

Swansea Outlook

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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: John Meijer, President; Nick Singh - Past-President; Keith Dicks, Ian McIsaac - Vice-presidents; K. Lawson - Treasurer; D. Fleming - Secretary; John Meijer - Membership Chair; Directors: S Reimer, William (Bill) Roberts, E. Elson, S. Wilkinson, V. Wynne, and Brian O'Rourke

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS! - The SARA Executive needs volunteers for next year's Board! Can you spare ten evenings this year to get involved and informed? Nominations will be held at our AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 15**, with guest speaker **Barbara Gray, Toronto's Director of Transportation** who will talk on various matters including **Toronto's roadways**. At Swansea Town Hall, 7:30pm, Rousseau Room

HUMBER ODEON DEVELOPMENT – 2442-2450 BLOOR ST W

Rather than continue the public consultation process and work with the residents and City, Plaza Corp has decided to take their proposal straight to the OMB, materially unchanged. This is unfortunate.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SYSTEM SARA is party to an OMB process on the proposed development permit system, with a prehearing scheduled for July 2017, and a possible follow up hearing in January 2018.

2265-79 BLOOR W (AT DURIE) DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

We are monitoring this proposed development, and have requested of the City a copy of the revised site plan as it incorporates improvements and recommendations submitted by the community.

SARA FUNDRAISER AT THE VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE



On Nov 2, 2017 SARA will hold its annual fundraiser at the preview night of the Village Playhouse production of "EVELYN STRANGE" by Stewart Lemoine - "In her quest to discover her identity, a beautiful amnesiac exposes a tangled web of deceit, betrayal and murder." A fascinating 'theatre noir' tale of mystery and intrigue. Tickets are available for purchase from the Executive.

MEMBERSHIP If you haven't already, please renew your membership now for 2017, on our SARA website at www.swansearatepayers.ca

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FEES for 2017 (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 swansea@swansearatepayers.ca to renew, or visit the website at www.swansearatepayers.ca to pay via credit card / PayPal. Membership forms may also be sent to SARA, c/o Swansea Town Hall, Box 103, 95 Lavinia Avenue, Toronto, M6S 3H9.

SWANSEA TOWN HALL the Town Hall Board of Management Annual General Meeting was held on May 10, 2017. Memberships for the Town Hall Association are always available at the Town Hall for only \$2/year. SARA's representative on the Town Hall Board of Management for 2016-2017 is William Roberts.

BLOOR WEST AVENUE STUDY – SARA is working together with our neighbouring resident associations and City planning on an Avenue Study to assess the land uses, transportation and servicing infrastructure, community services and facilities, built form character and redevelopment potential for Bloor Street West between Keele Street and the Humber River.

Our representatives have attended at the meetings held to date, including a design charrette. We will continue to provide input to the study and bring forth issues of concern to Swansea. The study is expected to be completed by late fall 2017. Any input you have for the future of Bloor Street West is welcome, please let us know.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION DESIGNATION

SARA will be participating in the heritage conservation designation meetings covering Bloor West from the Humber to High Park.

ZONING BY-LAW HARMONIZATION / OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

SARA is appealing the City's Zoning By-Law harmonization, and attended a prehearing in early June, presenting our issues which include items such as first floor definition and height, attic space inclusions in GFA calculations, and definition of multi-unit buildings, among others.

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. Spread the word; there are children's programs and you can order your books for convenient pick up at our branch.

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

Committee of Adjustment development applications can now be searched online at City Planning's Application Information Centre. (<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=691552cc66061410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>).

SARA continues to monitor all minor variance applications in Swansea which go before the Committee of Adjustment. This is to ensure appropriateness and desirability for the community. Below are the most recent applications:

44 Morningside – This site severance was appealed to the OMB by neighbours, whom SARA is supporting. The hearing is scheduled for Jun 29, 2017.

44 Ellis Park Rd – SARA wrote in to oppose this application for a three storey new build, as we had concerns over the height and resultant GFA. This will be coming to Committee of Adjustment shortly.

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100 South Kingsway – SARA met with the applicant to review the plans, and did not oppose provided the build proceeded as per the plans submitted. This was approved at the Committee of Adjustment.

20 Deforest Rd – SARA opposed the application to sever the lot into two substandard size lots, and also the variances required for the new homes on these lots. Despite our - and the community's – objections, the Committee of Adjustment approved the application.

89 South Kingsway – This proposal for a triplex was opposed by the community including SARA. It was denied at Committee.

1926 LAKESHORE (FOUR POINTS SHERATON SITE)

The developer is revising plans and may require additional variances relating to the parking situation and podium height. SARA will be following any new application should it arise.

SOUTHPORT PLAZA

SARA is in contact with building officials on site plan issues related to this site.

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



SARA 2017 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

* Membership payments also taken at www.swansearatepayers.ca

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