

MINUTES

St. Lawrence Market Precinct Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Attendees: Suzanne Kavanagh, Lawrence Mosselson, Alexandra Skoczylas, Kathryn Wakefield, Liz Seibert, Marina Queirolo, Robert Biancolin, Simon Miles, Allison Bain, Jeremy Roach

Regrets & absences: Graham Hnatiw, Marlene Cook

Alternates and Guests: Doug Fry, Brandon Arkinson, George Milbrandt

City Staff: Graham Leah, Daniel Picheca, Amanda Diep, Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Felicity Campbell, Samantha Wiles

ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ACTION ITEMS
Gather	Host (Daniel Picheca) started WebEx meeting. Suzanne Kavanagh chaired the meeting.	
2. Councillor Wong-Tam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property taxes for small businesses meeting a certain classification will be reduced by 15% as part of the 2022 budgeting.• Applications for CafeTO reopened and most fees/costs associated will be waived.• Ontario government is seeking permission to close roads (obtain road occupancy) for seven and a half years to start construction for the Ontario Line (15-stop subway line will run from Exhibition Place, through the heart of downtown, and all the way to the Ontario Science Centre) so major construction for transit will soon be taking place in the city and the Ontario government is being asked by City Council to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minimize the construction impact as much as possible○ Develop a different strategy on how staging will be done (i.e. how long construction will be on the street, the types of impact)○ Build a compensation package for businesses that are financially impacted by construction<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Difficulties with quantifying compensation for mental health and the City does not provide mental health services however, the federal government has created a mental health and addictions minister who is dedicated to ensuring the health of urban centres can bring resources and support for mental healthii. Currently working with Dr. Eileen de Villa to create a Toronto/urban based mental health and addiction strategy to learn about what we need to be successful in the city and to be able to turn to the provincial/federal partners for mental health services support• There will be opportunities for construction management committees hosted by Metrolinx regarding the Ontario Line• First Parliament site update – the Province has proposed a development and some revisions were made. City Planning is currently reviewing the revisions.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cultural fabric of Front Street that stretches from the theatres on Yonge Street to the First Parliament site can be improved dramatically with streetscape improvements, animation and programming. • The hotel shelter programs caused difficulties for the community including merchants and those who are homeless because of the lack of programming and support. With tourism/visitor returns, the hotels will be required to reopen to be able to reopen the economy. Also those who are working in hospitality are in need of their jobs back. • The Canadian Urban Institute is hosting the Summit on the City: Recovering Canada's Downtowns on January 25 and 26, 2022. 	
3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda approved. • November meeting minutes approved. 	
4. Precinct Plan and Strategic Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation meeting on January 5th and discussion on goals on January 12th • Next step is Lord Cultural Services will provide a draft of the goals, objectives, vision, missions and values by the end of the month 	
5. Governance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the December 15th meeting, there were questions about how we can make the discussion on meeting outcomes more productive. There are concerns that stakeholders are driving certain personal interests and there are roadblocks - in lack of trust and transparency and hidden agendas. Also feedback from vendors is that SLMPAC is not looking after the vendors or Markets best interest. • Other topics discussed where the SLMPAC Terms of Reference that governs SLMPAC, included members' behaviour, code of conduct, the Chairs ability to address any issues/concerns, roles of the City and SLMPAC. 	
6. Stakeholder Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening up discussions about programming Market Street with stakeholders and City staff • Farmers Market: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not present • Neighbourhood Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently working with the Councillor's office and looking at ways to put up signage and to commemorate the St. Lawrence as a heritage conservation district - REmarket, a donation drive, is taking place on February 10th at the Temporary Market • St. Lawrence Hall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No updates • Sunday Antique Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No updates • Tenant's Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No updates • Heritage Toronto: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brought back in person tours and audio tours are available through Spotify and iTunes 	
7. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIA Master Plan has been approved. 	

8. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.