

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF February 15, 2011**

**Present:** Nick Singh, William Roberts (late 8:00) , David Fleming, Elizabeth Elson, Brian O'Rourke, Sybil Wilkinson, John Meijer, Kate Lawson, Ian McIsaac

**Regrets:** Gared Daniel, Louis Gris, Ed Gaigalas

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 of February 15, 2011 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (of January 18, 2011, May 18, 2010 and June 15, 2010):** David Fleming motioned that the minutes of January 18, 2011 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by John Meijer 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 been completed \$1001.00. SARA has sent the Village Playhouse their \$500 for hosting the fundraiser. \$501.00 was raised for SARA.
  - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson sent the report for January and February via email. The report is up to date. Kate motioned that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** Toronto Cyclist Union, Ward 13 - D'Arcy Dunal, from 55 Lavinia, introduced himself and their group to the Executive. D'Arcy explained that the group is a member based community of cyclists and cyclist groups in Toronto. They work with community, citizens and bike shops to include cycling as a family and friendly thing to do. They are now promoting community activism to advocate for cycling including city budgeting for infrastructure, lobbying the City for cycling improvements, bike lanes and safe, respectful cycling.  
70 Lavinia Ave - Jeff and Kate Cole from 70 Lavinia, Keith Dicks from 68 Lavinia, Gillard and Sandy Bower from 72 Lavinia – The development proposal went to Committee of Adjustment on February 3, 2011 where it was unanimously approved. The neighbours have expressed a desire to appeal the Committee of Adjustment decision to the OMB. All parties expressed their concerns with the development, both positive and negative. The neighbours to the north are concerned with the diminished amount of light coming into their properties. The neighbour to the south is concerned with the two stories combined with a read addition, and that the development is not minor due to the large number of variances. They both are concerned with an apartment/duplex being built in the basement.  
None of the parties are asking for support. Bill Roberts explained the OMB process and options available, whether an appeal or mediation.
  - 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. The issue has been explained to Councillor Doucette.
- e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news. The issue has been explained to Councillor Doucette.
- f. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** Bill Roberts explained the recent development with respect to the revised sight plans for the development and the OMB appeal. There is a meeting on Wednesday February 16, 2011 to further discuss the issues.
- g. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** The OMB is dealing with the 600 plus appeals. Bill Roberts indicated March 24 public hearing with Planning and Growth Management.
- h. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – September 26, 2010:** The 2010 monies have all been received. SARA received a total of \$1677.35. The committee for the 2011 Marathon will meet in March.
- i. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** No news.
- 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, 2011.
- l. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** No news. The issue has been explained to Councillor Doucette.
- m. **Southport Plaza:** Nick Singh read Ian McIsaac's email update. Ian McIsaac and Sybil Wilkinson are still soliciting support at surrounding condominium boards. Ian McIsaac has raised more funds and promises for funds.
- n. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** No news. The issue has been explained to Councillor Doucette.
- o. **30 Old Mill Drive:** The proposal was approved at the Committee of Adjustment and some Section 37 monies were allocated. Close.
- p. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Nick Singh reported that four local ratepayers' groups, SARA, Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc., West Kingsway Ratepayers' Association, Old Mill and Bloor West Village Residents Association have agreed to band together as a West End Ratepayers' Group and get membership in CORRA. The Teddington Park Residents' Association is interested in the outcome of the meetings, as well as joining CORRA.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
  - i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
  - 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. John Meijer attended Councillor Doucette's community meeting where the item was discussed, and has the plans.
- b. **New Items:**
  - i. **15 Runnymede Road:** The COA meeting has been held. John Meijer will investigate the results of the meeting. Councillor Doucette had indicated that the Planning Department will oppose. John Meijer motioned that if the CoA has approved and the planing Dept has opposed the we SARA will appeal to the OMB. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
  - ii. **70 Lavinia:** Bill Roberts motioned that SARA will defer any decision and wait until to see if the neighbours appeal to the OMB or not. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that they had their AGM last month. The police division headquarters will be moving to the new location soon.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported that the Centre is questioning their identity with respect to being more Toronto like or more like Etobicoke York where we are assigned.
- 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 Wednesday February 16, 2011, with John Tory speaking.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** The AGM was February 15, 2011. Bill Roberts reported that a new slate was elected.
- 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.
- d. **Humber Bay Treatment Plant:** No news.
- e. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news. This item has been described to Councillor Doucette.
- f. **Humber Odeon Developments:** No news.
- g. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** No news.
- h. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** No news.
- i. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news. This item has been described to Councillor Doucette.
- j. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news. This item has been described to Councillor Doucette.
- k. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Rooms have been booked to November 2011.
- l. **16 Windigo Way:** No news.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. SARA AGM for 2011. A discussion of who we could get a speaker. A suggestion of having someone from the Police department, like Chief Blair or Staff Superintendent Lennox were suggested. Sybil Wilkinson will make inquiries. Put on Current Matters.
- b. John Meijer reported that he attended Councillor Doucette's community meeting.
- c. The Brigham Pipe factory has been sold. Put on monitor.

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

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