



What services can a “Neighbourhood Association” provide? While being limited by the size and initiative of the membership the possibilities can be vast. From a cursory review of other similar Associations possible services could include:

- to protect and enhance property values
  - to seek ways to consistently improve and maintain a positive perception of the neighbourhood to those within and without the neighbourhood
  - to promote neighbourhood identification/logo/signage
  - to produce a neighbourhood introduction brochure
  - to improve the visual appearance of all parts of the neighbourhood
    - to encourage property maintenance/upkeep
    - to organize public area clean-ups
- to advocate improvement of transportation, streets, safety, and public spaces
  - to advocate public transit improvements
  - to advocate lighting, signage, traffic calming improvements
  - to advocate improved pedestrian safety, sidewalks, and pathways
  - to advocate improvement and expansion of public spaces and the neighbourhood environment
- to promote public safety and help reduce crime
  - to support Neighbourhood Watch (or similar) programs
  - to help find solutions to drug house / grow op issues
  - to help find solutions vandalism / graffiti issues
  - to deter theft
  - to promote landlord responsibility
- to provide a voice and to communicate
  - to hold open meetings and social events
  - to liase with other community associations on municipal issues
  - to liase with neighbourhood schools, businesses, sports and charity organizations
  - to provide an effective link to elected members and officials at all levels of government
  - to provide input on neighbourhood development proposals including pro-actively suggesting improvements (or pointing out problems) that may otherwise be overlooked by the applicant/municipality but may adversely affect the neighbourhood
- to maintain neighbourhood information
  - to maintain a registry of members to enable effective neighbourhood communication
  - to maintain a neighbourhood map
  - to document neighbourhood history
  - to monitor and record neighbourhood demographics/trends
  - to survey neighbourhood issues
  - to develop and advocate long range neighbourhood maintenance and improvement plans

Neighbourhood Associations are volunteer based. Thus the ability to address the breadth of possible tasks is limited by the volunteers available to champion particular causes. If a cause is of particular interest please consider stepping forward to volunteer to help champion that cause. The SLNA will support any reasonable initiative that meets the objects of the Society and would benefit the neighbourhood.