ St. James Park Revitalization Committee

# SLNA Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

## Standing Committees:


- ▶ Heritage Committee
- ▶ Development Committee
- ▶ Nominations and Elections Committee

## Ad Hoc Committees:

- ▶ Canada Day/Events Committee
- ▶ Gardening Committee
- ▶ Community Environment Day Committee


# SLNA Communications

- ▶ Newly redesigned SLNA Newsletter - goal to provide regular updates with information on events, progress of local city initiatives, SLNA meetings and projects, etc.
- ▶ Your feedback on what you would like to see in the newsletter is welcomed - please let the board know - [board@slna.ca](mailto:board@slna.ca).



## Your SLNA Update


The SLNA Newsletter is sent to all individuals who subscribe using the form on the SLNA website at [www.slna.ca](http://www.slna.ca). Please encourage your friends and neighbours to sign up so they will receive the latest news regarding meetings, events and relevant issues of interest to residents of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood.



### Next SLNA Community Meeting

<p>On the last Wednesday of each month your St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association hosts a monthly meeting for delegates and all residents of the neighbourhood to attend.</p>	<p>Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. - 115 The Esplanade - and will feature guest presenters: Waterfront Toronto and Sidewalk Labs. To view the full agenda click on the "Read More" button below.</p>
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[Read More](#)



### Get Involved!

There are four seats opening up on the SLNA Board - consider becoming a Director for YOUR SLNA. Read and complete the nomination forms [here](#).



# Heritage Committee - David Crawford

- ▶ The Bell or cupola at St. Lawrence Hall requires repair as part of the city's regular State of Good Repair Program. This should happen in 2019
- ▶ The Heritage Committee continues to work with the St. Lawrence Market Precinct Advisory Committee to realize this priority.
- ▶ Heritage Lighting: the SLNA has a policy of having all suitable heritage buildings in our area properly illuminated:
  - ▶ St. Lawrence Hall - lit in 2015
  - ▶ St. Lawrence South Market - installation in progress should be completed in May
  - ▶ Young People's Theatre - funds allocated in 2018 to produce lighting plan
  - ▶ Alumnae Theatre - working with theatre to have the City allocate funds to produce lighting plan
  - ▶ St. James Cathedral - allocation of additional funds needed so that it can be properly lit during the renovation of St. James Park.

# Heritage Committee - David Crawford

- ▶ Lighting of the Berkeley St. Theatre complex and Toronto Police Building - hope to have completed during the work on the adjacent First Parliament Site.
- ▶ Heritage Plaques - continue to work with Heritage Toronto to try to have plaques put on all Listed and Designated buildings in our area
- ▶ Heritage Conservation District Plans - the Committee supports the SLNA's wider efforts to have the St. Lawrence HCD ratified and continues to work to ensure that the 'St. Lawrence Residential Area' HCD Plan remains on the City's radar.

# Heritage Committee -David Crawford

- ▶ Shore-line Commemoration - the committee continues to advocate for commemoration of the original Lake Ontario Shoreline as recommended in the Heritage Interpretation Plan for Old Town Toronto. This will occur street by street as streetscapes are improved but we continue to press for the allocation of some s. 37 funds to draw up a “master plan”.
- ▶ Though the Heritage Committee is not directly involved with “Heritage Street Lighting” we continue to lend our voice to those who are demanding that Toronto Hydro Streetlighting (THSL) and the City respect the residential and heritage nature of our area and do not impose ‘industrial’ streetlights on us.
- ▶ In our opinion, there is little point investing s. 37 ‘heritage’ funds into decorative street lighting fixtures if THSL does not then have an obligation to maintain them.

# Streetscape Committee - David Crawford

- ▶ David continues to monitor citizen complaints made to the “See-Click-Fix” online tool for our area and he also monitors the SCF alerts triggered from our area. Through reporting directly to 311 is often more efficient the advantage of SCF is that reports are ‘public’ and can be monitored.
- ▶ The Wellington Street project continued throughout most of 2018 and into 2019. Unfortunately, the City then decided that the final streetscape work would be postponed to 2022. This was seen as completely unsatisfactory by the SLNA, the BIA and local businesses and residents. Discussions continue, and it now appears possible that work on streetscape will start late in 2019 and be concluded in 2020. This was significant example of poor planning and coordination that has and continues to have a detrimental impact on residents and businesses.

# Streetscape Committee - David Crawford

- ▶ In 2019 and 2020 there will be major water main work on Jarvis and Yonge and this will continue to be monitored by the committee with the support of BIA colleagues.
- ▶ Toronto Hydro Streetlighting (THSL) continues to replace ‘decorative’ street light with 40-foot concrete ‘acorns’ -see comment under Heritage Committee.
- ▶ Comment from this committee chair: “Unfortunately, this committee has not been active in the past year or so - it could and should be a useful united voice for neighbourhood concerns.

# Development Committee: Suzanne Kavanagh

Members: Cherril Baker, Steven Casey, Debra Corey, Eric Foran, Stig Harvor, Suzanne Kavanagh (Chair) , Sharon McMillan, Robert Sherrin, Peter Tomlinson

## Projects we worked on:

- ▶ 89 Church Street, settled at OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) and now have a site plan and construction liaison committee in place.
- ▶ TOcore - worked with City staff for four years and have supported this City Council approved policy. Now it sits with the province for approval, OPA (Official Plan Amendment) 406.
- ▶ 25 King Street West - outside our area but we are closest neighbourhood association. We heard a presentation for Commerce Court #3 which was recently in the media. “Class A” building and will restore the Victoria Hotel.
- ▶ King Parliament Secondary Plan - this is being reviewed after the committee wrote several times requesting that this policy be updated. This policy also aligns with OPA 406 and dovetails with the Heritage Conservation District Plan.

# Development Committee: Suzanne Kavanagh

- ▶ Heritage Conservation District. The community started work on this in 2005; this is slated to be heard this November at LPAT (Local Planning Appeal Tribunal). It started with the OMB and a mediation process. No success hence moving now to Tribunal.
- ▶ 114 Church Street - struck a working group to reduce height and density with the developer, went to OMB for settlement.
- ▶ 266 King Street East - also settled with confidential redirections report, now it appears the building/block is for sale.
- ▶ 301 Queen Street East (Berkeley Church) OMB hearing and we participated and won.
- ▶ 329 Queen Street East - WE continues to expand along Queen Street East and presented to committee but no application has been received to date.
- ▶ 1 Front Street West - outside our area although a gateway to St. Lawrence. Statutory Community Consultation meeting April 1. The committee has sent letter advising that this application needs to follow zoning bylaw and TOcore policies. This file is a work in progress and we will continue to work with City Staff.

# Development Committee: Suzanne Kavanagh

- ▶ 177 Front Street East - (former Sobeys/Acura site) several complaints have been made with respect to construction site. There is a meeting with developer March 28th. Developer still needs to submit Construction Management Plan and strike a communications vehicle for the neighbourhood etc.
- ▶ 333 King Street East (Front Street) additional tower and this is still going through process, DRP (Design Review Panel) gave it a failing grade.
- ▶ Letters sent: Supporting Laneway Suites, Housing Now, Wellington Street Road Work, 94 The Esplanade - parking lot/patio



# Seniors' Committee - Toby Tenenbaum

- ▶ Dedicated to informing local seniors of things to do in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood
- ▶ Monthly activity programs include exercise classes, bridge groups and other activities
- ▶ Committee arranges outings to near-by attractions that are difficult to get to for those who don't drive
- ▶ The SLNA subsidizes the cost of these outings to make events more accessible to more seniors
- ▶ Over the past year groups enjoyed:
  - ▶ Visits to several museums in Oshawa
  - ▶ Trip to St. Jacobs Sparkles Christmas Market
  - ▶ Roy Thomson Hall - free choir concert, reserved seating
  - ▶ Fantastic neighbourhood history tour with local historian Bruce Bell - co-sponsored by the St. Lawrence Library
  - ▶ Storytelling presentations with Creative Aging Circle

# Waste Reduction Committee - Bruno Leps

- ▶ A strength of the committee is seen as its access to the SLNA membership of 45+ multi unit residential buildings in the heart of downtown Toronto.
- ▶ In addition to the City's own very active Waste Reduction program there are a number of other players in the neighbourhood (e.g. BIA, Community Centre, St Lawrence Market)
- ▶ There are a number of waste management programs and resources already available, yet residents remain confused on what can be done and how. This leads to inefficiencies and also lowers their participation rates.
- ▶ The primary purpose of the committee will be to clear up that confusion by being a go between for all the those resources and the residents. The committee intends to explore working with all the active waste reduction players and not replicate what is already being done.

# Waste Reduction Committee - Bruno Leps

- ▶ The committee's work is seen as an ongoing lifelong initiative with a view to building a growing momentum of resident participation. The projects will evolve as waste reduction strategies/technologies progress
- ▶ There was consensus that the committee would adopt simple well defined projects (small steps) where each project is well understood and the resident action required is very clear; e.g. what to do with metal hangers. A focus will be placed on waste reduction of food and textile items
- ▶ The committee changed its name from the SLNA Recycling Committee to the SLNA Waste Reduction Committee to better reflect its 3R focus of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

# St. Lawrence Market Precinct Advisory Committee

- ▶ SLNA Representative - Richard Anobile
- ▶ SLMPAC Responsibility: to demonstrate public support and be an advocate for the Market Precinct. The committee provides recommendations for specific causes and policies to the Director of Real Estate Services on the mandate, strategic direction, growth, planning, budgeting and operations of the Market precinct.
- ▶ Properties: North and South St. Lawrence market buildings, St. Lawrence Hall, Market Lane Park, 125 The Esplanade and abutting pedestrian right-of-ways
- ▶ Current updates:
  - ▶ Discussions taking place re :renovation of the lower level of the South Market
  - ▶ Construction of North Market delayed - bidding process restarted
  - ▶ Area is changing, growing - provides an opportunity for the St. Lawrence Market Complex to explore new types of programming, products and services to appeal to new demographics while still ensuring programs, products and services keep loyal, long-term visitors coming back.

# Community Police Liaison Committee - Don James

- ▶ The goal of the CPCL involves increasing the safety and security of the community.
- ▶ Throughout the year the Committees current issues, incidents concerns and opportunities with responses that include examining options for enhanced neighbourhood policing and a collaborative approach to supporting vulnerable and at risk populations while addressing the needs of the community.

# Metrolinx

## 2018 Plan

- 25-year \$50 billion expansion of rail corridor and train service
- Electrification of Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC) East
- Addition of 3 train tracks to USRC East (2 south, 1 north of corridor)
- Bridges extension affecting connectivity to lake and public realm

## Community Issues

- Non-existent communication
- Noise - construction and operations
- Vibrations - construction and operations
- Air Quality - 170 to 400 diesel trains/day + idling trains
- Zero mitigation plan for community

Metrolinx Community Advisory Committee (CAC) formed on request of SLNA.

# Metrolinx - 2019 Resolutions & Promises

- **Noise**      Dedicated communications rep and notices of construction - **DONE**  
Real noise worst-case measurements - **DONE**  
Noise-mitigating windows/doors upgrade - **PROMISED**  
Noise barrier (south of LARA & Caroline Co-op) - **PROMISED**  
Broad-band backup beepers - **DONE/PROMISED**  
Source-based noise mitigation - **PROMISED**
- **Vibrations**      Real noise worst-case measurements - **DONE**  
Structural integrity assessment - **DONE**  
Ballast mats installed - **PARTIALLY** (on closest track only)
- **Air Quality**      Electrification - **PLANS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**  
Diesel operations to stay and to **INCREASE**  
Real worst-case air quality testing - **INADEQUATE** (via modelling)  
Designated idling zones (away from residents) - **DONE**
- **Design**      Landscaping and maintenance - **PROMISED**  
Bridges and pedestrian/cycling paths - **STARTING**

# Metrolinx - Sourcing Help

- Federal/Provincial/Municipal/Industry experts
- New Noise Bylaw - why is Metrolinx exempt from noise bylaw?
- Air quality - diesel pollution study in Toronto (Dr. Marianne Hatzopolou)



# 2018 Traffic Safety Audits - Findings

## Goals:

Record data during afternoon work-week rush hour

Identify major traffic offences

Escalate issues to decision-makers

Suggest quick-fix and long-term solutions

## ➤ July Audit Highlights:

Jarvis & Esplanade = Mon-Fri 4-7 pm gridlock endangering pedestrians

Transit busses on Esplanade in stand-still

## ➤ October Audit Highlights:

Jarvis & Esplanade → 2 schools and no school zone sign

Jarvis Street → gridlock along Jarvis caused by commuting drivers

Scott & Front → lack of safe crossing points for pedestrians

Persistent transit delays caused by commuting drivers

# 2018 Traffic Safety Audits - Recommendations

- Increase and enforce fines for offences
- Restrict car use and parking (along the Esplanade during rush hours)
- Prioritize transit (King Street Pilot works!)
- Clear marking of pedestrian cross walks
- Longer separation of signals for pedestrians and drivers
- Dedicate department to address pedestrian safety and empower it

# Financial Statement

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**ST. LAWRENCE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**As at December 31, 2018**

*(Unaudited)*

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 17,500	\$ 19,023
Accounts receivable	-	1,000
	<u>\$ 17,500</u>	<u>\$ 20,023</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,300
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	<u>16,088</u>	<u>18,723</u>
	<u>\$ 17,500</u>	<u>\$ 20,023</u>