

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF December 14, 2011**

**Present:** Nick Singh, William Roberts, David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Ian McIssac, John Meijer, Louis Gris, Sybil Wilkinson, Elizabeth Elson, Keith Dicks, Gared Daniel

**Regrets:** Ed Gaigalas, Brian O'Rourke

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:45.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the agenda of December 14, 2011 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** William Roberts motioned that the minutes of November 15, 2011 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** John Meijer read the report and moved acceptance. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
  - b. **Fundraising:** Kate Lawson reported that SARA raised a total of \$794.00 via ticket sales. The Village Playhouse billed us \$350.00 for a total of \$444.00 raised for SARA. Kate Lawson moved that we pay the Village Playhouse. The motion was seconded by Gared Daniel and carried. There were ticket printing mixups that caused a lot of confusion and lost revenue from poor ticket sales. Bill Roberts suggested that we partner with another group, possibly the Historical Society or the Seniors' Association. Nick Singh pointed out that more effort may be required for us to make sales. It was suggested that we could change the date of the Fundraiser to another date that would be so close to the Scotia Bank Marathon. Discussion will happen in January.
  - c. **Treasurer's:** Kate Lawson moved the report as read. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** Kate Lawson moved that Swansea Town Hall expenses for \$11.13 and \$63.33 for website hosting be paid. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** None.
  - b. **Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:** Nick Singh reported that he sent this to Counsellor Doucette for followup. All Counsellor Doucette items will be moved to a new section.
  - c. **Membership Committee:** No news.
  - d. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news, refer to item t.
  - e. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news. Item is for followup with Councillor Doucette.
  - f. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported that this is still working its way through council.
  - g. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 16, 2011:** Kate Lawson reported that a cheque for \$1166.56 was delivered. There will be more monies coming once the awards are finalized.

- h. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Dog Walk:** The off leash dog area has been moved to another location. The item will be closed.
- i. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street closures:** No news. Item is for followup with Councillor Doucette.
- j. **Southport Plaza:** The Jonathan Winter report has been published. In summary the area is massively undersized. John Meijer will post the report on the SARA website. The media is covering the situation.
- k. **South Kingsway streetcar stop:** No news. Item is for followup with Councillor Doucette.
- l. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Bill Roberts reported that only SARA and the BWVRPA showed up. There is still interest as the group is trying to get as many Ratepayers groups across the City together.
- m. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** Nick Singh reported that he talked to the insurance agent and there is nothing more to do. Move to monitor.
- n. **Cell Phone Towers at 9 Morningside Ave:** The tower is unsightly, but on private property. Nick Singh will investigate. Item is for followup with Councillor Doucette.
- o. **Replacement of OMB by Local Appeal Board:** Bill Roberts reported that the item was deferred at City Council. Move to monitor.
- p. **Toronto Neighbourhood Guide.com:** Brian O'Rourke to report on the matter.
- q. **YIMBY – Yes, In My Back Yard:** Brian O'Rourke to report on the progress of the portable display board.
- r. **City Solicitors end OMB appearances:** Bill Roberts reported that this was added to the Local Appeal bodies matter, item o.
- s. **40' LED signs:** Nick Singh reported that these signs are being proposed via a by-law amendment for Leslie Street and the Gardiner Expressway. SARA is concerned about the size, brightness, proximity to residential properties, and impact to drivers and wildlife. Sybil Wilkinson moved that SARA write a letter to the City, and CC'ing to be kept informed on any items dealing with this matter. The motion was seconded by Louis Gris and carried. Nick Singh will write the letter.
- t. **Property Sale at Lakeshore and Windermere:** Nick Singh reported that he talked to Counsellor Doucette. Build Toronto is selling the property as development potential that is currently zoned at 14m height. Move to monitor.
- u. **City Budget Cuts:** Schools, community centres, bus routes and streetcars in the general area are proposed to have service cuts. Counsellor Doucette has a petition that is available to be signed. A big concern for SARA is that developers are still getting a massive discount on development charges. David Fleming motioned that Bill Roberts and Nick Singh compose a letter outlining the issues. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
  - i. **155 Morningside Ave:** The matter is still with the OMB.
  - ii. **42 Morningside Ave:** The matter is still with the OMB.
  - iii. **22 Mayfield:** No news. The parking pad has not been removed.
  - iv. **12 Valleymede:** No news.
  - v. **2 Windego Way:** Kate Lawson reported that the City is still waiting for the Forestry Report. Councillor Doucette reported to Kate Lawson that the trees on the site are required to be protected.
  - vi. **9 Morningside Ave:** There has been no appeal. Close.

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

7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** Kate Lawson reported that the City is still looking for a location for the BMX park within High Park.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that the Mitts and Scarves event for the children was a success. There was a community meeting at Bishop Morocco school dealing with bullying.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported that the Family Skate on New Years, with the early (9pm) countdown with a bonfire, hot chocolate and cookies.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Bill Roberts reported that their hours will be not be cut and that usage is up. The library has to move their three hours of Thursday morning opening must be shifted to another time, preferably to a morning time slot.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Bill Roberts reported that the AGM is at the end of February.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that the November CORRA meeting was very successful with many groups different groups attending. There were many viewpoints brought to the meeting, giving momentum to issues across the board. A suggestion at the meeting was that the Ratepayers provide vision to the City with respect to development issues. The meetings will be moving to different locations across the city. CORRA is recommending that the Ontario Building Code be modified to address the issue of chimneys. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA support CORRA in this matter. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.

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.
- g. **Bloor Street Bridge Repair:** No news.
- h. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news. Item is for followup with Councillor Doucette.
- i. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news. Item is for followup with Councillor Doucette.
- j. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** No news.
- k. **Brigham Pipe:** Work is happening on the site.
- l. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** No news.
- m. **70 Lavinia:** Bill Roberts reported that although the property has changed hands the work of clarifying constraints around the building is ongoing.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. None

10. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday January 17, 2012.

11. **ADJOURNED:** 9:45 pm.