

Swansea Outlook

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Newsletter of the Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association

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EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Please note that Executive meetings are public and held normally on the third Tuesday of each month, excluding July and August. Due to seating limitations, kindly contact the Executive before attending.

Your executive as of the date of this letter: Louis Gris - Past-President; Nick Singh, President; Vacant - Vice-presidents; K. Lawson - Treasurer; D. Fleming - Secretary; John Meijer - Membership Chair; Directors: Gared Daniel, E. Gaigalas, I. Mclsaac, William (Bill) Roberts, E. Elson, S. Wilkinson, and Brian O'Rourke

The Executive needs volunteers to help with various duties. Persons interested should contact the President and, if they wish, attend our Executive Meetings to help understand what is involved.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The 2011 Annual General Meeting was held on Tues, May 31, 7:30pm. Staff Inspector Peter Lennox from 11 Division delivered an engaging talk on community policing, and also spoke about the new 11 Division headquarters.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION ALL CANDIDATES MEETING –SARA will host an all-candidate's meeting for the fall Provincial Election on Sunday October 2nd, 2011 in the Rousseau Room of the Town Hall. The meeting will take the same format as previous ones, with doors opening at 4:15pm, and the meeting running from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

MEMBERSHIP Thank you to those who have renewed for 2011. If you haven't already, please renew now for 2011.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FEES for 2011 (unchanged):

Single membership	standard	\$12.00	senior	\$10.00
Family membership	standard	\$14.00	senior	\$12.00
Business membership		\$20.00		

Note: A Senior is anyone 60 plus.

Please contact John Meijer to renew. Membership forms may also be sent to Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association, c/o Swansea Town Hall, Box 103, and 95 Lavinia Avenue, Toronto, M6S 3H9.

SWANSEA TOWN HALL Memberships for the Town Hall Association are always available at the Town Hall for only \$2/year!

SCOTIABANK TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON –SARA, along with our partner organizations (the Swansea Recreation Centre, Royal Canadian Legion, Swansea Branch 46, and the Swansea Town Hall), will again participate in running the cheering stand at the bottom of Windermere at the Lakeshore on October 16, 2011. The entertainment happens between 8:00am and 12noon, with most of the runners passing by between 9:30 and 11:00am. We hope to see you there once again to cheer on all the runners. Please also consider sponsoring one of the Swansea "neighborhood champions" at <http://www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com/en/nc/nc1.htm> and help us fundraise for the Swansea Partners.

BEER TASTING AT SWANSEA LEGION 30 SEPTEMBER, 2011. Join SARA and their Scotia Marathon Cheering Section partners at a beer tasting at the Swansea Legion on 30 September, 2011. Start time 7:30 P.M. Live music.

2500/2490 BLOOR STREET WEST (HUMBERSIDE MOTORS) – We are monitoring the ongoing development of these sites.

SARA FUNDRAISER NOV 10/2011 AT THE VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE

If you wish to enjoy some local theatre, please contact a SARA Executive for tickets to SARA's fundraiser – to be held at the Nov 10 preview of the Village Players (2190E Bloor W) presentation of LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME. This was adapted by Constance Cox from a short story by Oscar Wilde. Tickets are \$16 each.

SWANSEA REC CENTRE / RENNIE PARK

The 120th anniversary of Swansea Public School reunion dance was held on May 27. The Rennie Park garage sale on June 4 was held under a deluge of rain! Let's hope for better weather next year.

CORRA – ZONING BY-LAW HARMONIZATION

You may be aware that the repeal of the harmonized Zoning By-law 1156-2010 was approved by City Council at its meeting of May 17/18. Council has now asked staff to engage in consultations with the appellants and report back to P&GM Oct 6 for recommendations to Council at its meeting on Nov 8, for possible enactment of changes next Feb, 2012. Staff is not authorized to enlarge the scope of by-law changes, and SARA will be a participant in the process.

WEST END COMMUNITY GROUPS / CORRA REVITALIZATION

The next meeting of the west end community groups will be hosted by SARA at the Town Hall in October. Bill Roberts was elected Chair.

SWANSEA MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY –Please continue to visit our Library! With our support, the usage of the Library keeps growing; this only helps to protect this community resource.

LIBRARY HOURS ARE:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10:00 A.M. - 12:00 & (*) 1:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday:1:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Thursday:	10:00 A.M.-12:00 & (*) 1:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Friday:	Closed
Saturday:	10:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.
Sunday:	Closed

(*) closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. Tuesday & Thursday
Friends of Library contact: G. Dubauskas at 416 - 762 -6413.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT/ PLANNING MATTERS – SARA continues to monitor all minor variance applications in Swansea which go before the Committee of Adjustment. This is to ensure their appropriateness and desirability for the neighbourhood and community. Below are recent applications of interest:

155 Morningside – This application was unanimously refused by Committee of Adjustment back in April and the OMB appeal has been postponed pending further negotiations.

70 Lavinia, Fourteen variances were approved by the Committee of Adjustment on Feb 3 for an application to construct a second story addition, front and rear additions and a second suite. This was appealed at OMB by adjacent neighbours, with SARA supporting the neighbours' appeal. The OMB decision came out Sep 1 authorizing all but two of the nine (after repeal of harmonized by-laws) requested variances but added conditions in regard to the north side yard setbacks and requiring new windows facing

adjacent properties to not open to allow views into adjacent windows and that they be frosted. The project will have to be redesigned to meet the conditions.

45 Morningside, The Committee of Adjustment hearing on 3 March approved the severance and construction plans for two new homes, despite the community and SARA's opposition. SARA is unaware that any appeal was launched.

2 Wendigo Way, This proposal for a new two-storey detached dwelling was to be heard Sep 8 at Committee of Adjustment on four variance requests pertaining to GFA and setbacks. However SARA learned that the hearing was adjourned at the request of Forestry for concerns about several mature trees on the property.

263 Ellis Ave – This application for a third floor addition plus rear deck involved seven variances (including the new by-law variances since repealed). It was heard for a second time at CoA on May 12 and was authorized after some roof slope alterations were made.

15 Runnymede Road, An application to construct an additional dwelling unit in the existing building, resulting in a Triplex, was denied by CoA on Feb 3, after failing to meet the tests of the planning act. The decision was appealed to the OMB by the applicant, and was denied by oral decision of June 28, after the City gave planning evidence, stating that it met none of the four tests of the planning act, where it need fail only one.

42 Morningside, This application went back to Committee of Adjustment on Sep 8 for a missed side yard variance of 0.18m.

YIMBY - SARA we be attending the 5th Annual YIMBY (Yes in My Back Yard) Festival — YIMBY AT FIVE on October 22, 2011 at the Gladstone Hotel. This festival provides a social space for people and groups involved in grassroots, locally-driven community development to gather, exchange ideas and strategies to effect change, and imagine their future city.

SOUTHPORT PLAZA

SARA is fundraising for a retail marketing study to examine potential commercial opportunities at the Southport Plaza site. We plan to meet with the developer to discuss further funding and mutual benefits from any study undertaken.

SOUTH KINGSWAY / QUEENSWAY RAMPS

SARA wants improved sightlines at the stop sign turning west off South Kingsway onto the Queensway. We have raised the issue with city staff and Ward 13 Councillor Doucette.

TTC SOUTHKINGSWAY STOP

SARA would like to see the stairwell from South Kingsway down to the Queensway restored to operation, however we have learned that the City is not looking at the staircase as priority right now.

BLOOR STREET / UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL– there will be a road closure of Bloor Street for the 15th annual Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival to be held September 16, 17 and 18, 2011.

William (Bill) Roberts / John Meijer: Editors
Nick Singh: Advisory Committee

SARA 2011 Membership Application Form

Yes, I want to renew/join SARA as a:

- Individual Membership \$12.00 / \$10.00 Senior
 Family Membership \$14.00 / \$12.00 Senior
 Business/Organization \$20.00

Please indicate if:

- New Member Renewing Member

Please note that memberships are for a one year term: January->December

Name

Company/Organization

Address

Suite/Apt/Unit Number

City

Province Postal Code

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Area Code Telephone Number

Email Address

Yes, I want to get involved and help with:

- Membership Committee Chair
 Special Events Board of Director
 Fundraising Community Liaison
 Web Content Media Relations
 Other – specify

Payment:

Please make your cheque payable to the:
Swansea Area Ratepayers Association

Please send this completed form along with your cheque to:

Swansea Area Ratepayers Association, c/o John Meijer,
Membership Chair, 16 The Palisades, Toronto ON M6S 2W8

