

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF January 18, 2011**

Present: Nick Singh, Ian McIsaac, William Roberts, David Fleming, Elizabeth Elson, Brian O'Rourke, John Meijer, Ed Gaigalas

Regrets: Gared Daniel, Sybil Wilkinson, Kate Lawson, Louis Gris

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:43.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the agenda be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (of December 15, 2010, May 18, 2010 and June 15, 2010):** Bill Roberts motioned that the minutes be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer will send the report via email later this week.
 - b. **Fundraising:** The final accounting for the fall fundraiser on November 18, 2010 has not been completed. SARA should send the Village Playhouse their \$500 for hosting the fundraiser under expenses.
 - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson sent the report via email. There are some questions raised surrounding the final numbers on the report Dave Fleming motioned that the acceptance of the report be deferred until Nick Singh can follow up. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
Ian McIssac presented a \$1500 cheque from Condominium Corporation YCC118 to be put towards the Retail Marketing Study Retail consultant for Southport Plaza to be forwarded to the Treasurer for deposit as a separate line item.
 - d. **Expenses:** \$500 to Village Playhouse for the fall 2010 fundraiser. Up to \$700 to pay the 2011 insurance premiums. \$105.09 for the 2011 Swansea Town Hall mailbox rental. \$9.25 photocopies at the Swansea Town Hall. Bill Roberts motioned that the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Councillor Doucette arrived at 8:30. Items dealing with Councillor Doucette were deferred until her arrival.
 - 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. Nick Singh explained the issues to Councillor Doucette.
 - e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news. Nick Singh explained the issues to Councillor Doucette, primarily the issue with the sight-lines at the South Kingsway to the eastbound Queensway stop sign and access to the TTC stop on Queensway from the South Kingsway.
 - f. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** Nick Singh reported they met with the community and Councillor Doucette on January 12, 2011 where there was a good

discussion about the development proposal and a possible Avenue study. Councillor Doucette will be meeting with the developer on Friday January 21, 2011.

- g. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** The OMB is dealing with the 600 plus appeals. Bill Roberts explained our concerns to Councillor Doucette, primarily zoning designations of RS within Swansea.
- h. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – September 26, 2010:** The cheque for First Place Cheering section and the cheque for online pledges are still outstanding, with over \$1600.00 for each of the four community associations participating. The Swansea Cheering Section Committee will write personal letters of thanks to the our sponsored Champions.
- i. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** Nick Singh reported that the matter is back on the radar and will be dealt with soon.
- j. **Queens Pasta Liquor Licence Application:** No news.
- k. **All Candidates Meetings - Provincial Election:** The provincial all candidates meeting will be held on Tuesday September 27. Ed Gaigalas reported that Cheri DiNovo's office has been informed of the date.
- l. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** Bill Roberts explained to Councillor Doucette how the lane closures between Jane and the South Kingsway create unnecessary traffic problems.
- m. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported he has continued contacting the area condominium corporations to talk about the marketing study. He has a \$1500 cheque from his condominium corporation and a promise of \$300 from a townhouse corporation in the area. \$2800 in total has been raised so far. He is hoping that by next month he will be able to report on the progress. Councillor Doucette reported the the developer is on board with providing retail development, a green grocer.
- n. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** No news. This item was described to Councillor Doucette under 5e, South Kingsway ramps.
- o. **30 Old Mill Drive:** Bill Roberts motioned that SARA oppose the proposal as is stands as the number of unit increase is not appropriate. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Nick Singh will write the letter.
- p. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** A meeting has been arranged for February 1, 2011, at My Place. Several of the groups are on board with scheduling meetings throughout the year, possibly three or four times per year. Nick Singh and Bill Roberts will attend the West End Ratepayers Group meeting. There may be an opportunity to help reformulate CORRA. Bill Roberts reported that some FONTRA reps will be in attendance as well. Councillor Doucette has scheduled a community Ratepayers's meeting on the same date. John Meijer will attend Councillor Doucette's meeting.

6. **LAND USE ITEMS:**

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news. Meetings have not taken place yet. Elizabeth Elson described the situation to Councillor Doucette.
- ii. **212 Windermere:** No news.
- iii. **71 Morningside Ave:** Bill Roberts reported the matter came before the OMB on January 18, 2011. They will give its decision in four to five weeks.
- iv. **45 Morningside Ave:** No news. Councillor Doucette reported that she met with the developers and had discussions about the proposal.
- v. **16 Windigo Way:** Ms. Keefe and her architect wrote to the buildings department regarding the final inspection and whether the development was done correctly and had passed final inspection. The building department replied that all work was done correctly and in line with the building code. Move to be monitored.

b. **New Items:**

- i. No new items.

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park:** No news.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- 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.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** The AGM is February 15, 2011. Bill Roberts may be able to attend.
- h. **CORRA:** No news.

8. **ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**

- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** No news.
- b. **Southport Plaza:** No news.
- c. **Former Joyco Station:** No news. Councillor Doucette suggested that a rental business, possibly inline skates or canoes be installed as opposed to a retail food outlet.
- 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 was described 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. The work appears to be done. Close.
- j. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** No news.
- k. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news. This item was described to Councillor Doucette.
- l. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news. This item was described to Councillor Doucette. Councillor Doucette reported that the intersection at Morningside Ave and South Kingsway was being discussed, with possibly a roundabout or traffic lights proposed. Nick Singh, Ed Gaigalas and Bill Roberts brought up the issue of getting the City to do a Swansea Traffic Study due to the importance of the South Kingsway and the fact

that Swansea has three physical barriers, the lake, High Park, and the river containing it.

- m. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Rooms to be booked in November 2011.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. None.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

11. **A DJOURNED:** 10:00 pm.