

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF December 10, 2013**

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

Regrets: Andrew Reitknecht, Keith Dicks

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:** Bill Roberts motioned that the agenda of December 12, 2013 be accepted as amendments. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the minutes from the November 19, 2013 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** No report for October or November.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris reported that \$1442.00 was gathered at the gate. There were more than 90 tickets sold. There may be a few more tickets handed in. \$500 has been paid to the Village Playhouse for a fundraising total of \$942.00.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson presented the report from August to current. She asked for a deferral to better document the transactions for the OMB hearing accounts.
 - d. **Expenses:** None.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** None.
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** No news. Nick Singh will send the OMB decision document to the Executive.
 - c. **Membership Committee:** Gared Daniel reported that they are working on a distribution package for the southern points of Swansea, including Ripley and Windermere Place. They will be ready to review via email by Christmas. We will need to address the membership fee and including buildings south of the railway tracks in the SARA/SARG catchment area.
 - d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** No news.
 - e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** Nick Singh reported that they met with Counsellor Doucette. See is waiting for responses and involvement from the BIA. The BIA was presented information by the City and may have already formed a decision. The group will need to call on each BIA member to talk about the Heritage Designation and what it really means to Swansea.
 - g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
 - h. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsman:** No news.
 - i. **Promoting SARA:** See Membership Committee item 5c.
 - j. **BWVRA call for donations:** No news.
 - k. **Island Airport:** Bill Roberts reported that the Executive Committee deferred the item to January.
 - l. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.
6. **LAND USE ITEMS:**
 - a. **Past Items:**
 - i. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.

- ii. **2 Wendigo Way:** No news.
 - iii. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** The matter is going to the OMB. Counsellor Doucette is attempting to get a City lawyer to argue against City Planning.
 - iv. **Humber Town:** No news.
 - v. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - vi. **14 Valleymede Road:** No news.
 - vii. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
 - viii. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
 - ix. **52 South Kingsway:** Still under construction.
 - x. **6 Wendigo Way:** No news. The OMB decision is still pending.
 - xi. **16 Waller Ave:** Kate Lawson has made more inquiries and still not heard anything.
 - xii. **246 Riverside Dr:** No news.
 - xiii. **256 South Kingsway:** No news. Louis Gris will check at the Committee of Adjustment.
 - xiv. **2213 and 2215 Bloor Street West:** John Meijer reported that the Committee of Adjustment decision has been appealed to the OMB..
 - xv. **25 Brule:** The matter is coming back to the Committee of Adjustment on January 9, 2014.
 - xvi. **8 Deforest Road:** The matter has been appealed to the OMB with a hearing date on April 9, 2014. The neighbours are raising money. John Meijer will suggest that they contact Counsellor Doucette to send a planner and a lawyer to support them at the OMB. Bill Roberts motioned that we support the neighbours if they request this. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
 - xvii. **29 South Kingsway:** No news.
 - xviii. **20 Mossom Road:** Louis Gris will check at the Committee of Adjustment or a decision.
 - xix. **56 Armadale Ave:** The matter was deferred for consultation with the community. Louis Gris will inquire at the Committee of Adjustment to find out if there is a particular date for the deferral.
- b. **New Items:**
- i. None.

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Community Advisory Council:** No news.
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** The annual Hats and Scarves drive is Saturday December 14, 2013.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** The New Years family skate is on starting at 7:30 with an early 9pm New Years celebration for the kids.
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** The AGM is coming up February 20, 2014. Application postings for Board Members will go out in January. A long term resident and long term Board Member, Muriel Sides, has passed away.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** CORRA has been involved in many issues. A new item that has come up in North York is cell phone towers being installed on Toronto Hydro poles. The regulations specify a lower fee maximum which could lead to an effective subsidy to the cell phone providers. David Fleming motioned that SARA/SARG support North York in opposition. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.

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:** The review is ongoing.
 - g. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
 - h. **Swansea Nursery School at Swansea Town Hall:** No news.
 - i. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** Kate Lawson reported that Swansea Kids Place will share facilities with the Recreation Centre.
 - j. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** No news.
 - k. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** The Fire Chief reported that because of the increase of high rise buildings that times are increasing for truck to get to the units from the front door. They may be keeping the station, but removing the fire trucks.
 - l. **Toronto Casino:** No news.
 - m. **Swansea Legion:** The last night the Legion will be open is December 15, 2013. There will be a content sale in January or earlier.
 - n. **Digital Signage:** SARA/SARG has asked for a deferral.
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 walk may be closed due to noise and excrement problems.
 - f. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.
 - g. **Save the Zoo in High Park:** No news.
 - h. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** No news.
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a.
11. **LONG TERM MONITOR FOR FUTURE ACTION:**
- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** Elizabeth Elson reported that we must fill out Space Use Application Agreement Calculation form when we book meetings.
 - 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:** Bill Roberts suggested that a city politics, policies or investigative reporter be asked to speak, possibly Daniel Dale.
 - e. **City of Toronto All Candidates Meeting:**
12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday January 14, 2013 at 7:15 pm.
13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:45 pm.