# SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS’ ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES FOR MEETING OF September 20, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. There were no conflicts of interest.*

*Present: John Meijer, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Veronica Wynne, Elizabeth Elson, Nick Singh, Sydney Reimer,*

*Regrets: David Fleming, Sybil Wilkinson, Keith Dicks, Brian O'Rourke.*

*Guest: Councillor Sarah Doucette*

1. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and** **APPROVAL**

*Moved by Bill, seconded by Veronica and carried: To approve the agenda without amendment.*

1. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and** **APPROVAL (June 2, 2016)**

*Moved by Nick, seconded by Veronica and carried: To make the following amendments:*

1. *change 6,i) from ?67 Riverside to 167 Windermere*
2. *change 6,j) from $42,100 to $2,100*
3. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**:
   1. Membership and Report (5 mins) - John: *No membership report this month. John read a message from Beverly Benson thanking us for the flowers we sent for Ed Benson's funeral in recognition of his contribution to our Association.*
   2. Fund Raising & Report (5 mins) - Kate: *Kate reminded us that our fundraiser with the Village Player for the Fall is November 3rd. BWVRA had agreed to join us and the tickets were printed showing BWVRA as co-sponsors, but they have since withdrawn, however they will still bare half the $500 cost. Kate will explore a door prise to assist sales.*
   3. Treasurer’s Report (5 mins) - Kate: *Kate presents a financial statement to August 2016 and reports that $4,000 has been transferred from the savings account to the chequing account.*

*Moved by Kate, seconded by Ian and carried: That the financial report be accepted as presented.*

*As per our discussion Kate will explore a better investment such as a GIC or other instrument for our savings account.*

* 1. Expenses’ Approvals & Payment (5-10 mins) John & Executive:

*Moved by Bill, seconded by Kate and carried: $27.11for our table at the YIMBY event.*

1. **NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS (10-15 minutes each including Q & A)**

*Councillor Sarah Doucette*

1. **IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**
2. Humber Odeon Project: *Community Consultation Meeting, 7:00 PM Sept. 29, 2016 at St. Pius X School –Veronica will forward the City's notice of the Public Meeting. Members are encouraged to read the City's Preliminary Report before the meeting. Councillor Doucette expects that the developer, Plaza Corp Developments, will apply for an OMB hearing at the earliest opportunity in December.*
3. Swansea Safety Meeting: *STH Council Chambers 7:00PM Sept 22, 2016 Councillor Doucette Reported that the community group Streets to Homes will be at the meeting to talk about homelessness and panhandlers and the police will attend to put the recent events at or around the Swansea Mews in perspective.*
4. 1926 Lakeshore Update – Veronica, Bill: *The site has a new owner.*
5. 2259 Bloor Application & Update – John and Executive: *Councillor Doucette Reported that there is no application for development at the site as yet, but as far as she knows the changes will be put to the Committee of Adjustment.*
6. Bloor Avenue Study Update and Next Steps – Veronica, John & Bill: *Councillor Doucette Reported that the RFP's garnered five proposals which the City's departments involved in the study will study and will then select one proposal to be the consultant for the Avenue Study. The selection will likely be announced in October which will be followed by a public meeting sponsored by the consultant. Councillor Doucette Reported that she is trying to co-ordinate the HCD study with the Avenue Study.*
7. 34 Southport/Southport Plaza Next Steps with the Chief Building Official – Veronica, Nick: *Progress with the CBO and the site plan was being held up by Corona's OMB appeal, which has now been withdrawn. The withdrawal opens up the matter to proceed. Nick and Veronica will notify the South Kingsway Neighbourhood Committee so that they may pursue involvement in the site plan as per their OMB settlement.*
8. C of A and OMB requests: 967 Windermere, 167 Riverside, 86 Deforest (Tree House)– John and Executive:

*967 Windermere: Approved by the COA?*

*167 Riverside: All variances approved by the COA. Sydney reports that the Committee dismissed our objections as being unsupported by documented proof (as in a court of law).*

*86 Deforest (Tree House): Councillor Doucette Reported that the City will be opposing the applicants' appeal to the OMB which is scheduled for Nov.5th.*

1. Swansea Legion Site Update – Kate: *Councillor Doucette Reported that the owner's complaint that he has not received a permit for either a yoga studio or daycare is caused by the owner's continuing failure to complete an application for either use.*

*Moved by Bill, seconded by Veronica and carried: That John will write the York Preservation Society, Toronto Preservation and the Swansea Historical Society and copy Councillor Doucette, to support the listing of the Legion as a Swansea Heritage Site.*

1. Closure/Merger of 12th Division Police Station – Bill and Nick: *Bill and Nick attended a meeting in the Division 12 area which was held to discuss changes to the police budget and the delivery of services. The meeting was well attended by local residents and gorups particulaly concerned about the proposed closure. Opposition to the closure of the Division was almost universal. Though it seemed that plans for the closure had proceeded to an advanced degree Police Chief Mark Saunders said he was listening to the community, Chief Saunders insisted that changes would be evidence based.*
2. Pathway between Palisades and Ellis Update – John and Executive: *The path has been assumed by an owner or owners who believe that they have a right to bar the public from the path and have posted "no trespass" notices which also proclaim it as private property. Councillor Doucette reported that a City official has followed the history of the property up to February of 1938 when it was acquired by Mary Harvey and Herbert Bell. The Official thus declared the property to be private but failed to determine who the current owner might be. Despite this the neighbours do not have the right to post notices or close the pathway since they do not own the property. Bill Roberts recalls that the property might have been appropriated by the Village of Swansea for the failure to pay the taxes. In any case the point maps show the property to be a pathway a condition reiterated by the line of fences that were constructed by the neighbours, in which case it may be protected in law as a public pathway or right of way. Our Board is of the consensus that the City report is incomplete and premature in declaring the property to be "private property". It seems that the property's neighbours, who were scheduled to attend this night's meeting, but did not, are responding to 'undesirables' using the area for suspicious purposes.*
3. Harmonized City Wide By-Law Update - Veronica: *Bell Canada and the City have agreed to an exclusion of Bell's electrical stations from the bylaws by making conditions for these stations specific to hydro's electrical stations only. As a party to the proceedings SARA has a right to object but first we would like to understand the reason for the narrowing of the bylaw; Veronica will enquire with Thomas Wall.*
4. YIMBY Event: *Ian and Veronica will be joined by Bill to represent SARA on Saturday 24, 2016.*
5. Update, Monitor or Close: John & Executive

* Land Use Items in Section 10: *See section 10*

1. Report on the DPS Hearing and Adjournment of August 22, 2016: *Bill Roberts reported that the late admission of the Ministry to the proceedings as a party resulted in legal delays at the August hearing and an adjournment until the spring of 2017.*

***In Camera****: Further DPS Discussion – Executive Members only*

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
2. **COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE ITEMS:**
3. SARA Site Plan Review for 2265 Bloor, 1926 Lakeshore and 34 Southport & Chief Building Official
4. Avenue Study for the Bloor West Village
5. Humber Theatre Perspective re Planning Dept. Support
6. Community Issues: Swansea Safety Meeting & Park Site Queensway/Ellis: *Councillor Doucette reported that Toronto Heritage has finalised a plan to place a plaque commemorating the area's Black Oak Savannah trees.*
7. **CURRENT MATTERS:**

**(Chair & members will identify and discuss only the items that need attention.)**

* 1. Lobbyist Registration List for Not-for-Profit Organizations
  2. 2442 Bloor W PlazaCorp Development
  3. Southport Plaza and Site Plan Involvement
  4. 1926 Lakeshore Blvd and Site Plan Involvement
  5. 2265-79 Bloor W Site Plan Approval Process
  6. 1908 – 1920 Bloor Street West connection to 2265-79 Bloor West
  7. Consolidated Zoning By-Law
  8. Coalition Formation of the 4 x Ratepayers Association
  9. West End Ratepayer Groups – Heritage Designation Effort
  10. Avenue Study Progress and Blue Sky Lists
  11. Promoting SARA and Membership Recruitment
  12. AGM: speaker, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments
  13. Development Permit System appeal
  14. Eglinton Connects OMB appeal
  15. 400th Anniversary of Brule
  16. Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale
  17. Ratepayers' Associations and the agreement for funds collected for the Save Our Village Fund
  18. Traffic Study at Bloor Street W and South Kingsway: *Sydney reported that her calls to the other two RA's have not been answered so there has been no progress on a united plan for improvement. However there have been suggestions made by the Humber Odeon to widen the intersection further which might make matters worse since the current traffic light set up is for tight intersections.*
  19. Mid Rise Guidelines Revisions and Recommendations Report
  20. South Kingsway/Mossom Intersection
  21. Closure/Merger of 12th Division Police Station
  22. Swansea Legion Hall Project

1. **LAND USE ITEMS:**

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* 1. Past Items:

1. 25 Ellis Park Road - *close*
2. 43 South Kingsway - *under construction*
3. 1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West - *2114 has recently been demolished*
4. 2117 Bloor Street West / 189 Harcroft - *ongoing*
5. 2442 Bloor West- *ongoing*
6. 78 Kennedy Ave- *ongoing*
7. 253 Windermere- *ongoing*
8. 167 Riverside - *monitor*
9. 967 Windermere- *ongoing*
10. 86 Deforest- *ongoing*
11. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

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* 1. High Park Resource Group
  2. Community Police Liaison Committee
  3. Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park
  4. Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: *The Runnymede Branch will again be closed for renovation work resulting in longer hours for the Town Hall branch to have extended hours.*
  5. Swansea Public School
  6. Swansea Town Hall Board of Management
  7. J.T. Bonham Residences
  8. CORRA: *Nick and Veronica attended the meeting in June which was well attended. Eileen converted the first half of the meeting into an off-agenda round table introduction and 'what are our issues' sharing with questions and answers and discussion. Eileen said she could not do everything herself however no new duties were shared out. The second half was more focused. Eileen spoke about zoning boundaries, Mixed Commercial Residential designation and the DPS. However no action was motioned and promised information has not been received.*

1. **ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**

**(Chair & members will identify and discuss only the items that need attention.)**

* 1. Windermere by the Lake
  2. Humber Odeon Developments
  3. Red Oak initiative.
  4. Tree By-Law Outcomes
  5. Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster
  6. 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development
  7. Five Year Review of Official Plan
  8. Impact on Chimneys of Construction of Taller Buildings
  9. Runnymede Fire Station Closure
  10. YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard) Festival
  11. Swansea Legion
  12. Island Airport
  13. Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto
  14. 176 Morningside Ave
  15. 67 South Kingsway
  16. 156 Morningside
  17. Humbergate Initiative
  18. Former Joyco Station
  19. Bloor West Urban Design Study
  20. Western Beaches
  21. Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures
  22. Swansea Traffic Study
  23. South Kingsway Ramps
  24. Leaves and snow removal
  25. Ridesharing Outcomes from Uber Decision
  26. Harmonization of Cash in Lieu Fees for Parking

1. **LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:**

**(Chair & members will identify and discuss only the items that need attention.)**

* 1. Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings in 2017
  2. State Farm Insurance Policy
  3. Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches
  4. AGM: speaker, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments
  5. Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings:

1. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:15 pm
2. **Adjourned** *9:45*