

**SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF March 15, 2016**

Present: John Meijer, William Roberts, Kate Lawson, Elizabeth Elson, Nick Singh, David Fleming, Veronica Wynne, Keith Dicks, Ian McIssac

Regrets: Sybil Wilkinson, Sydney Reimer, Brian O'Rourke

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 (March 15, 2016)

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

3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (February 16, 2016 and January 19, 2016)

- a. The minutes for February 16, 2016, as amended were moved by Bill Roberts, seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
- b. The minutes for January 19, 2016 were amended with input from Councillor Doucette. Veronica Wynne motioned to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- a. Membership and Report: John Meijer send out the report. John will revise some of the complementary newsletter receivers to be honorary members: Bill Roberts and Sybil Wilkinson. Honorary memberships are granted to Executive members that have served 15 or years. Bill Roberts motioned accept the report. The motion was to
- b. Fund Raising & Report: No report on the Brule 400 from Sydney Reimer. Kate Lawson reported that the Bloor West Village Residents Association would like to continue to participate with SARA in the fundraiser at the Village Players.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Kate Lawson mover Feb, bill second and the motion was carried. Kate moved the Dec 31, 2015 Financial Statement Report for the AGM. Bill second. Carried. reported that there will be no report this month.
- d. Expenses Approvals and Payment: John M 105.16 for stamps for the newspaper mailing. Bill, Kate, carried.

5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS

- a. Councillor Doucette.

6. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Invitation to Urban Design Round Table from Jennifer Keesmaat: Bill Roberts reported that he attended the Round Table for the Official Plan discussions on March 1, 2016. There were professors from Ryerson, York, George Brown and others, developers, architects, FONTRA and two attendees from CORRA at the meeting. Official Plan policies and additional guidelines were discussed. The talks will be ongoing, with the next meeting in May. Bill was asked to represent CORRA at subsequent meetings.
- b. CORRA AGM and Elections March 6, 2016: Veronica Wynne reported that Bill Roberts stepped down as Vice-Chair. She was elected to Vice-Chair. They discussed the Local Appeal Body (LAB) and the DPS appeal at the OMB.
- c. OMB Appeal – DPS Mediation March 22 to 24, 2015: David Fleming motioned that the three following motions that were carried via email are confirmed:
 - 1 - SARG retain the services of William Roberts, at a cost of \$1000 (\$300 per day + HST), to act on the behalf of SARG for the three day mediation hearing for OMB Case PL140096 - OPA 258 - DPS on March 22-24, 2016. In addition, SARG retain the

Planning services of Terry Mills, at the same cost of \$1000 (\$300 per day + HST), to support SARG's position at the OMB mediation hearing.

2 - Allow Bill Roberts to represent SARG for discussions with the OMB and other parties with respect to OMB Case PL140096 - OPA 258 - DPS.

3 - Strike a sub-committee composed of John Meijer, Veronica Wynne and David Fleming to deal with matters relating to OMB Case PL140096 - OPA 258 - DPS.

The motion was seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried.

Bill Roberts reported that he is working on preparing for the mediation with the planner, Terry Mills.

- d. Local Appeal Body (LAB) Update, Letter and Progress to City Council: Bill Roberts reported that it is going before City Council. Big concerns are the appeal costs, and having the initial \$500 fee skyrocket once the true costs are realized, and the criteria for selection of Body members. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG support introducing a formal mediation process at the Committee of Adjustment level for the whole City as amended by the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Keith Dicks and carried. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA/SARG write to City Council stating that the LAB is pre-mature unless the LAB can be withdrawn, the criteria for selection for persons sitting on the body be more specific, and the cost of \$500 is prohibitive for appeals by neighbours, and that serving at the pleasure of Council is deemed inappropriate for an independent tribunal. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried. John Meijer will write the letter before the March 30th City Council meeting.
- e. Draft Fundraising, Membership and 'Promoting SARA' Plan: Veronica Wynne presented her Promoting SARA possibilities. There was lots of discussion and an understanding that we would proceed with some of the items. David Fleming will work on setting up a facebook page. The Executive will think about how they can and whom can support the initiatives. Bill Roberts motioned that we send complementary newsletters to the elected officials. The motion was seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried.
- f. Budget Approvals for Avenue Study and HCD & Mid-Rise Guidelines Amendments Consultation: Veronica Wynne reported that Tamara from Preservation reported that the public consultation for the HCD for Bloor West Village and Baby Point is starting. The budget has been approved for the Avenue studies and the HCD for Bloor West Village and Baby Point. Councillor Doucette reported there will be a total of five HCDs this year, opposed to the normal three. With respect to the Mid-Rise Guidelines Amendments, updated attachment 1 will be coming to the next P&G on April, 2016 and the City Council meetings on May 3, 2016.
- g. Swansea Town Hall Board of Management Report: Bill Roberts reported that they are going through the interview process for four Board members. Brian O'Rourke has stepped down. The AGM is scheduled for April 28, 2016.
- h. SARA AGM and Slate of Officers: The AGM is Thursday May 5, 2015. The speaker will be John Sewell. Most of the executive has confirmed that they will stay on.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None.

8. COUNCILLOR DOUCETTE ITEMS:

- a. Progress on City Budget: Avenue Studies and HCD were discussed above.
- b. 30 km/h Speed Limit on side streets: Councillor Doucette reported that about 80% of residents are in favour of the proposal.
- c. Site Plan for 2265 Bloor, 1926 Lakeshore and OMB Appeal 34 Southport: 2265 They are looking at the revised submission for site plan and rental replacement. 1926 no news. 34 Southport – lawyers are speaking and hope they can resolve the problem before the OMB hearing.

9. CURRENT MATTERS:

- a. 2442 Bloor Street West – PlazaCorp Development

- b. 34 Southport Plaza and Site Plan Involvement
- c. Tree By-Law Outcomes
- d. 1926 Lakeshore Blvd and Site Plan Involvement
- e. 2265-2279 Bloor W Site Plan Approval Process
- f. Consolidated Zoning By-Law
- g. Coalition and Formation of the 4 Ratepayers Groups: Nick Singh reported that he and John Meijer met with the BWVRA. They discussed a number of items including how the groups could move forward, informally, with lots of communication between the groups on issues.
- h. West End Ratepayer Groups – Heritage Designation Effort
- i. Promoting SARA and Membership Recruitment
- j. AGM Thursday May 5, 2015 – John Sewell speaker: John Meijer will confirm an initial slate and notify the local politicians and the Major. We will ask for Directors in an email blast. Veronica Wynne will create a flyer and contact the local media.
- k. Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto:
- l. Development Permit System appeal: The three day mediation will take place March 14 to 16, 2015.
- m. Eglinton Connects OMB appeal:
- n. 400th Anniversary of Brule:
- o. Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale:
- p. Ratepayers' Associations and the agreement for funds collected for the Save Our Village Fund:
- q. Ratepayers' Association formal working body and 2265-2279 Bloor Street West:
- r. Traffic Study at Bloor Street W and South Kingsway:
- s. Mid Rise Report:
- t. South Kingsway and Mossom intersection:

10. LAND USE ITEMS:

- a. Past Items:
 - a.i. 38 Ellis Park Road: Approved.
 - a.ii. 25 Ellis Park Road: Approved.
 - a.iii. 63 Beresford Ave: Approved.
 - a.iv. 43 South Kingsway:
 - a.v. 1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West: It looks like the builder is asking for an additional 50 square metres of space at 1990. Councillor Doucette is clarifying the variance. Bill Roberts motioned, depending on the nature of the additional 50 meters, SARA/SARG will object to the variance. The motion was seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried.
 - a.vi. 2117 Bloor Street West / 189 Harcroft The developer thinks that they have met all planning requirements in their plan.
 - a.vii. 2442 Bloor West: No news.
- b. New Items:
 - b.i. 9 Runnymede: Bill Roberts motioned that we object. The motion was seconded by Kate Lawson and carried.
 - b.ii. 3 Durie:
 - b.iii. 12 Windermere: The convenience store are the bottom of Windermere. No objection.

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: The Spring Fling dance is Friday May 27th
- d. Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:
- e. Swansea Public School: June commencement is coming up on June 28.
- f. Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:
- g. J.T. Bonham Residences:

h. CORRA:

12. ITEMS BEING MONITORED:

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

- a. Windermere by the Lake
- b. Red Oak Initiative
- c. Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster
- d. 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development
- e. Five Year Review of Official Plan
- 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
- 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
- t. 156 Morningside Drive
- u. 67 South Kingsway

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 April 19, 2016 at 7:15 pm