

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF April 19, 2011**

**Present:** Nick Singh, William Roberts, David Fleming, Elizabeth Elson, Brian O'Rourke, John Meijer, Kate Lawson

**Regrets:** Gared Daniel, Ed Gaigalas, Sybil Wilkinson, Ian McIssac, Louis Gris

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:35.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill motioned that the agenda of April 19, 2011 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (of February 15, 2011, May 18, 2010 and June 15, 2010):** David Fleming motioned that the minutes of March 15, 2011 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by William Roberts and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** John Meijer reported that he does not have the report ready, but will compose and email it within the week.
  - b. **Fundraising:** No news. The fall fundraiser should be organized so that tickets are available before the summer break.
  - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson moved the report as read. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** Kate Lawson \$2.71 for Town Hall photocopies, Bill Roberts \$42.00 for by-law work, John Meijer \$83.33 for web site (\$63.33) and copies at the OMB (\$20.00). Kate Lawson motioned that the expensed be paid. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** Lucia Favret of 47 Morningside Ave and Valentina Borowets of 18 Rennie Terrace are both opposing the development at 45 Morningside Ave. Lucia Favret has been frustrated with dealing with the developers, primarily with the transfer of the driveway easement to her. She thinks that the proposal is a massive over development and will be a catalyst for overdevelopment on the south side of the street. She is interested in appealing the decision to the OMB and would like to find out how much it would cost and seek advice on what to do. Ms. Favret indicated that she would be able to help financially. Ms. Borowets agreed that that the proposal is too big and will lead to overdevelopment. Bill Roberts provided some advice on the process and some estimates on costs for both lawyers and planners.
  - 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 and she has been attempting to set up a meeting dealing with the topic.
  - e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** Councillor Doucette reported that she will talk to Traffic and set up a meeting to discuss the problems. Nick Singh asked that Councillor Doucette have the Ratepayers' and other concerned parties included.
  - f. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** David Fleming motioned that the letter of opposition written on April 11, 2011 be affirmed. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

Planning and Growth will meet on May 10, 2011 to continue discussions with repealing of the by-law. Kate Lawson motioned that the position of SARA/SARG should be to fix the issues with the current by-law rather than repealing the by-law and starting from scratch. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

Bill Roberts motioned that we strike a sub-committee of John Meijer, David Fleming and Bill Roberts, that is authorized to deal with any items related to the repeal. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

Bill Roberts described that we will need to appeal the ten new by-law amendments that have been enacted by City Council. John Meijer motioned that SARA/SARG appeal the new by-law amendments, specifically the ones dealing with Swansea development issues, and that we request that OMB treat appeals to the amendments as one appeal package, not as ten individual items. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

- g. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – September 26, 2010:** The next committee meeting will be on May 3, 2011. In Nick Singh's absence, SARA should find another person to attend.
- h. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** Councillor Doucette reported via email that she met with City staff, the Swansea Public School Principal and some of the local dog walkers. The City is moving forwards with a few options and once staff has drawings ready she will hold a public meeting.
- i. **Queens Pasta Liquor Licence Application:** No news.
- j. **All Candidates Meetings - Provincial Election:** No news.
- k. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** Councillor Doucette reported she met with organizers and discussed their proposal. She is trying to mitigate the impact of the street closures on traffic, residents, and area store owners.
- l. **Southport Plaza:** No news.
- m. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** Councillor Doucette reported that she will be speaking with the TTC to see what can be accommodated at the stop.
- n. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Bill Roberts reported that the group has met and is planning to meet again in September. Bill Roberts is the temporary chair and Eileen Denny from the Teddington Park association is the vice chair.
- o. **AGM – Tuesday May 31, 2011:** John will get a newsletter out in early May. We need new members on the Executive. The elections committee will be Bill Roberts, Nick Singh, and John Meijer. Nick Singh will as Chris Korda if she will contact the local officials and the newspapers. Sybil Wilkinson will organize refreshments.
- p. **Federal All Candidates Meeting:** Bill Roberts motioned that we affirm that SARA/SARG hold the All Candidates meeting on April 13, 2011. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried. The meeting was quite successful and well received by the participants and attendees. Congratulation to Bill Roberts (chair), Ian McIssac (timer) and all of the Executive who helped make it a success.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

### a. Past Items:

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** Elizabeth Elson reported that variances were unanimously refused.
- ii. **212 Windermere:** No news. Close item.
- iii. **45 Morningside Ave:** The CoA approved the variances and the severance. David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG support the neighbours in their appeal to the OMB and that we contribute some help financially and if required. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried. [See in camera discussion: 45 Morningside – In camera Discussion.20110419.odt]
- iv. **15 Runnymede Road:** The variances were opposed and the applicant has appealed to the OMB. Councillor Doucette reported that the City will oppose and will send a lawyer and Planner to the hearing. David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG support the opposition at the OMB and we send someone to speak. The motioned was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
- v. **70 Lavinia:** Bill Roberts reported that the OMB hearing is on May 26, 2011. They have hired the same planner that was used to oppose 71 Morningside.

### b. New Items:

- i. **16 Lavinia:** John Meijer motioned that we affirm the decision by the land use sub-committee to oppose the application. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried. The item was deferred at the Committee of Adjustment.
- ii. **263 Ellis:** John Meijer motioned that we affirm the decision by the land use sub-committee to oppose the application. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried. There was a discussion on how to respond to Ms. Boguski's queries.
- iii. **16 Windigo Way:** The City reinspected the development and has asked the property owner to make adjustments.

## 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:** Kate Lawson reported that the Rennie Park Garage Sale will be held June 4, 2011. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA purchase a table for \$40. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Late Lawson will price out tee shirts, fridge magnets and key chains for distribution.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that attendance is still up.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** The school has contacted Kate Lawson to get a contact for the graduation ceremony. Elizabeth Elson motioned that up to \$130 be allocated for graduation awards. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Bill Roberts reported that there may be an opening on the board.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that a chair, vice chair and treasurer has been elected.

## 8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:

- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** No news.
- b. **Southport Plaza:** An application is anticipated that an application is coming soon. Councillor Doucette will inform SARA of any new news.
- c. **Former Joyco Station:** Councillor Doucette is looking into options available to the City with respect to more uses, other than just a restaurant, at the location.

- d. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news. This item has been described to Councillor Doucette.
- e. **Humber Odeon Developments:** Councillor Doucette reported that the applicants have submitted a proposal to the City and were turned away.
- f. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** No news.
- g. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** No news.
- h. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news. This item has been described to Councillor Doucette.
- i. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news. This item has been described to Councillor Doucette.
- j. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Rooms have been booked to November 2011.
- k. **Brigham Pipe:** No news.
- l. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** Meetings between Tridel and the community have held to discuss the improvements at Traymore Park using the Section 37 monies.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Nick Singh will ask SNAP for permission for SARA to use the pictures taken at the April 13<sup>th</sup> All Candidates Meeting.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday May 17, 2011.

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