

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF October 13, 2010**

Present: Nick Singh, Ian McIsaac, William Roberts (8:40), John Meijer, Ed Gaigalas, David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Gared Daniel, Elizabeth Elson, Sybil Wilkinson

Regrets: Louis Gris

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:35. William Roberts, via email, declared a conflict of interest with item 71 Morningside Ave. and will attend after the item is discussed.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Upon motion by Elizabeth Elson, seconded by Ian McIssac, and carried, the Agenda for September 21, 2010 was approved as amended, with the order being 71 Morningside Ave, 155 Morningside Ave, 2500 Bloor St W - Tridel Development, and the Southport Plaza development.
3. **71 Morningside Ave:** The item was described by Nick Singh. The neighbours, the Hughes, are expecting \$3,000 in lawyers fees and \$12,000 for a planner, and have moved ahead with retaining both. It was discussed how we can allocate monies, for this action, and for others like Southport, 2500 Bloor, Old Mill, and others. David Fleming motioned that \$3,000 be allocated for a planner to support the neighbours at the OMB. The motion was seconded by Ed Gaigalas. Kate Lawson motioned that we amend the amount to \$5,000. the amendment was seconded by Ian McIsaac. The amendment was not carried. The original motion of 3000 was passed.
4. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (of May 18, 2010 and June 15, 2010):** David Fleming motioned that the minutes of September 21, 2010 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
5. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer read the report and motioned that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Tickets to the fall play Laura by Vera Caspary and George Sklar on November 18, 2010 are available from Louis Gris.
 - c. **Treasurer's:** No report is available.
 - d. **Expenses:** David Fleming submitted \$130.50 for payment of the OMB appeal of the Harmonized By Law. John Meijer submitted \$162.65 for newsletter and domain renewal. Ed Gaigalas motioned that the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
6. **New Members and Guests:** Nick will contact Brian O'Rourke to see if he would like to be a member of the executive. Sybil Wilkinson motioned to appoint Brian O'Rourke as a member of the executive if he accepts the position. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
7. **Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:** No news.
8. **Membership Committee:** At the Mayoral All Candidates meeting Chris Korda and Giuliana Weiss-Singh handed out memberships and solicited people to become members. Ian McIssac motioned that we have an open house in January or February to help drum up community support and interest in SARA. Sybil Wilkinson, Kate Lawson, and Ian McIsaac volunteered to help organize the event. Ed Gaigalas will find some available dates for the event.
9. **Arrival:** After a phone call from Ed Gaigalas advising him that 71 Morningside Ave was dealt with, William Roberts arrived at the executive meeting at 8:40pm. The following items were addressed after his arrival.
10. **155 Morningside Ave:** The matter is coming before the Committee of Adjustment on October 14, 2010. The applicant wants to keep the building as constructed. William Roberts explained the current situation with the building and the application: planning errors with

respect to GFA and height, missed variances, and the developer building past the required setbacks. David Fleming motioned that we support the neighbours in opposing the application with a letter, and that we attempt to have the matter deferred. The motion was seconded by William Roberts and carried.

11. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** The OMCA are appealing the City Council decision at the OMB. Nick Singh attended a OMCA meeting on October 12 where the matter was discussed. It appears that they do not have a strategy at the moment. The OMCA would like to meet with Nick Singh and William Roberts as SARA representatives to discuss strategy and SARA's involvement. David Fleming motioned that a sub-committee of Bill, Nick, Ed, John and Dave be formed, and the sub-committee meet with the OMCA to find out how the appeal is proceeding, and up to \$1000 be allocated to help in support to the appeal at the committees discretion based on position compatibility, expert testimony of planning and traffic, and the level of OMCA commitment. He motion was seconded by William Roberts carried.
12. **Southport Plaza:** A meeting was held on September 27, 2010 outlining the two 25 story towers. Retail issues were discussed and the developer is not against retail at the development. Ian McIsaac and Sybil Wilkinson are meeting with their condo boards to gain their support and to help drum up support from other condo boards in the area with the intent to fund a study to assess the viability and category of retail at the plaza. Bill Roberts suggested meeting at the individual condo's to describe the situation and build community support.
13. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** Deferred.
 - b. **South Kingsway Ramps:** Deferred.
 - c. **Sobeys Mall Traffic Problems:** Deferred.
 - d. **Proposed Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** William Roberts discussed the Teddington Park Ratepayers OMB appeal letter and whether it may be beneficial to team up with them in the appeal, especially with respect to converted houses.
 - e. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – September 26, 2010:** Deferred.
 - f. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** Deferred.
 - g. **Queens Pasta Liquor Licence Application:** Deferred.
 - h. **All Candidates Meetings - Toronto Municipal Election:** On Tuesday October 19, 2010, SARA will hold a Councillor's All Candidates Meeting. David Fleming and Kate Lawson will collect questions, David Fleming will sort, Nick Singh will chair and MC, and John Meijer will time. Ed Gaigalas will create a “question” form.
 - i. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** Deferred.
 - j. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** Deferred.
 - k. **311 Call Centre problems:** Deferred.
 - l. **YIMBY Festival:** Deferred.
14. **LAND USE ITEMS:**
 - a. **Past Items:**
 - i. **169 South Kingsway:** No news
 - ii. **67 Runnymede:** Deferred.
 - iii. **212 Windermere:** Deferred.
 - iv. **21 Mayfield:** Deferred.
 - v. **25 Dacre:** No news, pending OMB decision. Gared will contact the OMB to see if there is a decision yet.
 - b. **New Items:**
 - i. **42 Morningside Ave:** Bill Roberts reported that building plans were modified and conditions were imposed to the satisfaction of the appellants.
15. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** Deferred.
 - b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Deferred.
 - c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park:** Deferred.
 - d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Deferred.
 - e. **Swansea Public School:** Deferred.
 - f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Deferred.
 - g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Deferred.
 - h. **CORRA:** Deferred.
16. **ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**
- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** Deferred.
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** Deferred.
 - c. **Former Joyco Station:** Deferred.
 - d. **Humber Bay Treatment Plant:** Deferred.
 - e. **Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea:** Deferred.
 - f. **Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr:** Deferred.
 - g. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** Deferred.
 - h. **Humber Odeon Developments:** Deferred.
 - i. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** Deferred.
 - j. **Rennie Park/Ellis Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement:** Deferred.
 - k. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** Deferred.
 - l. **Humbergate Initiative:** Deferred.
 - m. **0 Old Mill Road:** Deferred.
 - n. **Swansea Traffic Study:** Deferred.
 - o. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Deferred.
17. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
18. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010
19. **ADJOURNED:** 10:00 pm