

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF January 15, 2013**

**Present:** David Fleming, Nick Singh, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Gared Daniel, Ian McIsaac, Keith Dicks, Brian O'Rourke

**Regrets:** Ed Gaigalas, Sybil Wilkinson, John Meijer, Louis Gris

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:25.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming moved that the agenda of January 15th, 2013 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming moved that the minutes for December 12, 2012 (SARA - Minutes 20121212.r2.odt) be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** No report.
  - b. **Fundraising:** Kate Lawson will ask Louis Gris to ask the Seniors Association if they are will continue with the Village Playhouse.
  - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson read and moved approval of the December 2012. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:** None.
  - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
  - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Bill Roberts reported that work on the by law is progressing with some amendments been made in November. CORRA is keeping an eye on the progress and will provide reports on the different sections of the draft by-law.
  - d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 14, 2012:** Kate Lawson reported that the Swansea Public School Council has not responded to her enquiries. She will also attempt to call the Swansea Public School Principal. We need to make a decision to participate in the 2013 event by the end of January. Kate will follow up. The accounting from the 2012 event has not been completed yet, but SARA has received a cheque from the Marathon for \$650.00, with more to come.
  - e. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIssac reported that a letter has been sent by Veronica Wynn, the association chair, to Councillor Doucette and City Planning outlining their position and listing changes and improvement to the bylaw for development. Items including parking, retail space, traffic, indemnification for water damage. Ian will follow up with Veronica Wynn to get a copy of the letter. Nick Singh will follow up with Councillor Doucette once the details of the letter are known.
  - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Nick Singh reported that that a special meeting dealing with the Heritage designation will be February 5, 2013. They are attempting to schedule monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month to deal with the matter.
  - g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
  - h. **YIMBY (Yes in my backyard) Festival – February 16, 2013:** Nick Singh will forward registration information to Ian McIsaac so he can deal with the registration.
  - i. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** Kate Lawson reported that she delivered the petitions received by SARA to Councillor Doucette. There is an upcoming City Council meeting dealing with the matter.

- j. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsmen:** Bill Roberts will work with David Fleming to write a letter to the Ombudsman regarding three properties in Swansea. Kate Lawson reported that Louis Gris is investigating the Committee of Adjustment process.
- k. **Toronto Casino:** The City is holding meetings on the matter. There is also an online survey set up.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

### a. Past Items:

- i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- ii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
- iii. **1844 Bloor Street West:** Kate Lawson will send the \$100.0 donation. Nick Singh will send her contact details.
- iv. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** A working group, consisting of the developer, the councillor, city staff and local community groups have started. Bill Roberts motioned that Kate Lawson, Sybil Wilkinson and Ian McIsaac will represent SARA. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
- v. **Humber Town:** Elizabeth Elson reported that letter she has written was sent. There has been no reply. Elizabeth Elson and Gared Daniel will follow up. Elizabeth Elson will approach them to see if they require help from SARA, as well as to see if they can describe the project and the issues for SARA.
- vi. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
- vii. **45 Palisades:** No news.
- viii. **70 Lavinia:** Keith Dicks reported that the building appears to be proceeding according to plan. Keith Dicks will write a letter to the Ombudsman dealing with the interpretation of the definition of a renovation of an existing building, or when a renovation becomes a new building.
- ix. **154 Windermere:** Bill Roberts reported that the scheduled meeting with the planner was cancelled. The two persons who were co-ordinating the meeting advised us that the planner understood and heard their concerns. The developer is going to provide new plans.
- x. **61 and 63 Lavinia:** Close.
- xi. **271 Windermere:** Nick Singh reported that they have applied for a third permit.
- xii. **4 Points Sheraton:** No news. Move to monitor.
- xiii. **125 Beresford Avenue:** Louis Gris to report.
- xiv. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news. Kate Lawson is keeping an eye on the development.
- xv. **42 Morningside Avenue:** Nick Singh will follow up.

### b. New Items:

- i. None

## 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** No news.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported that the New Years Skate was very successful as donations of 450.00 were received.
- 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 is coming up in February. They need to follow new rules regarding the nomination processes and procedures for new board members as directed by the City. Kate Lawson motioned to keep Bill Roberts as SARA's representative. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Keith Dicks reported that he has had difficulties with getting information about the meetings, but will be attending when he can. He will contact the president for help.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported they are trying to schedule meetings in February or March in the west end.

## 8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:

- a. **Windermere by the Lake:** No news.
- b. **Humber Odeon Developments:** No news.
- c. **Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:** No news.
- d. **2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:** No news.
- e. **Replacement of OMB by Local Appeal Board:** No news.
- f. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** No news.
- g. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
- h. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** Bill Roberts reported that construction is progressing with the interior space being completed neat the end of January. The outside work will be completed later. Phase two is progressing slowly. The play area will be completed once phase 2 is completed.

## 9. ITEMS FOR COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE:

- a. **Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette:** No news.
- b. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news.
- c. **Former Joyco Station:** No news.
- d. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news.
- e. **Rennie Park Off Leash Dog Walk:** The off leash is now at Lakeshore and the Humber River.
- f. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.
- g. **Save the Zoo in High Park:** No news.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Sobey's Plaza Traffic Lights:** Elizabeth Elson reported that drivers on the advance green into the plaza from westbound Lakeshore Blvd are being cut off by drivers making right turns on the red from eastbound Lakeshore Blvd. She will contact the Police Traffic Services and possibly Councillor Doucette.
- b. **Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration:** The celebration is Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Kate Lawson will attend. Nick Singh will get her the relevant details.

## 11. LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Nick Singh will confirm that the dates are booked.
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** No news.
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:** David Fleming suggested that we invite the Ombudsman, Fiona Crean, be invited. Nick Singh and David Fleming booked tentative dates of May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in the Rousseau Room. Nick Singh will contact Ms. Crean to see if she can speak.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday February 19, 2013 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 8:40 pm.