

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF November 18, 2014**

Present: William Roberts, Kate Lawson, John Meijer, Elizabeth Elson, Veronica Wynne, Sybil Wilkinson, Nick Singh, Ian McIsaac

Regrets: Louis Gris, Gared Daniel, Andrew Reitknecht, David Fleming, Brian O'Rourke, Keith Dicks

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** John Meijer called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm. No conflict of interest.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** William Roberts motioned that the November 18, 2014 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** William Roberts motioned that the minutes from the October 21, 2014 Executive meetings be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Membership:** John Meijer reported \$66.00 cheque/cash memberships and \$147.05 via PayPal. Total 8 memberships plus donations of \$65.00 for SOV and \$50.00 for SSNC. Ian McIsaac motioned that the membership report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
 - b. **Fundraising:** Village Players was highly successful, thanks to William Roberts. 96 or more in attendance. Dennis Horgan will issue a cheque payment form BWVRA for \$250.00, one half of the fees paid to Village Players.
 - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson presented the October 2014 report. Kate Lawson motioned the report to be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
 - d. **Expenses:** No expenses declared.
5. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
 - a. **New Members and Guests:** None
 - b. **Southport Plaza:** Nick Singh reported November 3rd meeting was successful laying out basic principles with a number of board principles attending. Decisions must be unanimous with each board contributing \$100.00 for the Geotechnical report to determine what studies are needed. November 14th meeting with Councillor confirmed developers have been contacted. Ian McIsaac reported encouragement at the last SKNC meeting where one of his condo boards was present and listened with interest the potential of damage from dewatering
 - c. **Membership Committee:** No news.
 - d. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** Not scheduled yet. No news.
 - e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** Update available on our website. No news.
 - f. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** No news
 - g. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** Nick will present this tomorrow, Wednesday November 19, 2014, at the 2265 Bloor Street West planning meeting. SARA will consider pursuing if not taken on.
 - h. **Promoting SARA:** No news.
 - i. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.
 - j. **Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:** No news.
 - k. **Development Permit System:** No news.
 - l. **Eglinton Connects OMB appeal:** No news.

- m. **Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings:** Closed. Completed last meeting to 5 minutes and 5 minutes. This will be communicated to visitors and guests when confirming attendance. Move to 11. e. to monitor.

6. **LAND USE ITEMS:**

a. **Past Items:**

- i. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** Nick Singh reported Section 37 agreement has been signed by City Solicitor and delivered to Developer to take the next step to register the agreement.
- ii. **2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West:** Veronica Wynne reported clarifications are needed from Steve Dewdney and Dennis Horgan on available funds to be transferred into this trust account. Kate Lawson reported that at October 31st the balance is \$5,584.31. William Roberts was retained as legal counsel and was issued an In Trust cheque today. Veronica Wynne issued flyers to members for postering. Donations are needed. Volunteers are needed for canvassing. John Meijer, Kate Lawson, Sybil Wilkinson and Ian McIsaac volunteered. Volunteers are needed for the Swansea Craft and Bake Sale November 22nd. Veronica Wynne also reported the need to get many community members for participant status. Information is on SARA website and will do a mailing. The Villager has been contacted. Donations are needed to hire Mike Manette as planner at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Next SOV meeting is at STH Wednesday November 19th at 7:30. Kate Lawson requested to add SARA donation to SOV at SARA's next meeting
- 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:** Move to monitor 8. n.
- ix. **70 Lavinia:** No news.
- x. **156 Windermere Avenue:** No news.
- xi. **52 South Kingsway:** No news.
- 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. **Shoppers Drug Mart at the Runnymede Theatre:** Sybil Wilkinson will call Councillor to get an update.
- xviii. **2117 Bloor Street West:** No report. Nick Singh reported Harcroft residence met at the request of the developer prior to application. Ian McIsaac will get an update.
- xix. **43 South Kingsway:** No news. John Meijer will get update. If letter sent.
- xx. **8 Brule Gardens:** No news. John Meijer will get update. If letter sent.
- xxi. **13 Armadale:** No news. John Meijer will get update

b. **New Items:**

- i. **161 Riverside Drive:** John Meijer reported attic infill, building .6 in .35, new GFA in error. William Roberts moved to write a letter in opposition. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
- ii. **25 Mayfield:** GFA 1.1 in .6. William Roberts motioned SARA oppose. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
- iii. **20 Morningside:** No opposition

7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Resource Group:** Need representative
- b. **Community Police Liaison Committee:** Sybil Wilkinson reported that the clothing drive was replaced by Heinz Kuck initiated sleeping outside to support the homeless. A collection of 1,500 pounds of clothing collected. Next meeting Tuesday November 25th.
- c. **Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park:** Kate Lawson reported the roof repair have not started. A piano was purchased. New Year's Family Skate December 31st 7:30 pm with an midnight count down at 9:00 pm
- d. **Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:** Usage is stable with pick-ups going up.
- e. **Swansea Public School:** No news.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** William Roberts reported the building must be vacated at 10 pm. Will be receiving details of late charges. Kate Lawson motioned to nominate William Roberts as SARA's representative. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is meeting in November 22, 2014 at the Swansea Town Hall 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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 the next public meeting is November 24th at Metro Hall and November 27th at Etobicoke Civic Centre 6:30-9:00 pm. Proposed identification of geographic neighbourhoods to define where development types can go.
- 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. Used as training centre.
- i. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** No news.
- j. **Toronto Casino:** No news.
- k. **Swansea Legion:** No news. SARA waiting for owner to reply.
- l. **Island Airport:** Environmental assessment is progressing.
- m. **New SARA Website:** John Meijer suggested photos be uploaded.

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.
- i. **34 South Port:**
- j. **Leaves and Snow Removal:** Elizabeth Elson reported that the leaves at the west end of Morningside are not removed. Request Public Works contact info from Councillor. Nick Singh reported contact with Councillor to ensure that snow is not ploughed up against parked cars on Willard.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Mid Rise Form:** Ian McIsaac and John Meijer attended forum. Ian McIsaac reported City Ecology group collecting guidelines and input from city groups on street scapes and design appropriate for neighbourhood and community mixed use buildings. There will be a day long forum in February with planners to discuss and refine ideas on community desires.
- b. **Letters of Congratulations:** John Meijer will write letters of congratulations to Councillor and Toronto District School Board Trustee.
- c. **December 9 Christmas Cheer meeting:** Celebrate Christmas with a potluck event at next meeting. Kate Lawson and Elizabeth Elson will send out reminder

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:**

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

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:54 pm.