

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

**Present:** Nick Singh, William Roberts, David Fleming, Brian O'Rourke, Kate Lawson, Ian McIssac, John Meijer, Louis Gris

**Regrets:** Gared Daniel, Ed Gaigalas, Sybil Wilkinson, Elizabeth Elson, Keith Dicks

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:41.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the agenda of October 18, 2011 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (of February 15, 2011, May 18, 2010 and June 15, 2010):** William Roberts motioned that the minutes of September 20, 2011 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** John Meijer read the report and moved acceptance. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
  - b. **Fundraising:** Tickets for the November 10, 2011 fundraiser, an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's Lord Arthur Savile's Crime by Constance Cox at the Village Player are available for distribution from Louis Gris.
  - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson moved the report as read. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

Southport Plaza: David Fleming motioned that an additional \$700.00 beyond the already allocated \$500.00 if necessary, be made available to pay for the Retail Studies Report when the invoice comes in from John Winter and authorize that Kate Lawson pay the invoice when it is delivered. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** John Meijer \$81.30 for domain name renewal and stamps for newsletters. Bill Roberts motioned that the expensed be paid. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** Sean Patterson who is interested in joining community groups like SARA. Helena Skonieczna, a Ryerson University student picking up community credit for her degree.
  - 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.
  - e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news. Nick Singh to contact Counsellor Doucette.
  - f. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** No news.
  - g. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 16, 2011:** John Meijer ran the half marathon event in 1 hour and 32minutes. He thanked everyone for their support. Nick Singh reported that attendance at the cheering section was the biggest ever, possibly three times the attendance as last year. There was plenty of media attention at our section. The beer tasting night was popular and raised additional funds. The draw for the jackets will be made on Wednesday October 19, 2011. The wrap up meeting will be held in November.

- h. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** No news.
- i. **Queens Pasta Liquor Licence Application:** No news. To be closed.
- j. **2011 Provincial Election - All Candidates Meeting, October 2, 2011 - Summary:** Six candidates: Joe Ganetakos (PC), Rod Rojas (Libertarian), Cheri DiNovo (NDP – Incumbent), Tom Zaugg (Peoples Political Party), Istvan Tar (Independent), Courtney Pasternak (Liberal) and about 80 attendees showed up to the meeting. Once again the format worked well.
- k. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** No news.
- l. **Southport Plaza:** There was a community meeting held October 5. It was well attended. The studies that SARA has helped commission are going to be a good help in the review and planning process. There are a number of issues important to the community to be dealt with. John Winter is expected to deliver the Retail Report by the end of October. Monies for the report was dealt with under expenses.
- m. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** No news.
- n. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Bill Roberts reported that the group is trying to get as many Ratepayers groups across the City together for the November 19, 2011 meeting.
- o. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** Kate Lawson will follow up with State Farm regarding the insurance policy.
- p. **Cell Phone Towers at 9 Morningside Ave:** The tower is unsightly, but on private property. Nick Singh will investigate.
- q. **Replacement of OMB by Local Appeal Board:** Bill Roberts reported that the City of Toronto Planning Act allows for a local appeal board. Certain City officials are talking about creating local appeal boards, to theoretically, better serve Toronto.
- r. **Toronto Neighbourhood Guide.com:** Nick Singh reported that they want our sites to have reciprocal links. Bill Roberts motioned that a sub-committee of Brian O'Rourke and John Meijer be struck to investigate the request. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. David Fleming suggested that after the investigating, we should investigate creating a policy to deal with these types of requests.
- s. **YIMBY – Yes, In My Back Yard:** Brian O'Rourke, Ian McIsaac and Bill Roberts are attending the event. Brian is working on creating a multi-media presentation on Swansea to take.
- t. **City Solicitors end OMB appearances:** Bill Roberts reported that the City Solicitor does not want to send lawyers to OMB hearing unless both the City Planners object and the decision could affect the City of Toronto Planning Act. William Roberts suggested that SARA join the Teddington Park in opposing the City Solicitor's request. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. David Fleming will write a letter for the October 24, 2011 City Council meeting.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
  - i. **155 Morningside Ave:** OMB hearing is adjourned to October 28, 2011.
  - ii. **42 Morningside Ave:** The matter was at the last Committee of Adjustment.
  - iii. **45 Morningside Ave:** Close.
  - iv. **70 Lavinia:** The house is for sale. Close.
  - v. **22 Mayfield:** No news. The parking pad has not been removed.
  - vi. **12 Valleymede:** Workers are cutting brush and trees on the property. Kate Lawson will contact Councillor Doucette about the matter.
  - vii. **2308 Bloor Street West:** The variance was approved. Close.
  - viii. **92 South Kingsway:** Close
  - ix. **2 Windego Way:** Kate Lawson will enquire with Counsellor Doucette about the Forestry Report.
  - x. **9 Morningside Ave:** Louis will follow up to find out what happened.

- b. **New Items:**
  - i. **No new items:**

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** Nick Singh reported that a BMX park has been approved for a little used parking lot at High Park. The Native community is upset about the proposal as they believe the site is a sacred burial ground and have asked for support in opposing the BMX park by requesting people sign a petition. SARA would need more information on the matter in order to either support or oppose the request, but individuals can make their own decision.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** No news.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that attendance is still up but that they do not know if their hours will be cut.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is expected to attend the West End Ratepayers' meeting on November 19, 2011.

8. **ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**

- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** No news.
- b. **Southport Plaza:** No news.
- c. **Former Joyco Station:** No news.
- d. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news.
- e. **Humber Odeon Developments:** No news.
- f. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** No news. It will not be taken to the YIMBY meeting.
- g. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** No news.
- h. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news.
- i. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news.
- j. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** David Fleming will rebook the rooms.
- k. **Brigham Pipe:** No news.
- l. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** No news.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. John Meijer reported that Karolyn Coorsh of the Town Crier requested information on the Bloor Cinema. Nick Singh will contact her to see if we can help with information.

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

11. **ADJOURNED:** 9:40 pm.