

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF October 21, 2014**

**Present:** William Roberts, Kate Lawson, John Meijer, Elizabeth Elson, David Fleming, Keith Dicks, Brian O'Rourke, Veronica Wynne

**Regrets:** Louis Gris, Nick Singh, Ian McIsaac, Gared Daniel, Sybil Wilkinson, Andrew Reitknecht

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** John Meijer called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the October 21, 2014 be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Bill Roberts motioned that the minutes from the September 16, 2014 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** John Meijer sent an update via email and provided a verbal update. Kate Lawson moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
  - b. **Fundraising:** Louis Gris was absent, so no report. SARA ticket sales have exceeded out allotment of 75 tickets. Kate Lawson will contact the Save Our Village to see if we can sell part of their allotment.
  - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson presented the September 30, 2014 report. Kate Lawson motioned the report to be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** Payment of David Fleming's expense of \$264.00 for the OMB appeals was affirmed. John Meijer \$246.56 for stamps, web hosting, domain renewal and website theme. Kate Lawson moved the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **New Members and Guests:**
    - i. Shirley Menzie – 83 Morningside development. Ms. Menzie and a group of neighbours in the area asked some technical questions about the Minor Variance application. Bill Roberts attempted to answer the questions. SARA/SARG offered them advice on how to deal with the City Planner and the Committee of Adjustment process. Bill Roberts offered to help them out if they contact him during the week.
    - ii. Ruth Stertzinger – 14 Valleymede development. Ms. Stertzinger, from 12 Valleymede came to ask advice regarding erosion, on the shared property line, that is new with the new development. It was recommended that she contact an engineering firm to have a structural engineer to assess the problem. Move to monitor.  
  
**IN CAMERA DISCUSSION:** Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG support the opposition of the 83 Morningside development. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
  - b. **Southport Plaza:** Veronica Wynne described the addresses in the pre and post condition surveys from 2003 in order to describe what liabilities may arise from the new development. There is a meeting scheduled for the end of the month. Her condo board is concerned.
  - c. **Membership Committee:** Keith Dicks reported that they have not had a meeting since the spring. He will convene a meeting of the Committee. Veronica brought up distributing our newsletter, The Swansea Outlook, to all subscribers or just members. The Committee will discuss this and bring some ideas to the next Executive.

- d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** No news.
- e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
- f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** Bill Roberts reported the that application is on the waiting list, and it needs an addendum to split it into a core and outlying designations.
- g. **Global News's “From the Neighbourhood” Program:** No news.
- h. **Issues with Building Permits and the Ombudsman:** Close.
- i. **Promoting SARA:** No news.
- j. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.
- k. **City of Toronto Councillor All Candidates Meeting:** There was a full room and 8 candidates. The meeting was a success. Close.
- l. **City of Toronto Mayoral All Candidates Meeting:** There was a full house about 5 minutes after the doors opened, fueled by Global News coverage. The three major candidates attended. Candidates Ari Goldkind and Matthew Crack were allowed closing arguments. Close.
- m. **Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:** Bill Roberts reported that the planning department is attempting to add this to the City budget process.
- n. **Development Permit System:** No news.
- o. **Eglinton Connects OMB appeal:** No news.
- p. **New SARA Website:** Move to monitor.
- q. **Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings:** Bill Roberts motioned that we limit the presentation to five minutes with five minutes for questions and answers. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS:

### a. **Past Items:**

- i. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** Bill Roberts reported that we are waiting for the OMB decision.
- ii. **2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West:** Bill Roberts reported that the working committee met. They discussed a charet, fundraising and communication committees.
- iii. **155 Morningside Ave:** No news.
- iv. **2 Wendigo Way:** No news.
- v. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** No news.
- vi. **Humber Town:** No news.
- vii. **185 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- viii. **14 Valleymede Road:** See 5a ii.
- ix. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
- x. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- xi. **52 South Kingsway:** There may be a retaining wall issue.
- xii. **246 Riverside Dr:** No news.
- xiii. **256 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xiv. **2215 Bloor Street West:** No news.
- xv. **20 Mossom Road:** No news.
- xvi. **304 South Kingsway:** No news.
- xvii. **21 Palisades:** The rear addition was approved. Close.
- xviii. **Shoppers Drug Mart at the Runnymede Theatre:** There is no sign up yet.
- xix. **90 South Kingsway:** The property landscaping was changed and the changes were approved. Close.
- xx. **2117 Bloor Street West:** There is a working group with SARA/SARG representation. There is a meeting scheduled for October 29.

- b. **New Items:**
    - i. **43 South Kingsway:** Extending the garage forward to the front lot line is triggering excessive GFA. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG oppose. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
    - ii. **8 Brule Gardens:** The applicants have already started construction and applying for variances after the fact. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG oppose. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
    - iii. **13 Armadale:** Bill Roberts will review the proposal.
7. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**
- a. **High Park Resource Group:** John Meijer reported that there is a new park supervisor.
  - b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** John Meijer reported that the police are sleeping outside to support the homeless.
  - c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported that the pool area will be getting a new roof as it is badly leaking. They have some drainage leak issues as well. They are purchasing steps for the pool and a used piano.
  - d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** No news.
  - e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
  - f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news.
  - g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** Keith Dicks reported that they are dealing with regular maintenance and operations issues.
  - h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is meeting in November 22, 2014 at the Swansea Town Hall. They are dealing with the appeal to the Heritage Official Plan and that its policies are strengthened. It may come to City Council in January 2015.
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. **Five Year Review of the Official Plan:** Bill Roberts reported that there are public meetings over the next month to get more involvement from Ratepayers groups and the public.
  - f. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
  - g. **Swansea Public School Design Team:** No news.
  - h. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** No news.
  - i. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** Bill and Ian attended. Sybil was not able to make it. Bill Roberts suggested that if we are to participate we need at least three people. One solution would be to do what some groups do, and have a relief of one or two people to start at 1:00pm so that those who set up can then be relieved. If we go that route perhaps 2 to set up and 2 to provide relief later in the day.
  - j. **Toronto Casino:** No news.
  - k. **Swansea Legion:** No news.
  - l. **Island Airport:** No news.
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. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.
  - f. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures:** No news.

- g. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news.
- h. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a.

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

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** No news.
- 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:** Keith will book the room and get back to Bill Roberts.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday December 9, 2014 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:44 pm.