

# SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING, September 16, 2008

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

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

Nick Singh called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

### 2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS & APPROVAL:

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by Ed Gaigalas, and carried, the Agenda for September 16, 2008 was approved.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Bill Roberts, seconded by David Fleming, and carried, the minutes for June 17, 2008 was approved.

### 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a) Membership: John Meijer reported that there has been 19 new memberships since June, with more coming in. The latest newsletter was sent to 125 addresses.
- b) Fundraising: None. Lois Gris the lft tickets for the November fundraiser with Nick Singh for distribution.
- c) Treasurer's: Kate Lawson read the financial report. Ledger entries for the the Waterfront Marathon will be separated by fundraising group. The report was accepted upon a motion by Kate Lawson, seconded by Ed Gaigalas and carried. Kate will forward the completed report to David Fleming.
- d) Expenses: John Meijer: \$54.60 for stamps. Bill Roberts motioned that the expense be paid. The motion was seconded by David Fleming and carried.

### 5. CURRENT MATTERS

- a) New Members and Guests: Phil Nielsen and Vittorio Accomazzi, members of the board from the Brule Terrace apartment attended to discuss the 2500 Bloor Street development.
- b) Property Encroachment at 55 Mayfield Ave - Willard Gardens Parkette: Bill Roberts reported that the owners of the adjacent properties only have right of way access. Nick Singh will review the title search and easement agreements as well as the bylaws for any encroachment issues. He will review any concerns with the City.
- c) Flyer to promote SARA to new Swansea Residents: No news.
- d) Humbergate Initiative: No news.

- e) Waterfront Master Plan and Western Beaches: location. There will be a upcoming meeting at a different location.
- f) Development on Bloor Street, East of Swansea: No news. To be closed.
- g) 21 Old Mill Road: No news.
- h) Complete Applications: Bill Roberts reported that the changes are slowly winding their way through the system. It is almost complete, but there are problems with the application form. Developers will have to make both electronic and paper submissions. All planners and developers will need to make all reports available.
- i) AGM – Wednesday June 18, 2008: To be closed.
- j) South Kingsway Ramps: Work has started. The southwest ramp to the Queensway east is closed. There is minimal signage in the area.
- k) 2500 Bloor Street West – Tridel Development: Bill Roberts reported that at the last meeting, the BWVRA, Old Mill Ratepayers, and World 19 groups wanted to abandon the agreed upon meeting protocol. They want Tridel to be up front with their plans and the community to get and have more input. A discussion concluded that the current process may be frustrating, but at this stage the process is open, and that we should continue to take Tridel at face value. Bill Roberts motioned that SARA's position is that we support the principals in the Bloor West Village Urban Design Study and the Official Plan with respect to the physical context of for the area. The motion was seconded by Sybil Wilkinson and carried. David Fleming motioned that SARA's position is to continue with the agreed upon protocol, to allow the constructive process to continue, and that SARA supports having an open public meeting, where appropriate, before the conclusion and final deliberations of the working group, in order to provide additional public input to the process. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried.
- l) All Candidates Meeting – Tuesday October 7, 2008: The meeting will take the same format as last, with doors opening at 7, and meeting starting at 7:30. Nick Singh will time, Bill Roberts will moderate, and David Fleming and Ed Gaigalas will collect and collate questions. David Fleming will distribute a written copy of the procedures. John Meijer will compose and distribute a flyer.
- m) Waterfront Marathon: Ed Gaigalas, Bill Roberts, Jack Slaughter, Sara Ducette, and Norm McLoed organised the Legion, Town Hall, and others to participate. Volunteers are needed for Saturday's setup and cheering during the race. The organising committee is meeting September 22. David Fleming motioned that up to \$300 be allocated for Ed Gaigalas to purchase a banner for SARA. The motion was seconded by Ian McIsaac and carried. Ed will review the layout with the Executive before the final print.

## 6. LAND USE ITEMS

- a) Past Items:  
169 South Kingsway: Nick Singh reported no news.
- b) New COA Matters: A package of COA applications for the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was delivered to John Meijer on September 8<sup>th</sup>. John will call the COA for the Committee's decisions.

c) 69 Beresford Avenue - Parking Pad Appeal: David Fleming reported that after the depositions, and 40 minutes of debate, Councillor Saundercook motioned to accept the staff recommendations to refuse the pad. The motion was carried and the pad was refused.

d) 44 Runnymede Rd – Committee of Adjustment Processes: David Fleming reported that the COA passed the variance request with some conditions. SARA is concerned about the process that allows a parking pad application to be rolled up into a development proposal, sidestepping the bylaw process of applying to Transportation Services.

## 7. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

a) High Park Community Advisory Council: No news.

b) Community Police Liaison Committee: No news

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

d) Swansea Memorial Library and Friends of the Library: No news.

e) Swansea Public School: Bill Roberts and Sybil Wilkinson attended convocation and the awards ceremony. No Community Service award was handed out this year. Kate Lawson will inquire about 2007 and 2008's plaque engraving costs.

f) Swansea Town Hall Board of Management: Bill Roberts will reported at the next Executive meeting.

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

h) CORRA: Bill Roberts reported that the Section 37 changes are working through the process. The City added some content without consultation. CORRA has suggested some wording changes.

## 8. ITEMS BEING MONITORED

a) Windermere by the Lake: No news.

b) Southport Plaza: Bill Roberts reported that Georgian Homes has given the tenants notice to leave by November 30.

c) Former Joyco Station: Work is progressing.

d) Dark Horse (liquor license): Nick Singh reported that the request by the Dark Horse was refused. To be closed.

e) Humber Bay Treatment Plant: No news.

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

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

- h) Bloor West Urban Design Study: Bill Roberts reported that City staff does not want to incorporate the Study into the Official Plan.
- i) Traffic Studies in Swansea: No news. Close.
- j) Discussion of Co-hosting All Candidates Meetings with BWVRA: No news
- k) Humber Odeon Developments: The entire block is now owned by one developer. He has observed at the 2500 Bloor Street Committee meetings.
- l) High Park Off-Leash Dog Zones: No news.
- m) Development Charges: No news.
- n) Adopt-A-Block Program and Display Poster: John Meijer will enquire to see if the City initiative is still running.
- o) 21 Old Mill – Section 37 Monies: No news.
- p) Booking of Swansea Town Hall Rooms for SARA Meetings: Book in December 2008.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill Roberts reported that there will be a YIMBY – Yes In My Back Yard – meeting on October 25, 2008. David Fleming motioned that Bill Roberts and Ian McIssac attend, and up to \$50 be provided for purchasing a table. The motion was seconded by Ed Gaigalas and carried.

**10. NEXT MEETING:      Tuesday October 21, 2008**

**11. ADJOURNED:            9:50 PM**