

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF January 19, 2016**

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

Regrets: Sybil Wilkinson, Sydney Reimer, Keith Dicks

1. CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- a. John Meijer call the meeting to order at 7:20. No conflicts.

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL

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

3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (December 15, 2015)

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

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- a. Membership and Report: John Meijer will produce a report as soon as he can.
- b. Fund Raising & Report: No report. Kate Lawson reported that the Bloor West Village Residents Association is consulting on whether they will participate next year.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Kate Lawson reported that there was a mistake in the November report and has revised it. Kate Lawson moved both the revised November and the December the reports as sent. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried. Kate Lawson reported that the Fundraiser raised \$1010.00.
- d. Expenses Approvals and Payment: John Meijer: \$10.00 for attending OMB pre-hearing. Payment of the expenses were moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by Ian McIssac and carried.

5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS

- a. Chris Haskim from Councillor Doucette's office.

6. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS

- a. City Zoning By-Law Amendments Pre-Hearing Jan. 4, 2016: John Meijer reported that the motion to accept the portions of the bylaw that were not being contested was carried. The OMB wants a roadmap for completing the rest of the Zoning By-Law. The next pre-hearing will be in March and the City would like input into how to phase the process.
- b. 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. Veronica Wynne reported that she has sent in SARA's comments for input to the Charts and has asked to speak at the January 20 meeting. Expanding the guidelines to go beyond the Avenues was deemed too complicated to be included in the City's recommendations but clauses dealing with going beyond the Avenues is still in the recommendation. Veronica Wynne motioned to accept her letter as crafted with changes as discussed. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried. We would like to see any references to issues, and request that the text of the public deputations are included and the measure regarding mechanical penthouses beyond Avenues removed. Bill Roberts mentioned that CORRA is asking that all character areas are treated the same, regardless of right of way width.
- c. Report on Avenue Study Meeting and Blue Sky Wish List: Veronica Wynne reported that she, Bill Roberts and Nick Singh have created a draft of recommendations. The coalition is meeting Thursday January 21, 2016. There was a lot of discussion about the content of the draft. Nick will make some revisions to his suggestions. Veronica will distribute the draft tonight for input to be given by end of day Wednesday January 20, 2016.

- d. 34 Southport CoA report and Site Plan involvement for SKNC and SARA: Veronica Wynne reported that the matter will go to the OMB and that SARA will be a party in the matter. SARA is open to facilitating the resolving any differences via mediation and Veronica will offer this to State.
- e. Coalition of 4 Ratepayers in Ward 13: Nick Singh reported that creating a formal coalition was not successful, but the group will continue informally on items such as the Avenue Study, the HCD and other items that may galvanize the Bloor West area.
- f. Official Plan Review and the DPS: We are waiting on pre-hearing and mediation dates in March.
- g. Runnymede Fire Station and risk for high buildings: A Toronto Star study, reported January 19, 2016, reported that the risk of dying greatly increases the higher up you go in a building. SARA needs to keep reach out to the condominiums in the area, to drum up support in order to get budget to keep the Fire hall open. Initiatives will be discussed at the next meeting.
- h. 15 Beresford: No appeals to the OMB. Close.
- i. 67 South Kingsway: Bill Roberts reported that he is not opposing the application. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA not oppose the application as long as they build substantially and in accordance to the plans. The motion was seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried. John Meijer will write the letter.
- j. Federal Refugee Town Hall: Bill Roberts reported that he attended the meeting. He requested information that could be disseminated in an email blast. Veronica Wynne has the information and it will be included in the next release.
- k. AGM May 5, 2016 – Speaker John Sewell: No news.
- l. Ian McIssac discussed with Sydney about Lucy Maude Montgomery Park. He has contacted the Myseum representative. He will investigate signing up for 18 Blocks.
- m. 156 Morningside: Move to monitor.

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. Chris Haskim reported that the Bloor West Village HCD is on the short list of five to be considered to begin consultation in 2016. Once the 2016 Budget is approved by City Council, three of these HCDs will begin the process to determine if the location has the criteria necessary for an HCD.
The Bloor West is on the list of Avenue Studies to be considered to begin in 2016. Once the 2016 Budget has been approved, City staff will determine which studies will begin in 2016. Councillor Doucette is investigating with the constituents of Ward 13, their appetite for the 30km/h speed limits. If she gets the support of the community, she will propose the change. The Bloor West Village Residents Association are firmly supporting the 30km/h initiative. Veronica Wynne and John Meijer will add this topic to the various newsletters for feedback.

9. CURRENT MATTERS:

- a. Southport Plaza and Site Plan Involvement: See immediate actions.
- b. Tree By-Law Outcomes: There will be a report in 2017, by Parks and Recreation, on the results of the change to the By-Law. Bill Roberts motions that SARA write to Parks and Recreation that SARA be advised when the report comes back, allowing sufficient time to respond. John Meijer will write the letter.

- c. 1926 Lakeshore Blvd and Site Plan Involvement:
- d. 2265-2279 Bloor W Site Plan Approval Process:
- e. Consolidated Zoning By-Law: See immediate actions.
- f. Coalition and Formation of the 4 Ratepayers Groups: See immediate actions.
- g. West End Ratepayer Groups – Heritage Designation Effort:
- h. Promoting SARA and Membership Recruitment:
- i. AGM Thursday May 5, 2015: See immediate actions.
- j. Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:
- k. Development Permit System appeal: See immediate actions.
- l. Eglinton Connects OMB appeal: See immediate actions.
- m. 400th Anniversary of Brule:
- n. Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale:
- o. Ratepayers' Associations and the agreement for funds collected for the Save Our Village Fund:
- p. Ratepayers' Association formal working body and 2265-2279 Bloor Street West:
- q. Traffic Study at Bloor Street W and South Kingsway: See immediate actions.
- r. Mid Rise Report: See immediate actions.
- s. South Kingsway and Mossom intersection:

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. 256 South Kingsway: Close.
 - a.iv. 308 South Kingsway: Renovated back to apartments. Close.
 - a.v. 2117 Bloor Street West / 19 Harcourt: The builder is revising the plans
 - a.vi. 48 Lavinia Ave: Close.
 - a.vii. 168 Windermere: Close.
 - a.viii. 134 Ellis Park Road: Close.
 - a.ix. 156 Morningside: Approved at the CoA. Move to monitor.
 - a.x. 34 Durie: Close.
 - a.xi. 44 Ellis: Close.
 - a.xii. 23 Brule: Close.
 - a.xiii. 15 Beresford: Close.
 - a.xiv. 67 South Kingsway: Move to monitor.
- 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:
- d. Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:
- e. Swansea Public School:
- f. Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Bill Roberts reported that their AGM will be in April.
- g. J.T. Bonham Residences:
- h. CORRA: Bill Roberts reported that the AGM will be in late February or early March. His third year as Chair is up and he will be stepping down.

12. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:

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

- a. Windermere by the Lake:
- b. Humber Odeon Developments:

- c. Red Oak Initiative:
- d. Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:
- e. 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:
- f. Five Year Review of Official Plan:
- g. Impact on Chimneys of Construction of Taller Buildings:
- h. Runnymede Fire Station Closure:
- i. YIMBY (Yes In My BackYard) Festival:
- j. Swansea Legion:
- k. Island Airport:
- l. 176 Morningside Ave:
- m. Humbergate Initiative:
- n. Former Joyco Station:
- o. Bloor West Urban Design Study:
- p. Western Beaches:
- q. Ukrainian Festival and Bloor Street Closures:
- r. Swansea Traffic Study:
- s. South Kingsway Ramps:
- t. 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 February 16, 2015 at 7:15 pm