

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes FOR MEETING OF December 15, 2015**

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

**Regrets:** Sybil Wilkinson, Veronica Wynne

**1. CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

- a. John Meijer call the meeting to order at 7:15. No conflicts.

**2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL**

- a. The agenda was moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.

**3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (November 17, 2015)**

- a. The minutes as amended were moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by Keith Dicks and carried.

**4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

- a. Membership and Report: John Meijer sent the report by email. It was moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by Sydney Reimer and carried.
- b. Fund Raising & Report: Kate Lawson deferred the Fundraiser report.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Kate Lawson moved the report as sent. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.
- d. Expenses Approvals and Payment: John Meijer: \$63.33 for web hosting, \$22.77 for photocopies. Kate Lawson, \$10 for tablecloths. Payment of the expenses were moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by Brian O'Rourke and carried.

**5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS**

- a. None.

**6. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**

- a. The Red Oak Tree: Councillor Doucette reported that the City is looking for private funds and the management of the fund, in order to raise money to buy and manage the property. Move to Monitor. The Tree By Law had passed.
- b. City Zoning By-Law Amendments for Pre-Hearing Jan. 4, 2016: Bill Roberts reported that the meeting is coming up and that someone from SARA must attend. Nick and or George may be able to attend the meeting.
- c. Mid- Rise Guidelines Referral back to the Planning and Growth Committee: The matter will be brought to Planning and Growth on January 20, 2016 and to City Council for February 3, 2016. There are more motions that have been incorporated into the guidelines. Bill Roberts will see if he can review the outstanding motions in preparation for the next Executive meeting.
- d. 34 Southport CoA report and Site Plan involvement for SKNC and SARA: Nick Singh reported that John sent the letter to the Chief Building official. John Meijer sent a copy to Councillor Doucette.
- e. YIMBY Event: Ian McIssac discussed his summarization of groups, basically four categories. One, Promotions: Shape My City and 18 Blocks. 18 Blocks looks promising and Councillor Doucette uses it. Bill motioned to authorize Ian McIssac to go through the registration process. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Two, Event Management tools: Park People and Myseum on the Move. Bill Roberts motioned that we try to do something with Lucy Maude Montgomery park that would be coordinated by Sydney Reimer, in order to have something to approach parks people. The motioned was seconded by David Fleming and carried. Bill Roberts moved that Ian McIssac contact the Historical Society to see if they are interested in a project with myseum. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and

carried. Three, Sponsorship: City Trees, Grow, Learn Eat and Patch. Four, Services: The Planning Clinic, Think Fresh Group and Phillip John Pothen.

- f. South Kingsway/Mossom Intersection Report: Sydney Reimer reported that there is no new information as there was a meeting scheduled that no one but Sydney Reimer attended. Sydney will contact the Old Mill Group what their concerns are, and the Bloor West Village Residents Association to see about their traffic study. Bill Roberts reported that Tridel is supposed to fund a post-build traffic study. This study should be coming soon, so the timing on this is aligning.
- g. 15 Beresford Ave: The application was approved with conditions.
- h. Refugee Town Hall: There will be a Town Hall sponsored by the new MP, Arif Virani at Roncesvalles United Church (formerly the Emmanuel Howard Park United Church) at 214 Wright Avenue on Thursday, December 17th, between 7 and 8:30pm. Councillor Doucette reported there is information on her website.
- i. Eglinton Connects Pre Hearing Meeting: David Fleming reported that mediation is scheduled Monday March 7, 2016 and the Hearing is scheduled for Monday August 22, 2016. Both meetings will be held at the OMB.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Bloor West Study: The Study scope is not yet known; either an Area or Avenue study. Bill Roberts motioned that the Executive compile information and needs that may be pertinent; infrastructure, transportation, traffic, parks, schools, views, et cetera, that can be reviewed by January 12, 2016, for review at the next Executive meeting.. The motion was seconded by Ian McIssac and carried. A particular property that may be focused on is the No Frills property. The Bloor West Urban Design Study and the Heritage Conservation District nomination are good documents to provide input. Councillor Doucette is holding a Working Group meeting in late January.

## **8. COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE ITEMS:**

- a. Ward Council Meeting: Councillor Doucette reported that the meeting was held to discuss some of the changes proposed for the changes to the Ward boundaries. Councillor Doucette reported that the downtown core is looking at lowering the residential speed limit to 30 km/h. Swansea and Ward 13 is not downtown. Councillor Doucette will motion to have Ward 13 included if there is support. She hopes to do at least one or two Ward Council meetings per year.

## **9. CURRENT MATTERS:**

- a. Southport Plaza and Site Plan Involvement
- b. 1926 Lakeshore Blvd and Site Plan Involvement
- c. 2265-2279 Bloor W Site Plan Approval Process: The Planner is working on the site plans that have been submitted.
- d. Consolidated Zoning By-Law
- e. West End Ratepayer Groups – Heritage Designation Effort: Bill Roberts reported that the Budget process is beginning, so we need to make sure that this item is still allocated monies.
- f. Promoting SARA and Membership Recruitment: Some of this is covered under the YIMBY item. There was a suggestion that the website could be enhanced with some changes.
- g. AGM Thursday May 5, 2016: John Sewell will be our speaker.
- h. Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto: Bill Roberts reported that CORRA is looking into the matter. There was a motion passed to record and live stream CoA meetings, except for the York Panel.
- i. Development Permit System appeal: Pre-hearing and mediation meetings are scheduled. Bill Reported that there will be a hearing August 22, 2016 and mediation March 7, 2016.
- j. Eglinton Connects OMB appeal.

- k. 400th Anniversary of Brule: Sydney Reimer reported that they are looking at a Cultural Heritage grant to help out with funding. Counsellor Doucette reported that the City has money and will be proceeding with the Moccasin Project.
- l. Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale
- m. Ratepayers' Associations and the agreement for funds collected for the Save Our Village Fund
- n. Ratepayers' Association formal working body and 2265-2279 Bloor Street West: A document has been circulated that outlines the agreement.
- o. Traffic Study at Bloor Street W and South Kingsway
- p. Mid Rise Report

## **10. LAND USE ITEMS:**

- a. Past Items:
  - a.i. 2265 to 2279 Bloor Street West
  - a.ii. 1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West
  - a.iii. 70 Lavinia. Close.
  - a.iv. 256 South Kingsway
  - a.v. 308 South Kingsway
  - a.vi. 2117 Bloor Street West / 19 Harcroft: Councillor Doucette reported that the new planner has some new ideas and are discussing with the developer. There are issues with the Bloor and Harcroft setbacks, and that both setbacks are important. There may be a report available for February.
  - a.vii. 48 Lavinia Ave
  - a.viii. 34 Durie
  - a.ix. 168 Windermere
  - a.x. 134 Ellis Park Road
  - a.xi. 156 Morningside: Approved at the CoA.
  - a.xii. 34 Durie: Approved with conditions, appealed to the OMB but withdrawn.
  - a.xiii. 44 Ellis
  - a.xiv. 23 Brule
- b. New Items:
  - b.i. None

## **11. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

**(Chair & members will identify and discuss only the items that need attention.)**

- a. High Park Resource Group
- b. Community Police Liaison Committee
- c. Swansea Community Recreation Centre and Rennie Park: Kate Lawson reported that the 9:00pm New Years Eve countdown is on and they are hoping for skating weather.
- d. Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: Bill Roberts reported that the Library numbers are declining and may put the Library at risk. The Board of Management is looking at providing funds to help spruce the Library up. The Library is looking at expanding hours or making pickups available after hours.
- e. Swansea Public School: The new addition may be open in January. The grand opening will take place in February.
- f. Swansea Town Hall Board of Management
- g. J.T. Bonham Residences
- h. CORRA

## **12. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:**

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- a. Windermere by the Lake
- b. Humber Odeon Developments
- c. Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster
- d. 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development

- e. Five Year Review of Official Plan. CORRA and FONTRA met with planning staff to find a resolution.
- f. Impact on Chimneys of Construction of Taller Buildings
- g. Runnymede Fire Station Closure
- h. YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival
- i. Swansea Legion
- j. Island Airport. Councillor Doucette reported that the matter is still open at the City.
- k. 176 Morningside Ave
- l. Humbergate Initiative
- m. Former Joyco Station
- n. Bloor West Urban Design Study
- o. Western Beaches
- p. Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures
- q. Swansea Traffic Study
- r. South Kingsway Ramps
- s. Leaves and snow removal

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

- a. Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings in 2016
- b. State Farm Insurance Policy
- c. Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches
- d. AGM: speaker, notify politicians and media, nominating committee, refreshments
- e. Procedures for visitors and guests at Executive meetings:

**14. NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday January 19, 2015 at 7:15 pm