

SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF March 19, 2013

Present: Nick Singh, William Roberts, Elizabeth Elson, Gared Daniel, Brian O'Rourke, Sybil Wilkinson, Ian McIsaac, Louis Gris, John Meijer,

Regrets: Ed Gaigalas, Keith Dicks, David Fleming, Kate Lawson

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:30.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the agenda of March 18, 2013 be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts moved that the February 19, 2013, 2012 minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer reported he has nothing more to add to the report sent March 10, 2013. Bill Roberts moved to accept and Brian ORourke seconded
 - b. **Fundraising:** No news
 - c. **Treasurers:** Bill Roberts moved that the January 31, 2013 and February 28, 2013 reports be approved. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsacc and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** No expenses
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** Alexander White (alexander.white@ttrly.co) new Swansea resident. Ted and Nikki Fortuna of 45 Brule Crescent appeared seeking support for their two and three storey addition requiring five variances. Bill Roberts moved support. It was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried. George Graff of 35 Ormskirk appeared to complain that his condominium board, in his opinion, has no mandate to oppose the 34 Southport development and he hoped the development would raise his property values.
 - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** 2 exceptions we put forward were agreed to but there are a number of issues not agree to. Architect Association not happy by laws too restrictive. Ian McIsaac motioned that Bill Roberts write a letter that SARA support CORRA's position, seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
 - d. **Scotia Bank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – 2013:** Nick Singh reported that Councillor Doucette was contacted but has not received reply as of yet. Kate has contacted 4 area residence associations and has not received replies Bill Roberts will contact Bonnie to let her know that we will not be participating in this year's marathon. Nick Singh to contact the Legion rep to let them know that we will not be going forward.
 - e. **Southport Plaza:** Ian McIsaac reported the SKNC is holding a community meeting to advise residence the status of the application and fundraise for the OMB. Local condos are invited to attend. There were concerns voiced over the cost of such an appeal. Sybil Wilkinson moved that if the SKNC is able to raise some money at their meeting tonight and have plans to raise more, and have in writing the commitment of a planner by the end of Thursday March 21st then SARA/SARG would file the OMB appeal, and that a sub committee made up of Nick Singh, Sybil Wilkinson, Brian O'Rourke, Ian McIsaac and Louis Gris would decide the matter. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac, and was carried.

- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
- g. **West End Ratepayers' Group –Heritage Designation Effort:** The associations are continuing to put together the application.
- h. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
- i. **YIMBY:** Move to long term monitor
- j. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** Move to long term monitor
- k. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsman:** Keith Dicks will write a letter.
- l. **Toronto Casino:** Problems are city traffic, helicopter noise, death star effect, gambling and addiction issues. Nick to send out for ideas for a letter to council.
- m. **AGM:** Bill moved to spend \$1,000 on quarter page adds promoting the AGM and seeking Board members, seconded by Sybil motion carried. Nick is to invite the government representatives.
- n. **Promoting SARA:** See 5 m.
- o. **Swansea Town Hall Garage Sale** April 7 Ian 10-11 Louis, Elizabeth to man SARA table.
- p. **Sobey's Plaza Traffic Lights:** No news
- q. **Bus Stop at South Kingsway:** Sybil reports that the drivers on the South Kingsway bus routes are making sure passengers are getting on the right busses and things have improved.

6. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
 - i. **155 Morningside Ave:** House is for sale
 - ii. **2 Windego Way:** No news.
 - iii. **1844 Bloor Street West:** no news
 - iv. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** Ian McIsaac will enquire status
 - v. **Humber Town:** Been in
 - vi. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - vii. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
 - viii. **45 The Palisades:** No news
 - ix. **70 Lavinia:** NO news
 - x. **154 Windermere Avenue:** No news
 - xi. **271 Windermere Avenue:** Inquiry put to the building inspector.
 - xii. **125 Beresford Avenue:** under construction
 - xiii. **156 Windermere Avenue:** no news
 - xiv. **52 South Kingsway:** no news
- 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:** No news.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** June. No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** Elections were held for the Swansea Town Hall Board of Management. Five new Board Members were elected and one new advisor.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** No news.

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:** Motion at city council to replace with appeal board No news.
- f. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** CORRA
- g. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** Monitor, nothing will happen for a couple of years.
- h. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** No news.
- i. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** remove.
- j. **4 Points Sheraton:** Two towers of 42 and 48 storeys have been proposed for this site.

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:** No news.
- f. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.
- g. **Save the Zoo in High Park:** No news
- h. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures:** No news.
- i. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news.
- j. **South Kingsway Street Car Stop:** No news.
- k. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. TTC stops at South Kingsway and the Queensway Lakeshore

11. **LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:**

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Nick will book the 2013 meeting rooms and sign the contract.
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:** Not received yet.
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:** No news.
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments**

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

13. **ADJOURNED:** 10:00 pm.