

# SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING, November 18, 2008

**Present:** Nick Singh, Bill Roberts, David Fleming, Kate Lawson, Sybil Wilkinson, Ian McIsaac, John Meijer, Louis Gris  
**Regrets:** George Dubauskas, Ed Gaigalas

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

Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

### 2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Sybil Wilkinson, and carried, the Agenda for October 21, 2008 was approved as amended.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Kate Lawson, the minutes for September 16, 2008 and October 21, 2008 was approved.

### 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) Membership: John Meijer presented the membership report. The report was accepted upon a motion by John Meijer, seconded by Louis Gris and carried.

b) Fundraising: None. The November fundraiser is Dangerous Corner, by J.B. Priestley, on Thursday November 20.

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: \$42.52 Swansea Town Hall photocopies. John Meijer, \$127.50 for newsletter and stamps. Bill Roberts motioned that the expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.

### 5. CURRENT MATTERS

a) New Members and Guests: Natalya Savitski and Dagma Janu, Swansea area Home Life real estate agents.

b) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: No new work has been done. Nick Singh will investigate if there are any agreements between the City and the owners. There are sheds, interlock paths, and fences on the right of way, with no apparent documents registered.

c) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: Sybil Wilkinson will follow up with Ed Gaigalas to see if it is still viable to continue on with the committee.

d) Humbergate Initiative: No news.

e) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches:  
are expecting to set up a meeting in December.

Nick Singh had contacted Planning Alliance. They

f) 21 Old Mill Road:

Bill Roberts reported that there is still work being done by the Kingsway Ratepayers to drum up dollars and support to fight the development. The past agreements between the City and the Old Mill resulted in a property exchange which resulted in the Old Mill receiving in effect the land at zero cost provided it remained as a surface parking lot. The City now appears to be willing to approve development without significant corresponding benefit. Bill Roberts will follow-up with Old Mill Ratepayers to see what they are doing.

g) Complete Applications:

Bill Roberts reported that City Council has passed the Official Plan amendments, and that he will check to see if there are any objections or appeals.

h) South Kingsway Ramps:

Work has started, with the two south ramps are complete, with the north east changes in progress.

i) 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development:

Bill Roberts reported that he, Nick Singh and Ian McIsaac attended the committee meeting, summarised the SARA public meeting and used David Fleming's ranking documents. The point tower scenario was generally panned, with scenario one and two most liked. Resolving traffic issues is a main issue to be addressed. SARA seems to be the leading group in the committee. The Office for Urbanism noted that SARA's turnout of forty community members was very good. Bill Roberts motioned that up to \$1000 be set aside to consult a traffic planning expert. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried. Bill Roberts will explore his contacts in the field; Nick Singh will contact other ratepayer groups to help with funding.

j) YIMBY Meeting:

Ian McIsaac reported that he and Bill Roberts attended the meeting. Although SARA is a little "west" for the group, it was a good day and worthwhile to make contacts and see what other groups are involved in. Overall, it is well worth the price of admission as it helps raise SARA's profile in the greater Toronto community.

l) Waterfront Marathon:

Nick Singh reported he attended the November 3 meeting. A total of \$1070.88 was raised for each of the four groups: SARA, Swansea Town Hall, Swansea Legion, and Parks and Rec. Bill Roberts motioned that Kate Lawson pay out the monies to the other groups once the appropriate documentation is provided. The motion was seconded by John Meijer and carried. The awards ceremony is on November 25, 2008. Nick Singh may attend.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS

### a) Past Items:

- 169 South Kingsway: Nick Singh contacted Liscencing and Municipal Standards. They passed it back to the building inspectors, as there are non conforming items to be investigated.
- 22 Mayfield Ave: Louis Gris reported he attened to CoA hearing with a nieighbour opposing the application. The application was deferred to a later date. The applicant was advised by the committee to consult with the neighbours and SARA before returning.
- 30 The Pallisades: John Meijer reported he met with the applicant, and wrote a letter of opposition to the CoA. A 0.77 GFA and 9.39m height variances were granted, the front setback was refused. Some other conditions, dealing with trees on there property were also imposed.

### b) New CoA Matters:

Mayfield and South Kingsway: A massive building nis being constructed and SARA has not received a CoA notice. Louis Gris will investigate the property, and if necessecary, inquire with the City.

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

## 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

a) High Park Community Advisory Council:  
Singh may have a candidate.

SARA has no representative. Nick

b) Community Police Liaison Committee:  
Wilkinson will investigate whether she can fill the post.

SARA has no representative. Sybil

c) Swansea Community Recreation Centre & Rennie Park:  
Years party is in the works. They have applied for a bonfire permit. There will be a "Midnight at Nine", low cost food and drinks, a DJ, and sound system. John will include details in the next newsletter. Kate will provide Ian McIsaac with details so he can notify residents in his building.

Kate Lawson reported that the New

d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library:  
up, especially book pick ups.

Bill Roberts reported that usage is

e) Swansea Public School:  
trophy invoice for 2007 and 2008 was paid. They are having a Christmas

Kate Lawson reported the plaque and craft sale November 22, 2008.

f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management:

No news.

g) J.T. Bonham Residences:

No news.

h) CORRA:

No news.

## 8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

- a) Windermere by the Lake: Bill Roberts reported that he met with the developer to discuss their proposal to add more height and density. SARA is concerned about the constant changes and continuing attempts by developers to take more than they have been allowed. Bill will discuss what community benefits will be provided by the Developer with the Planner acting for the developer. SARA is very tentative to support this new change, as there are no community benefits, and at face value it looks like a developer cash grab. David Fleming motioned that Bill Roberts, Sybil Wilkinson, and Nick Singh strike a subcommittee to deal with any issues arising from Bill's discussions with the developer. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- b) Southport Plaza: All tenants must leave by November 30, 2008.
- c) Former Joyco Station: No news.
- d) Humber Bay Treatment Plant: No news.
- 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) Discussion of Co-hosting All Candidates Meetings with BWVRA: There has been no progress. Item to be closed.
- i) Humber Odeon Developments: No news.
- j) High Park Off-Leash Dog Zones: No news. Item to be closed.
- k) Development Charges: No news. John Meijer describe the issue in the next newsletter. Nick Singh will contact other ratepayers groups and Councillor Jenkins to see where the issue stands.
- l) Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster: Ian McIsaac reported that he took the poster to the YIMBY meeting where the poster received very good PR. The poster could be displayed at the Swansea Public School craft sale if SARA can find someone to man a table.
- m) 21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies: No news.
- n) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings: No news.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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

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