



Cabbagetown Preservation Association

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Speaker Series

Mitchell Kosny will be our guest speaker at the next General Meeting of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association on October 20. Dr. Kosny will discuss "Local Community - City Issues: Where Do We Fit?".

Dr. Kosny is eminently qualified to speak on this topic. He is a Professor at the Ryerson School of Urban and Regional Planning in Toronto, and he has an active record of involvement outside the classroom in many facets of Toronto's voluntary tor.

As Chairman of the City of Toronto Planning Advisory Committee, Dr. Kosny is intimately involved in most key planning issues facing the metropolitan area. Most recently, he assisted the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs in its Task Force Report - Analysis and Options for the Government of Metropolitan Toronto - on the future of government organization in Metro. Dr. Kosny also sits as a member of the Mayor's Harbourfront Review Committee which is currently analyzing choices for Toronto's waterfront.

Be sure to attend the next General Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 1988, at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Martin School on Salisbury Avenue (just east of Sackville).

Dr. Kosny's presentation will start at 8:00 p.m. SHARP!

What is the CPA?

The Cabbagetown Preservation Association exists to "preserve the integrity and historical character of our neighbourhood". Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the area bounded by Bloor Street, Parliament Street, Gerrard Street and the Don River. Membership is *only* \$10.

Garage Sale and Tour of Homes

This year, the sun shone on the Cabbagetown Cultural Festival and the Cabbagetown Preservation Association's banner could be seen on Sackville Avenue. It was flying high above tables and tables of items donated for the first Annual Giant Garage Sale.

The garage sale was a resounding success.

Hundreds of donated items were sold and just a little short of \$2,000 was raised.

Meanwhile, indoors at the Tour of Homes, 62 volunteers were acting as attendants, hosts, hostesses and even waiters (for the Candlelight Tour) to help bring the Fundraising total for the weekend to almost \$5,000.

Many thanks to all who participated. Your time, energy, and donations allowed the Association to raise much needed funds.

Special thanks to



for their untiring efforts during the garage sale, and to



for "collecting" the volunteers for the Tour of Homes.

An Inside Look at the Association

The Cabbagetown Preservation Association works through committees. This ensures that all members have an opportunity to participate and voice their opinions. Some committees, such as the Membership Committee, are permanent and look after behind-the-scenes activities like distributing this newsletter to your door. Other committees, such as the Amelia Street Cottages Committee, are formed to address specific issues that affect our community, and are disbanded when their job is done.

Committee Chairpersons

Govt Relations	Steve Poulin	923-6934
Review	Bob White	924-2387
Communications	Jan Goulding	323-9240
Membership	Gerry Lisney	964-9080
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Leslie Street Extension and Bayview Widening

The Metropolitan Toronto Council has long favoured the extension of Leslie Street to Bayview Avenue, and the widening of Bayview south from that point. The council has viewed it as a solution to easing traffic flow and out of the city core.

Toronto City Council, on the other hand, has opposed the plan as being too expensive for what it achieves, and because it will result in a substantial increase in traffic flow through residential areas. Residents' associations from Moore Park, through Rosedale, Cabbagetown, and south to the St. Lawrence neighbourhood, have opposed the proposal for the same reasons.

Metro Council held an open forum in the late spring. Over 25 people spoke against the proposal — including a representative of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association — with only one person speaking in favour. Nevertheless, later the same night, Metro Council passed a motion approving the Leslie Street extension. The regions surrounding the City of Toronto carry more votes than the city on Metro Council.

There are two more stages to be processed, which will likely be dealt with at the same meeting: the Bayview widening and the environmental impact on the ravines. Predictions are the Bayview widening will pass, as well.

Observers say the last hope to stop the two projects is when the provincial government is approached to contribute to the \$90 million-plus bill. St. George-St. David MPP, Ian Scott, is on record as firmly opposed to the projects; and the government is tightening the purse strings on all budgets.

If you are concerned about the amount of traffic cutting through Cabbagetown already, and about the prospect of it increasing substantially from the River Street exit, write to our representatives, with a copy to Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn. Although Barbara Hall and Roger Hollander at City Hall, and Ian Scott at Queen's Park, are all opposed, it helps strengthen their positions if they have evidence of opposition from their constituents.

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An Invitation from our Neighbours to the South

A group of Regent Park residents have been running a Farmer's Market. Fresh produce at wholesale prices is available as well as home-made goods and hand-crafted items. The market will shortly move into cold-weather quarters but, at present, is located at the corner of Oak and Parliament and is held every Saturday morning. Anyone interested in sampling the fresh produce and baked goods or checking out the handicrafts is invited to visit the market.

Golden Cabbage Award

... to Dan Jolly of Jolly Holdings, for preserving and enhancing the facades of the homes at 131 and 133 Amelia Street ...

New Board of Directors Elected

Elections were held at the General Meeting in June and the following Officers and Directors were elected by the members:

Officers

President Michael Roman 962-0716
Treasurer Ray Boland 928-6599
Secretary Jan Goulding 323-9240

Directors for 1-Year Term

Gerry Lisney
Larry McGill
Ian Paterson

Directors for 2-Year Term

Peggy Kurtin
Pat Poulin
Nancy White

Elections for Officers and 1-Year Directors will be held early in 1989. Any member of the Association may serve on the Board, so have your nominations ready!

The Association at Work

The latest chapter in the ongoing saga of the development of the site of the Amelia Street cottages (36 - 40 Amelia Street) begins and ends on a positive note. The new owners/developers obligingly presented the Association with alternate proposals: 1) demolition of the cottages and construction of six 3-storey row houses fronting on Amelia; 2) preservation/replication of the cottage facades with four 2 and 1/2 storey row houses as infill on the rear laneway. By a clear 2-to-1 margin, members chose the second alternative, and among those who did so, preservation was favoured over replication.

As a result of the two meetings in September — with the Association's cottages committee and with the Association's board of directors — an agreement -in-principle was reached strongly endorsing preservation, to the greatest extent possible, of the cottage facades and their relationship to the street.

Thus far, the developer has shown responsiveness to the concerns of the Association and the community.

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Cabbagetown Preservation Association has its place in history ... The Metropolitan Toronto Library Board has asked to be on the mailing list for our newsletter and will keep issues in the main branch. Ed.