

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

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

**Regrets:** Sybil Wilkinson, Keith Dicks

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

- a. John Meijer called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm. No conflicts.

**2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (May 17, 2016)**

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

**3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL (April 15, 2016)**

- a. The minutes, as amended, were moved by William Roberts, seconded by Ian McIssac and carried.

**4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

- a. Membership and Report: John Meijer presented the report as sent. The membership report was moved by Nick Singh, seconded by William Roberts and carried.
- b. Fund Raising & Report: Kate Lawson distributed tickets for the event.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Kate Lawson moved April Report. The motion was seconded by William Roberts and carried.
- d. Expenses Approvals and Payment: None.

**5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS**

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

**6. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Consolidated Zoning By-Law: Veronica Wynne reported she attended the last meeting to represent SARG. Two motions were passed. There may be an opportunity to meet with the City on SARG's items before the main hearing starts. The next hearing is October 4, 2016.
- b. Mid-Rise Guidelines and Performance Standards, update and next steps: Veronica Wynne presented SARA's concerns which were in the most part, all met. The Performance Standards are an issue, but wording may not change as it is not a policy document. The matter will come before City Council on June 7, 2016.
- c. Avenue Study for Bloor West Village: Veronica Wynne, reported that the RFPs are still in the works and may be out for tender in June.
- d. Community Issues: The Treehouse and the Villager, South Kingsway Community Meeting, Park Site at the south west corner of Queensway and Ellis, and Canopy Tents:  
Canopy Shelter/Tents – Kate Lawson reported that they are all difficult to manage, and recommended that we use the Town Halls Shelter – Close.  
Treehouse – Kate Lawson reported that the matter is coming to the CoA on June 23, 2016. The property is adjacent to Kate's mother's house. There are no variances as of yet, but the owner is trying to legalize the treehouse. Veronica Wynne motioned that SARA's stance is that we do not have a formal position as we do not have the variances yet and would like to wait to see if the concerns of the adjacent neighbours are adequately addressed in the upcoming meeting between the owner and the neighbour. The motion was seconded by Sydney Reimer and carried. John Meijer will contact Lisa Rainford at the Villager.  
South Kingsway Community Meeting – Chris Haskim reported that a meeting to address the issues may take place on Thursday June 16, 2016. Representatives from the construction company will attend and Chris Haskim will try to get someone from claims to attend. Coun-

cillor Doucette's office will flyer the street. John Meijer will contact the members in the area to see their interest.

Park Site at the south west corner of Queensway and Ellis – An area resident has written a letter to Councillor Doucette asking when the site will be reverted back to parkland. Chris from Councillor Doucette reported that the developers plans are out for tender.

- e. Make Lucy a “Ten”: There is a movement to get Lucy Maude Montgomery, a resident of Swansea and a member of the Swansea Memorial Library Board, on the Ten dollar bill. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA support the effort to get Lucy Maude Montgomery on the Ten dollar bill. The sub-committee of Kate, Brian, Elizabeth, Sydney and Veronica will deal with any issues. The motion was seconded by Sydney Reimer and carried.
- f. LAB Update & Passed with amendment by City Council: William Roberts reported Council agreed to mediation for the pilot project would encompass the whole city rather than just parts. The fee to apply set a \$300. Move to monitor.
- g. Promoting SARA – Plan Presentation of Actions 2016: Discussed under 4b – Fundraising.
- h. SARA AGM, Organization and Slate of Officers: The meeting was well attended by about 90 persons. John Sewell's presentation was very good.
- i. CoA 78 Kennedy: The matter is going back to the Committee of Adjustment as the last appearance was deferred because the contractor did not show up.
- j. Swansea Public School Graduation: Kate Lawson motioned that \$195.00 be allocated for the awards, three \$50 awards, plaques and engraving at \$45. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA make sure that the school is fine with the increase in the amount. Both motions were seconded by Veronica Wynne and carried.
- k. 1908 to 1920 Bloor Street West Preliminary Report: Veronica Wynne reported that the developer wants to add retail and daycare as well as move the rental properties to 2265 Bloor Street West, converting the addresses to mixed use, requiring rezoning. There will be more consultation meetings late summer and early fall of 2016. This application may effect the balance of rentals and condominiums at 2265 Bloor Street West. There have been no Committee of Adjustment matters opened yet. David Fleming motioned that Veronica Wynne report the matter to the other the other Groups in the area and head a sub-committee dealing with matters of 1908 to 1920 Bloor Street West and 2265 Bloor Street West. The motion was seconded by Nick Singh and carried.
- l. Swansea Town Hall Sidewalk Sale: SARA has been offered the time slot of Saturday June 18, 2016. Kate Lawson will coordinate setting the tent up and create schedules. Veronica Wynne, Bill Roberts, John Meijer and Nick Singh will attend. John Meijer will contact the Town Hall.
- m. Lobbyist Registration List for Not for Profit Organizations: The ratepayers will not be required to register. Close.
- n. Ride Sharing Regulation Outcomes: The City passed a motion to deal with ride sharing. Close.
- o. Harmonization of Cash in lieu CoA Matter – 253 Windemere: See New Members and Guests.
- p. Ride Sharing Regulation (Uber): SARA registers its opposition to the Ride Sharing Regulations as presented based on its concerns about compromised passenger safety potentially caused by lowered vehicle standards and maintenance standards, undisclosed licensing processes of drivers (such as police checks of the PTC drivers at the time of licensing), lack of uniformity of identification of vehicles, low fees which could jeopardize cost recovery for the city, the potential failure of drivers to speak one of Canada's official languages together with a lack of required and documented training in city by-laws and human rights. SARA is also concerned that any new regulations do not provide a level playing field for all providers of passenger transportation services in this city and the level of standards are at a lowest level for compliance.
- q. Harmonization of the Fee Schedules for Payment-in-Lieu of Parking: Need info from Bill.
- r. Swansea 8000/Brule 400/Moccasin Project: Sydney Reimer reported that the Moccasin Project has stalled due to construction at the park. Move to Monitor.

- s. Bloor and South Kingsway Intersection: Sydney Reimer reported that there is no additional news. Tridel was supposed to do a traffic study of the area. Chris Haskim will investigate.
- t. **In Camera discussion at or before 9:25pm** – DPS Mediation Update: Veronica Wynne reported that SARG was and always had been a party. Two other groups, the Lakeshore Planning Council and ARECA were also allowed to participate. The mediation stalled and has not yet been formally closed.
- u. **In Camera discussion at or before 9:25pm** – CORRA General Meeting in June, 2016: Because of the confusion around the DPS, and other areas dealing with CORRA, William Roberts will not attend. David Fleming will attend to deal with any questions related to SARA/SARG and matters relating to CORRA.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Waterfront Transit: Sybil Wilkenson

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

- a. Site Plan for 2265 Bloor: There are some technical issues with the drawings, but the developer is expected to contact the parties involved shortly.
- b. 1926 Lakeshore: No news.
- c. OMB Appeal 34 Southport: The item is coming to the OMB for three days on Wednesday June 15 to 17, 2016.

## **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
- h. West End Ratepayer Groups – Heritage Designation Effort
- i. Promoting SARA and Membership Recruitment
- j. AGM Thursday May 5, 2015 – John Sewell speaker
- k. Local Appeal Body for the City of Toronto
- l. Development Permit System appeal
- 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: Close.
  - a.ii. 25 Ellis Park Road: Close.
  - a.iii. 63 Beresford Ave: Close.
  - a.iv. 43 South Kingsway: Appears to be a garage.
  - a.v. 1990 and 2114 Bloor Street West: No news.
  - a.vi. 2117 Bloor Street West / 19 Harcroft: No news.
  - a.vii. 2442 Bloor West: The applicant has made an application around May 10, 2016. The City has 120 days to respond before the application can be brought to the OMB.
  - a.viii. 78 Kennedy: See above.

- a.ix. 73 Armadale: No news
- a.x. 253 Windermere: Deferred.
- a.xi. 176 Morningside: No news.
- a.xii. 67 South Kingsway: Close.
- a.xiii. 156 South Kingsway: Will start soon.
- b. New Items:

#### **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: 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:**

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- 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 2017
- 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 May 17, 2016 at 7:15 pm