

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF December 15, 2010**

Present: Nick Singh, Ian McIsaac, William Roberts, David Fleming, Elizabeth Elson, Brian O'Rourke, Sybil Wilkinson

Regrets: Gared Daniel, John Meijer, Ed Gaigalas, Kate Lawson, Louis Gris

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:30.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Sybil Wilkinson, and carried, the Agenda for December 15, 2010 was approved as amended.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (of November 16, 2010, October 13, 2010, May 18, 2010 and June 15, 2010):** Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Ian McIssac, and carried, the minutes for October 13, 2010 and November 16, 2010 were approved. David Fleming reported that he has yet to compile the May and June minutes.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer sent the report via email. Bill Roberts motioned that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Nick Singh reported that Louis Gris is estimating approx \$800. Full accounting will be done for the January Executive.
 - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson sent the report via email. Bill Roberts motioned that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** 8:30 to 9:00. Kathleen Keefe at 14 Windigo Way. She explained that the finished development at 16 Windigo Way was much different than what presented at the CoA. The building department had no problems with the construction. Urban Forestry conditions were not met during construction. The fireplace was constructed contrary to what is permitted and is being used for leaf and yard waste burning. The fire department is not able to enforce the problem with leaf burning. She contacted the City Ombudsman who informed her that it is a not a priority for them to proceed with any action. She asked the Executive for advice on what she could do. Bill Roberts suggested that she repackage an argument to the Ombudsman outlining the apparent systemic problems with the CoA process, and copy SARA on the matter. David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG support Kathleen Keefe in her endeavours with the Ombudsman once SARA/SARA receives a letter from her. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
 - b. **Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:** No news.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - d. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news. This item, including closing of Colbourne Lodge Road, to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette.
 - e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news. This item to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette.

- f. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** Nick Singh reported that Councillor Doucette is trying to meet with the developer and the community regarding the development and traffic issues. We may want to investigate the see if some of the Section 37 money allocation, based on changed circumstances, could be reallocated for an Avenue Study for Bloor Street.
- g. **Proposed Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported that there is some initiative to repeal the new by-law and start from square one. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG's position is instead of scrapping the current by-law, we direct City Staff to produce a report and meet with the ratepayers and other groups to see if the outstanding issues can be resolved. Bill Roberts will contact CORRA and FONTRA to advise them of our position. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
- h. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – September 26, 2010:** All the donation and award money will be accounted for and dispersed when all of the cheques are received. The 2011 marathon will be Saturday October 16, 2011. Sybil motioned that SARA suggest that the Swansea Cheering Section Committee write personal letters of thanks to the our sponsored Champions. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- i. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** No news.
- j. **Queens Pasta Liquor Licence Application:** No News. Nick Singh has contacted with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission and had no response.
- k. **All Candidates Meetings - Provincial Election:** Bill motioned that the All Candidates Meeting be held on Tuesday September 27. Ed to contact the incumbent, Cheri DiNovo to inform her and her team of the date. The motion was seconded by David Fleming carried.
- l. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** Lane closures between Jane and the South Kingsway create unnecessary traffic problems with the current incarnation. SARA should write a letter outlining concerns. This item to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette. Defer to January.
- m. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported he has contacted many of the area condominium corporations to talk about the idea of the marketing study. They all seemed receptive to the idea. He has composed a letter that he will distribute to the developer and the various condominium corporations to be used to solicit the funds for the marketing study.
- n. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** No news. This item to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette.
- o. **30 Old Mill Drive:** Nick Singh reported that the developer wants to increase the number of units 17 (84 to 101) by adding an additional floor, and that the change should not trigger any GFA because they already had it. The December 9 CoA meeting was deferred. There are a number of concerns regarding how the GFA was calculated and that fact that the approval was for the number of units. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG support the KPRA and other groups to oppose the variances being sought. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

6. **LAND USE ITEMS:**

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news. The meeting have not taken place yet.
- ii. **212 Windermere:** No news.
- iii. **71 Morningside Ave:** Bill Roberts reported that a new PAL and there several new variances required beyond what was originally identified. The OMB adjourned the hearing until January 11, 2011.
- iv. **45 Morningside Ave:** No news. Nick will contact Lucia Favret.
- v. **60 Beresford Ave:** All variances were passed. Close.

b. **New Items:**

- i. **None:** No new items.

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Sybil Wilkinson participated in a clothing drive and discussed the upcoming move of 11 Division. The CPLC is attempting to accommodate Sybil by moving the date to Wednesdays. The CPLC also requires new members.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park:** No news. The New Years Eve Skate will be held from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Swansea Hockey will start playing December 27, 2010.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that Councillor Doucette has been appointed to the Library Board.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Bill Roberts reported that the AGM will be February 16, 2011. The board needs new members to help with any administration duties, bookkeeping and paralegal skills. David Fleming motion that we write a letter to confirm that SARA/SARG appoint Bill Roberts to the board. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG petition KPRA, Warren Park, Old Mill, BWVRA, and CORRA to meet a few times a year to deal with the issues currently happening in the west, and possibly formalize a liaison relationship. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried. Bill Roberts and Nick Singh will contact the various groups.

8. **ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**

- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** No news.
- b. **Southport Plaza:** No news.
- c. **Former Joyco Station:** No news.
- d. **Humber Bay Treatment Plant:** No news.
- e. **Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr:** No news.
- f. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news. This item to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette.
- g. **Humber Odeon Developments:** No news.
- h. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** No news.
- i. **Rennie Park/Ellis Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement:** No news.
- j. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** No news.
- k. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news. This item to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette.

- l. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news. This item to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette.
- m. **311 Call Centre Problems:** No news. Close.
- n. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Rooms to be booked in November 2011.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Swansea Mews:** Ian McIssac reported that there are rumours that the Swansea Mews may be torn down. This item to be itemized, described, and presented to Councillor Doucette.
- b. **Former Executive Member:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that former SARA/SARG treasurer Joan Oreto is not well. David Fleming motioned that SARA provide up to \$35.00 for a get well gift. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried. Sybil will arrange delivering the gift.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

11. **ADJOURNED:** 10:00 pm.