

# SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING, December 9, 2008

**Present:** Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Sybil Wilkinson (8:10), Ian McIsaac, John Meijer

**Regrets:** George Dubauskas, Ed Gaigalas, Louis Gris

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

### 2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Ian McIsaac, and carried, the Agenda for November 18, 2008 was approved.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by David Fleming, seconded by Bill Roberts, the minutes for November 18, 2008 was approved.

### 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: John Meijer reported the membership report was not available.

b) Fundraising: The November fundraiser with the Village Playhouse was successful. Over \$1100 is expected in total ticket sales. A detailed report will be available for the January Executive meeting.

c) Treasurer's: Kate Lawson read the financial report. The report was accepted upon a motion by Kate Lawson, seconded by David Fleming and carried.

d) Expenses: Kate Lawson for SARA: \$19.74 Swansea Town Hall photocopies. John Meijer, \$72.98 for website hosting and domain name. David Fleming motioned that the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried.

### 5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: Susana from Councillor Saundercook's office.

b) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: No news.

c) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: No news.

d) Humbergate Initiative: No news.

e) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: Nick Singh presented the plans detailing changes to the breakwater, Lake Shore Boulevard, pedestrian pinch areas, Martin Goodman Trail and pedestrian walkways, and a possible street car line. There will be public meetings December 9, 2008, and in January 2009.

f) 21 Old Mill Road: Bill Roberts reported that the Toronto Region Conservation Authority is reviewing the agreement with respect to the 1984 land deal. The Kingsway

Ratepayers are asking the City to designate the area a historic and heritage district. The City is reopening the recent agreement in light of these matters. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA write a letter to both the TRCA and the City in support of reopening the matters, and in support of the KRPA and their concerns. David Fleming will contact Anna Traer at the KRPA for details. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

g) Complete Applications: Bill Roberts reported that there were no objections or appeals. Item to be closed.

h) South Kingsway Ramps: Work continues.

i) 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development: Bill Roberts reported that he has contacted Tom Denes. He has talked with Don Cherepacha of Read Voohees, Tridels consultants. Bill Roberts motions that SARA hire Tom Denes, and \$500 plus GST be allocated to pay Tom Denes to do a preliminary review of Tridel’s report. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

Nick Singh reported that he collaborated with World 19, Bloor Jane Ratepayers, BWVRA to write a letter to Tridel regarding striking a neighbourhood development committee, as well as the hope ongoing involvement in the process. David Fleming motioned to confirm Nick Singh’s actions. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried.

Nick Singh will talk to the other groups about pitching in to help with funding support of the traffic studies.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS

### a) Past Items:

169 South Kingsway: No news.

72 Beresford: David Fleming motioned that SARA oppose the application and support any neighbours opposing the application. The motion was seconded by Bill Roberts and carried. David Fleming will talk to the neighbours and Louis Gris about attending the meeting.

b) New CoA Matters: None.

John Meijer reported he inquired with the COA, and reported to them that SARA still has not been receiving notices of CoA matters.

## 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

a) High Park Community Advisory Council: No news.

b) Community Police Liaison Committee: No news. Sybil Wilkinson will investigate whether she can fill the post.

c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park: Kate Lawson reported that the New Years party planning id ongoing.

d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: Bill Roberts reported that usage continues to increase. There is a new memorial mural on the wall outside of the Library.

e) Swansea Public School: No news.

f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Bill Roberts reported that the AGM is February 24, 2009. There is a proposal to amend the constitution's objects in relationship to the Town Hall Association and its relationship to the Town Hall. The Association Chair will be renamed to President.

g) J.T. Bonham Residences: No news.

h) CORRA: Bill Robert reported that he will be attending a meeting Tuesday December 16, 2008.

## 8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

a) Windermere by the Lake: Bill Roberts reported that the City is asking for Section 45 monies, and that the developer is seeking to adjourn until they can review the City's request. The sub-committee has communicated with the Ripley Area Ratepayers Group, and are waiting for the developer to act. John Meijer motioned that SARA currently not oppose the proposal. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

b) Southport Plaza: All tenants are out.

c) Former Joyco Station: No news.

d) Humber Bay Treatment Plant: No news.

e) Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea: Bill Roberts reported that the Official Plan Amendment #38, Section 37 money funding of Heritage Conservation studies, was appealed by the Builders Association.

f) Storm Water Management Plan – Ellis Ave/Colbourne Lodge Dr: No news.

g) Bloor West Urban Design Study: No news.

h) Humber Odeon Developments: No news.

i) Development Charges: No news. See item 5 f).

j) Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster: No news.

k) 21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies: No news.

l) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings: The December 2009 meeting will be held December 15, 2009, the third Tuesday.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Roberts reported that FoNTRA would like support for the election financing reforms. Bill Roberts motioned that John Meijer write a letter of support for FonTRA. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried

**10. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 9, 2008**

**11. ADJOURNED: 9:37 PM**