

# SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING, March 17, 2009

**Present:** Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Ian McIsaac, John Meijer, Ed Gaigalas, Sybil Wilkinson (8:15)

**Regrets:** George Dubauskas, Louis Gris

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

Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

### 2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by David Fleming, and carried, the Agenda for March 17, 2009 was approved as amended.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by John Meijer, the minutes for February 17, 2009 was approved.

### 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: No report.

b) Fundraising: No report.

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

d) Expenses: Bill Roberts - \$15 for parking. David Fleming motioned that the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Ed Gaigalas and carried.

### 5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: Bill McLean, Stephanie Meligrana and her father Franco, came with concerns about the possible rerouting of the Runnymede 77 bus. Nick Singh reported he attended the public meeting March 11, 2009, held by Councillor Saundercook to address the concerns of Runnymede residents about the speed and noise of busses. Residents are angry that the busses are very noisy coming northbound up the hill, and that the busses are speeding southbound down the hill. They are also concerned that busses are mounting the sidewalk in order to pass each other. TTC representatives who attended the meeting explained that the hybrid busses used on the route are louder than the regular diesel busses. Councillor Saundercook summarised 4 points of action to possibly be taken: address the speed of the busses, paint a dividing line to slow traffic, move parking to west side at the bottom of Runnymede, and possibly reroute the bus to Kennedy or Windermere Avenues. Bill McLean noted that most concern was with the speed of the busses and their close proximity to the sidewalk.

Bill Roberts motioned that SARA write letters to Councillor Saundercook and the TTC to make it better for both the public and the operators, by examining the route to make any necessary improvements, first, by ensuring bus operators abide by the speed limit, by running less noisy busses, and using more experienced operators with less operator turnover. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

- b) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: No news from Councillor Saundercook's office.
- c) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: No news from Councillor Saundercook's office.
- d) Humbergate Initiative: No news from Councillor Saundercook's office.
- e) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: Nick Singh reported he attended the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The plan was presented: breakwater curtain, separating cyclists from pedestrian and the boardwalk promenade, narrowing Ellis Avenue and Windermere Avenue south of the Queensway for bike lanes, and closing Colborne Lodge Drive to car traffic. They still must meet with the TTC to address LRT proposals in the plan. No traffic studies have been done to determine the effect of changes to Ellis, Windermere or Colborne Lodge. Bill Roberts motioned that a letter be written to Councillor Saundercook and planningAlliance outlining SARA's concerns about the lack of traffic studies with respect to changes proposed for Ellis, Windermere and Colborne Lodge, and that no changes be started without the traffic studies being completed. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
- f) 21 Old Mill Road: It appears that the matter will be going before the OMB. Bill Roberts motioned that up to \$500 be allocated as seed money to support the Old Mill Ratepayer groups, contingent on their ability to rally and mount an appropriate campaign to fight the development. Bill Roberts, Nick Singh, and Ed Gaigalas will compose a subcommittee to use their discretion to allocate any monies. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried.
- g) South Kingsway Ramps: Work continues.
- h) 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development: Bill Roberts reported that a planning application has been filed. It contains both traffic and planning studies. Actual plans have not been seen. There are 180 days to make appeals. The executive will review the application and discuss the issues before taking any position.
- i) Municipal Finance Reforms: No news. Move to monitor.
- j) Sign By Law: Ian McIsaac reported submitted his request to be notified of changes. There is no news.
- k) AGM - 2009: The 2009 AGM will take place June 3, 2009, in the Rousseau Room in the Swansea Town Hall. David Crombie will be the guest speaker. No topic has been set. Bill Roberts motioned to strike a nomination committee for the AGM, comprising of Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, David Fleming and John Meijers. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.
- l) Earth Hour Debate – March 26, 2009: The debate will be at the Swansea Town Hall at 7:30. Amir Shalaby, VP Ontario Power Authority and Keith Stuart, Mgr World Wildlife Fund Climate Change Committee will debate the pros and cons of nuclear power. The agenda has been set. Bill Roberts will moderate, Nick Singh will time. Nick Singh will forward rules to Bill Roberts. David Fleming will be the question sorter.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS

### a) Past Items:

- 169 South Kingsway: No news.
- 69 Beresford: No news.
- 6 Durie: Passed with the elimination of second floor balcony.
- 22 Mayfield: No action. Louis Gris to report.
- 3 Harcroft: No news. Louis Gris to report.

b) New CoA Matters – 79 Deforest Rd: Kate Lawson wrote a letter to oppose a large deck. The deck was refused.

## 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

a) High Park Community Advisory Council: No news. No SARA representative

b) Community Police Liaison Committee: No news. Sybil Wilkinson will be the SARA representative.

c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park: No news.

d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: Bill Roberts reported that usage continues to increase. The library and Town Hall will be part of Doors Open Toronto, May 23 to 24.

e) Swansea Public School: No news.

f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Bill Roberts reported that new people were elected, and a new board was formed.

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

h) CORRA: Bill Robert reported that there is no recent news, but will keep the executive informed via regular emails.

## 8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

a) Windermere by the Lake: No news.

b) Southport Plaza: No news.

c) Former Joyco Station: No news.

d) Humber Bay Treatment Plant: No news. Nick Singh will contact Ron Braun about the possibility of investigating the plants environmental record.

e) Proactive Measures to Preserve the Character of Swansea: No news..

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:

Close.

j) Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster:

No news.

k) 21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies:

Close.

l) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings:

David Fleming will book meetings until the end of the year. The December 2009 meeting will be held December 15, 2009, the third Tuesday.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**10. NEXT MEETING:      Tuesday April 21, 2009**

**11. ADJOURNED:            9:37 PM**