

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF September 15, 2015**

**Present:** John Meijer, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Nick Singh, Brian O'Rourke, David Fleming, Sydney Reimer, Sybil Wilkinson, Veronica Wynne, Ian McIssac

**Regrets:** Keith Dicks, Louis Gris

1. **CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** John Meijer called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** David Fleming motioned that the Agenda for September 16, 2015 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Sydney Reimer and carried.
3. **MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL:** Brian O'Rourke motioned that the minutes from the June 16, 2015 Executive meetings be accepted. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Elson and carried.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**
  - a. **Membership:** John Meijer does not have a report. Will deliver by email.
  - b. **Fundraising:** The fundraiser has been booked for Thursday November 5, 2015. Tickets are \$20.00 and is in conjunction with Bloor West Village Residents.
  - c. **Treasurers:** Kate Lawson presented the June 2015 report and motioned the report to be accepted. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.
  - d. **Expenses:** Kate Lawson \$20.91 for Fundraiser tickets. David Fleming motioned that the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried.
5. **NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS:**
  - a. None.
6. **CURRENT MATTERS:**
  - a. **Southport Plaza:** Nick Singh gave a quick overview of the development. Rebecca Keenan from Councillor Doucette's office reported that there isn't a Committee of Adjustment date yet, but we expect them to apply very soon. We have reiterated to the applicant that they must only apply for exactly what was agreed upon at the meeting, and they have assured us that will be the case. Bill Roberts moved that Nick, Sybil, Veronica and Ian continue as the sub-committee. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.
  - b. **Membership Committee:** No news.
  - c. **Consolidated Zoning By-Law:** David Fleming reported that the next pre-hearing is Thursday and Friday September 17 and 18 at the Scarborough Civic Centre. All materials were submitted to the OMB and the City. Veronica Wynne will attend Thursday and Sydney Reimer will attend on Friday if needed.
  - d. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting:** No news.
  - e. **West End Ratepayers' Group Meeting – Heritage Designation Effort:** No news.
  - f. **Global News's "From the Neighbourhood" Program:** No news.
  - g. **Promoting SARA:** There was a discussion around building our distribution list as well as use of the newsletter. We will have a table at the All Candidates meeting. Veronica Wynne suggested that SARA start up a Facebook site.
  - h. **Report To Amend Zoning On Major Streets – PG26.8:** No news.
  - i. **Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:** No news. The City is moving forward with it.
  - j. **Development Permit System and OMB Appeal:** The next pre-hearing will be held November 3rd.

- k. **Eglinton Connects OMB Appeal:** SARG has dropped to participant status. There is a scheduling problem with the next pre-hearing.
- l. **Flight paths over Swansea:** The details to file complaints will be posted on the next email distribution. Close.
- m. **400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brule (Swansea 8000):** ydney Reimer reported on the successful Swansea8000 event, which went well despite some inclement weather. She reported that those in attendance felt it was a great community building event, and mentioned that all our elected representatives were present, as well as First Nations elders. She thanked Brian O'Rourke for the tremendous amount of work he put into organizing the event, and in turn Ian McIsaac thanked Sydney for her tremendous contributions and organization. She spoke also of the moccasin project, and of the handmade knife presented by Brian to the First Nation Elder Gary Sault, (who also spoke eloquently at the event on our shared history and locale). Bill moved and Kate seconded a motion to support the permit request for moccasin stones to be installed permanently in Lucy Maud Montgomery Park. Carried. Re: expenses, Bill moved, Ian seconded approval of \$500 as SARA's contribution to the event funding including permit costs.
- n. **Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale:** The sidewalk sale events were reported, and there was a motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Sybil Wilkinson for Kate to explore acquiring a canopy/tent for use at future events. The motion was carried.
- o. **Ratepayers' Associations and the agreement for funds collected for the Save Our Village Fund:** Nick and Veronica will put some consideration to the matter of how to proceed concerning the Save Our Village remaining funds
- p. **Ratepayers' Association formal working body and 2265-2279 Bloor Street West:** Veronica Wynne reported that the group got together to discuss the issue on Thursday September 10, 2015. They are looking a compiling a mandate for forming a coalition for these matters. The BWVRA Exec meeting is still to be held where they will also discuss the matter and report back to a future group meeting.
- q. **Traffic Study at Bloor Street W and South Kingsway:** Bill Roberts suggested that he and Brian O'Rourke observe the traffic patterns. Rebecca Keenan, on behalf of the Councillor's office, will once again discuss the matter with transportation staff, and Sybil Wilkinson will report to CPLC on Sep 29 on any issues uncovered, if necessary.
- r. **Mid Rise Report:** Bill Roberts reported that the report recommendations may be in breach of the Official Plan. There are significant issues with these guidelines as they could be used as the new absolute rules until the Official Plan can be amended. Veronica Wynne wrote a letter asking for deferral of approval the Report which will be coming up at City Council tomorrow. Bill Roberts moved confirmation of Veronica's letter. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
- s. **All Candidates Meeting:** Veronica reported that there will be eight candidates attending the debate on Thursday September 17. Timer, sorter, moderator and runners have all volunteered. Kate will set up the table with SARA newsletters and sign up sheets.

## 7. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. **Past Items:**
  - i. **2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West:** Not discussed.
  - ii. **1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West:** Not discussed.
  - iii. **70 Lavinia:** Not discussed.
  - iv. **156 Windermere Avenue:** Not discussed.
  - v. **256 South Kingsway:** Not discussed.
  - vi. **20 Mossom Road:** Not discussed.
  - vii. **308 South Kingsway:** Not discussed.
  - viii. **2117 Bloor Street West (19 Harcroft Road):** Veronica reported that there has been community consultation, but not consistently applied. There are concerns with the angular plane over the

rear and rear massing. The revised plans have not been provided, so until then, the working groups can not make a decision.

- ix. **13 Armadale:** Close.
  - x. **130 Windermere:** There is a settlement, but the OMB hearing was deferred.
  - xi. **48 Lavinia:** Approved with conditions. No appeal.
  - xii. **78 Kennedy:** Not discussed.
  - xiii. **176 Morningside Ave:** The construction is in progress
  - xiv. **83 Morningside Ave:** The OMB appeal was withdrawn. Close.
  - xv. **62 Lavinia Ave:** Keith Dicks reported that the developer came back to the community with revised plans. The new plans are acceptable to planning, Councillor Doucette and the community. Bill Roberts motioned that if the submitted plans are in line with the agreement, and if the stipulation that the development be built substantially and in accordance to the plans, SARA will not object to the proposal. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried.
  - xvi. **34 Durie:** Approved at CoA. Appealed to the OMB. The neighbour has asked SARA not to help.
  - xvii. **168 Windermere:** Approved with conditions. David Fleming motioned confirmation to oppose. The motioned was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
  - xviii. **134 Ellis Park Road:** Approved with conditions.
  - xix. **155 Morningside:** Approved with conditions. David Fleming motioned confirmation to oppose. The motioned was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried. Elizabeth Elson opposed. Bill Roberts abstained.
- b. New Items:
- i. **34 Durie:** Two variance. Bill moved opposition. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.

## 8. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

- a. **High Park Resource Group:** Need representative.
- 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:** Sybil Wilkinson and Bill Roberts attended and gave out SARA awards.
- f. **Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:** No news.
- g. **J.T. Bonham Residences:** No news.
- h. **CORRA:** Will have a meeting at Swansea Town Hall in late September or October.

## 9. 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:** No news.
- f. **Impact of Chimneys from the Construction of Taller Buildings:** No news.
- g. **Runnymede Fire Station Closure:** No news.
- h. **YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:** Ian McIssac reported that YIMBY will be held on October 31, 2015. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA attend for the \$35 registration fee for a table. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried. Ian will make all of the arrangements.
- i. **Swansea Legion:** No news.
- j. **Island Airport:** No news.
- k. **14 Valleymede Road:** Sybil Wilkinson will check on what is going on at the property.

- l. **1926 Lakeshore Blvd West - 4 Points Sheraton:** We are still waiting for a summary site plan application.
- m. **Humbergate Initiative:** No news.
- n. **Former Joyco Station:** No news.
- o. **Bloor West Urban Design Study:** No news.
- p. **Western Beaches Plan:** No news.
- q. **Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures:** No news.
- r. **Swansea Traffic Study:** No news.
- s. **South Kingsway Ramps:** No news.
- t. **Leaves and Snow Removal:** Nick Singh will follow up.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Healthy Neighbourhoods:** John Meijer will write a letter.
- b. **Environmental Policy:** Bill Roberts motioned that SARA write a letter. The motion was seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried. John Meijer will write the letter.

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

- a. **Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:** John Meijer will book the rest of 2015
- b. **State Farm Insurance Policy:**
- c. **Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:**
- d. **AGM – speaker, date, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments:**
- e. **Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings:**

12. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 7:15 pm.

13. **ADJOURNED:** 9:45 pm.