

# **SWANSEA AREA RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES of November 18, 2025**

### **Swansea Town Hall**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER and DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

*The Meeting of November 18, 2025: was called to order by Veronica Wynne at 7:26 PM.*

*N.B. William Roberts declared a conflict of interest regarding agenda item b) insurance.*

**Present:** Veronica Wynne, Sherrel Dhanpaul, Nick Singh, William Roberts, Janice Kaldor, Stephanie Meligrana and Claire Czerny

**NB:** Stephanie Meligrana was appointed to the SARA Board of Directors on September 16, 2025.

**Regrets:** None.

**Guests:** None.

#### **2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL**

*November 18, 2025: It was moved by Stephanie Meligrana and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve the agenda as amended.*

##### **1. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL October 21, 2025**

##### **2. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

- a. Membership and Report (5 mins) – Nick
- b. Fund Raising & Report (5 mins) – Janice with Executive Support.
- c. Treasurer's Reports (5 mins) March – Nick
- d. Expenses' Approvals & Payment – payments and approvals
- e. Riverside Drive Group Sub-Group Report

##### **3. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS**

#### **4. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**

- a) Feedback on the Village Players fundraiser and the Collection of Remaining Funds- Janice and Executive
- b) Motion to Approve the payment of the Insurance Policy for December 2025 to December 2026. Concerns re the compromising of our account due to Bank of Montreal problems with their e-transfer program.
- c) **Report on** the Agenda for the Swansea Mews in-person open house meeting November 20 and plans for moving forward, – Veronica, Sherral,
- d) Report of the SARA submissions for the Bloor West Village Guidelines on November 27 – Nick, Bill Veronica
- e) **AGM Dec 2 Tuesday organization will include Chris Higgins and his new book release-** Veronica and Exec.
- f) **Swansea Village 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Celebration Report Back on Second Meeting- Sherral
- g) Update on the Signage Project for the Village of Swansea – Bill
- h) Any new updates re the Western Beaches
- i) **Committee of Adjustment** for many Applications at. C of A meeting. - Nick
- j) Soft landscaping and iceberg basements.
- k) Neighbourhood Retail

**Next Meeting: Tuesday December 15, 2025 Christmas Festive Snacks & Refreshments.**

### **3. MINUTES AMENDMENTS and APPROVAL**

**November 18, 2025:** It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to approve the minutes of October 21, 2025. The motion was CARRIED.

October 21, 2025: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve the minutes of September 16, 2025. The motion was CARRIED.

September 16, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to approve the minutes of August 12, 2025. The motion was CARRIED.

Aug 12, 2025: It was moved by Janice Kaldor and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025 and June 18, 2025 as circulated. The motion was CARRIED.

June 18, 2025: Deferred.

May 20, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve the April 29, 2025 minutes as circulated. The motion was CARRIED.

April 29, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve the March 18, 2025 minutes as amended. The motion was CARRIED.

March 18, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Nick Singh to approve the January 21, 2025 minutes as amended. The motion was CARRIED.

January 21, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to approve the December 10, 2024 minutes as circulated. The motion was CARRIED.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve the November 19, 2024 minutes as circulated. The motion was CARRIED.

November 19, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve the minutes of October 12, 2024 as amended. The motion was CARRIED.

### **4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

#### **a. Membership Report**

**November 18, 2025:** Nicholas Singh reported that there were four membership renewals and one new membership. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by Claire Czerny to approve the membership report. The motion was carried.

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there were no new memberships since September 16, 2025.

September 16, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there were no new memberships since August 12, 2025.

Aug 12, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there was one new membership since June.

June 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there were two new memberships this month as well a previous deposit in our bank account for two more. Nick will confirm the membership details and report next meeting.

May 20, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there were no new members since the last update in March.

April 29, 2025: Deferred

March 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that since our last meeting in January there have been two new memberships. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve the membership report. The motion was CARRIED.

January 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there was an aggregate of 17 new memberships and renewals for a total of \$197 and of the 400 names on our membership list 200 have active e-mail addresses. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve the Membership Report.

December 10, 2024: Nick Singh provided the following update: he has sent out a membership renewal message to all the e-mails on our membership list and there were seven renewals to date.

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that since the last report there have been 6 membership renewals and one new membership. It was agreed by consensus that Nick Singh should send out a membership renewal message to our current list of past and current members.

November 19, 2024: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to accept the Membership Report. The motion was CARRIED.

### ***b. Fund Raising & Report***

*November 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that we have, in hand, from the November 6 fundraiser, \$1,474 in cash and checks from ticket sales and also \$210 in ticket sales from Event Bright and \$290 in donations that were deposited in our BMO account for a total of \$1900 collected so far. He noted that all the money had not yet been turned in and he will make the deposit after all the money has been collected and recorded. Veronica Wynne reported that this year or fundraiser did very well with an expected gross of approximately \$3000 which is equivalent of 100 tickets.*

October 21, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she has approached the Cheese Boutique for a sponsorship for our Village Players Benefit performance but has not yet been able to speak with the manager. She also reported there was one ticket sold on the Eventbrite site and that with the help of Stephanie's son the internet message had been drafted and was ready to go out on Mailchimp. She also reported that the fundraiser posters are ready. Janice agreed to poster the Town Hall and Nick agreed to poster along Bloor Street.

Nick Singh will send out a message regarding the fundraiser to the members via our email list.

It was suggested that just as we had done at the previous performance we hold a 50-50 draw. Veronica will contact the Village Players to negotiate how the proceeds might be divided.

September 16, 2025: Janice Caldor reported on measures to get ticket sales for the fundraiser underway. Veronica Wynne will attempt to print the tickets also to cut and distribute them. Veronica Wynne will design and print posters. Stefanie Meligrana will assist with creating the QR code for the posters Nick Singh and Clare Cheney will take responsibility for posting Bloor Street.

Aug 12, 2025: Janice Kaldor reported that she has received the template for the tickets for the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> performance of "Filthy Rich". Bill Hammond of Village players suggested that we might promote the event by handing out postcards at the Ukrainian festival or ask local businesses to sponsor the presentation. It was agreed by consensus that we should prepare to send out notices for the fundraiser in September. Veronica will work on a poster. We should make sure that the event is thoroughly advertised at the Swansea Town Hall both on our bulletin board and on the outside bulletin board and on the electronic message sign. We should also look for

other opportunities in Swansea to advertise the event. Janice will send a message with more details about Bill Hammond's fundraising suggestions.

June 18, 2025: Janice Kaldor reported that Bill Hammond has agreed that the Village Players to host our next fundraiser on November 6<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$700 for the whole theatre.

June 18, 2025: It was moved by Janice Kaldor and seconded by Claire Czerny to approve \$700 for the Nov. 6, 2025 Village Players preview performance. The motion was CARRIED.

June 18, 2025: It was moved by Janice Kaldor and seconded by Claire Czerny to set the ticket price for the Nov. 6, 2025 Village Players preview performance at \$30. The motion was CARRIED.

May 20, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to recognise that Janice Kaldor and Sherrel Dhanpaul have taken charge of fundraising. The motion was CARRIED.

May 20, 2025: It was agreed by consensus to try to sell out the full theatre at our next Villagers Players fundraiser at an expected cost of \$700 for the performance. Sherrel and Janice will arrange it with Village Players Director Bill Hammond. The expected date is in November.

April 29, 2025: The report was deferred. Janice Kaldor and Sherrel Dhanpaul volunteered to take responsibility for fundraising.

March 18, 2025: Deferred.

January 21, 2025: Deferred

November 19, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that the performance of Terror by Gaslight was shared with the Saint Vincent DePaul and that we sold 63 out of our 70 available tickets for a net gain of \$1,250 including \$25 from the 50/50 draw.

### **c. Treasurer's Report**

**November 18, 2025:** *Nick Singh moved that the Board approve the payment to Terry Mills for his services at the OLT in the following manner:*

<i>From the Save Swansea Fund :</i>	<i>\$1,979.35</i>
<i>From the Bloor St. W. Corridor Fund:</i>	<i>\$2,025.22</i>
<i>From the SARA Gofundme Fund :</i>	<i>\$987.31</i>
<i>From the SARA Donations 2461 Bloor St. Appeal Fund:</i>	<i>\$890.00</i>
<i>From SKNC fund:</i>	<i>\$6.80</i>
<i>From the SARA/SARG Fund:</i>	<i>\$165.82</i>
<i>for a total of</i>	<i>\$6,054.50.</i>

The motion was seconded by *Stephanie Meligrana* and was CARRIED.

**November 18, 2025:** *Nick Singh reported that since the last report in October the Gofundme account had received \$300 and the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> fundraiser had brought in \$510 and that following the payment of Terry Mills the Funds used to pay Mr. Mills were now empty except for the SARA fund which stood at \$1,998.17 at closing on Nov. 18, 2025. He also reported that the BMO account closed at \$12,710.76 excluding in hand deposits from the fundraiser which amounted to \$1,474.00 and an outstanding cheque that would debit our account by \$50.00.*

**November 18, 2025:** *It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve the Treasurers report. The motion was CARRIED*

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there has been no activity in our accounts since the last report and our balance at the Bank of Montreal remains at \$17,906.76 and our balance in the PayPal

account is \$89.61. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Caldor to approve the Treasurers report. The motion was CARRIED.

September 16, 2025: Nick Singh reported that since the last treasurer's report in June there were two deposits one was a transfer from our PayPal account for \$800 and the other was a donation of \$300 from Sybil Wilkinson. There were also several disbursements: \$700 for the village Playhouse fundraiser in November, \$47.25 for photocopies, three cheques of \$50 each for awards given to students from the Swansea Public School and transfer fees of \$3.00.

The PayPal account was reduced by the \$800 sent to the BMO account and by a \$23.72 payment for web hosting offset by a deposit of \$20 for a membership request the \$0.88 fee. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by Bill Roberts to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was CARRIED.

Aug 12, 2025: Deferred.

June 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that since the last report in May the second payment to William Roberts for work performed on the 2461 Bloor St. appeal went through our BMO account along with a credit for two memberships leaving a gross balance of \$17,757.01. And in our Paypal account there was a credit of \$27.00 for two memberships and a fee of \$1.39 leaving a gross amount of \$894.21. It was moved by Claire Czerny and seconded by Janice Kaldor to approve the Treasurer's report as circulated. The motion was CARRIED.

May 20, 2025: Nick Singh reported that since the last report in March the payment to William Roberts for work on the 2461 Bloor St. appeal went through our BMO account and in our Paypal account there was a \$40 donation and \$23.72 payment for our website. He also reported that between the two accounts we have \$4,400 tagged for the remaining expenses for the 2461 Bloor St. appeal. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by Janice Kaldor to approve the Treasurer's report as circulated. The motion was CARRIED.

April 29, 2025: Deferred

March 18, 2025: Nick Singh circulated the Treasurer's Report for the period since our last meeting in January. He noted that there was one expense to the STH for our mail box which, with bank fees, amounted to \$152.02 while in our Paypal account there were deposits for two memberships which, less fees, came to \$30.52. He noted that money from four accounts, the Bloor St Corridor Fund, Gofundme, Donations, and Paypal are available for the 2461 Bloor St. OLT Appeal case for a total of \$4,400 however an expected invoice from Terry Mills for \$800 had not been received as yet. Nick will send Veronica Wynne a copy of Mr. Mills' letter. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve the Treasurer's report as circulated. The motion was CARRIED.

January 21, 2025: Nick Singh circulated three reports for the months of November 2024, December 2024 and January 2025. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve the three reports as circulated.

December 10, 2024: There was no Treasurer's Report, however, Nick Singh stated that the \$3.94 discrepancy reported last month has been resolved and was the result of changes to the way Paypal their displays fees.

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that there were deposits of \$605.55 and no expenditures in our BMO account and deposits of \$115.00 in our PayPal account however the balance in the PayPal account was inexplicably short by \$3.94. The shortage is under review. It was recommended to remove the donor's name from the Report.

November 19, 2024: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve the report as amended. The motion was CARRIED.

#### ***d. Expenses, Approvals & Payment***

***November 18, 2025: There were no expenses.***

October 21, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that we are expecting an invoice from Terry Mills. It was agreed that if no invoice was received Nick Singh will call Terry to confirm the amount due to Mr. Mills for his services.

September 16, 2025: There were no expenses.

Aug 12, 2025: There were no expenses.

June 18, 2025: There were no expenses.

May 20, 2025: There were no expenses.

April 29, 2025: There were no expenses.

March 18, 2025: There were no expenses.

January 21, 2025: There were no expenses.

December 10, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that copies of the new Constitution were surprisingly expensive but that they are stamped with the Association's official seal and ready for distribution.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to reimburse Veronica Wynne \$170 for the printing of the Constitution and By-laws of the Association. The motion was CARRIED.

November 19, 2024: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to reimburse Janice Kaldor for the cake and decorations used at the AGM as per the provided invoices in the total amount of \$61.12. The motion was CARRIED.

#### ***e. Riverside Drive Group Sub-Group Report***

***November 18, 2025: No News.***

October 21, 2025: No News.

September 16, 2025: No News.

Aug 12, 2025: No News.

June 18, 2025: No News.

May 20, 2025: No News.

April 29, 2025: No News.

March 18, 2025: Veronica Wynne will ask the group contribute to the fund for the 2461 Bloor St. OLT Appeal case.

January 21, 2025: No News.

December 10, 2024: No News.

November 19, 2024: No News.

### **5. NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS**

***November 18, 2025: There were no guests.***

October 21, 2025: There were no guests.

September 16, 2025: There were no guests.

Aug 12, 2025: There were no guests.

June 18, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that Elaine Topping has accepted a new job and is no longer able to join our Board.

May 20, 2025: There were no guests.

April 29, 2025: Elaine Topping of 22 Southport was invited to attend as a possible future Board Member. Veronica Wynne will follow up with our guest.

January 21, 2025: Aaron Rogers and Mina Di Domenico attended the meeting to discuss the COA application for 71 Kennedy which was deferred at the COA hearing on December 15, 2025. They were alerted to the Association by our submission to the hearing and wanted to meet with us to see if they could contribute to the Association. Mina is an experienced website builder and offered to help us update our site. She recommended we look at the BPW site to see if we like what we see. Aaron's wife, Trish, is in sales and may be willing to help with membership and fundraising.

December 10, 2024: Chet Czerny

November 19, 2024: Veronica Wynne welcomed Claire Czerny as our new Board Member and Chet Czerny, her husband to our meeting.

## **6. IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**

### **a) Annual General Membership Meeting**

*November 18, 2025: AGM the board discussed preparations for the AGM. Veronica noted that Chris Higgins will be our guest speaker and has asked for 45 minutes to make his presentation.*

October 21, 2025: SARA's AGM is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was suggested that Chris Higgins, who has a new book out, could be our Guest Speaker. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldar to ask Chris Higgins to be our guest speaker at the AGM on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was carried.

### **b) Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods**

*November 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that the City has woken up to the issue of the over-redevelopment of Soft Landscaping. Given the rush to approve all kinds of redevelopment in our neighbourhoods the City has been approving proposals for drastically reduced amounts of soft landscaping. The City is now proposing to tighten up the regulations to ensure that permeable paving is not approved in place of Soft Landscaping. Developers are also proposing basements that are entirely below grade that extend from property line to property line. The problem is that this potentially creates a contiguous underground wall that blocks the flow of water and prevents the planting of trees. Nick Singh noted that these approvals are a big problem at the Committee of Adjustment.*

*November 18, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to write a letter of support for the "Growing Spaces for Trees Report" and the proposed Official Plan Amendments.*

- i. Laneway Suites**
- ii. Garden Suites**

November 19, 2024: William Roberts reported that the provincial government is proposing province wide automatic approvals for all Garden Suites. Bill wrote discussing the problems with the proposal.

- iii. Multiplexes**

### **Major Streets Intensification:**

June 18, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended a meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee and it is the Committees intention to ignore the appeal of OPA 778 and implement zoning changes based on OPA 778's proposed changes to the Avenue Designations throughout the City. The motion that was passed by the Committee calls for the implementation of the OPA 778 changes on a piecemeal basis according to a

schedule of areas in the City that will leave Swansea to the end of the schedule. At the meeting Veronica raised the issue of the missing Avenues Map that was supposed to identify which streets have been designated as “Avenues” and which was missing from the OPA778 documents.

September 17, 2024: William Roberts reported that the Swansea Secondary Plan is protecting the area from consideration for a Major Street designation.

### **Site Plan Approval speed-up:**

September 19, 2023: William Roberts reported he attended a public meeting regarding the Province’s proposals to speed-up site plan approvals to assist developers. The proposals are in conflict with the other timelines that are currently mandated such as those in the Complete Application requirements and the zoning approval timelines. Planning recommended that Zoning and OPA’s be in place before Site Plans are filed so that the City would avoid the penalties set out by the Province.

### **Mid-Rise Rear Transition Zoning and Guideline Changes:**

January 21, 2025: It was reported by William Roberts that the City is conducting meaningless consultations regarding the proposed Mid-Rise Guidelines and Avenue designations and is pushing through greater heights and densities. CORRA has submitted a letter opposing the changes. It was suggested that SARA object and focus on how the proposed changes affect the Queensway within Swansea.

January 21, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to approve Veronica Wynne to write on behalf of SARA in opposition to the proposed changes and for her to attend the meeting on SARA’s behalf. The motion was CARRIED.

December 10, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that the City’s update can be viewed on the City’s website.

November 19, 2024: William Roberts reported that the City’s proposed Avenue Development Guidelines will be presented in December and will apply to all areas without a completed or in process Avenue Study.

### **Official Plan Amendment 660 amendments as per Bills 650 and 651**

Bill 650 and 651 give a number of officials the authority to pass and process minor by-laws with a “hold” designation and to use alternate means of providing notices. It is agreed that the two Bills are poorly written and ambiguous. However it is expected that the bills and Amendment will be pushed through.

### **Multiplex and Duplex Zoning in Residential Neighbourhood**

May 20, 2025: William Roberts reported that the City has issued a notice for a Public Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM to inform of the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment intended to spur multiplex construction in all neighbourhoods across the city. The text of the proposal should be available by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. We should all read the proposed amendments and make comment. One of the issues is the use of the improper “Duplex” designation for single detached family homes to avoid variances such as the need for FSI compliance.

#### **c) Official Plan for Toronto**

#### **d) Swansea Heritage Signs**

*November 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that he has been messaging the City regarding the signs but has not received any response. He has been moving his inquiries up the management chain of command. Bill noticed that there are a number of vintage signs that were paid for by the Swansea Historical Society and they should not be replaced as they are the originals.*

September 16, 2025: No News.

Aug 12, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she sent William Roberts the file containing the design for the street signs however one of them, when printed, appears incorrectly. Bill will ask the city if they can use the file as it is or help to identify the problem.

June 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that he needs the digital design file to submit to the Traffic Department for their consideration. Veronica will send what she has to Bill.

May 20, 2025: It was agreed that Veronica Wynne will provide William Roberts with the necessary information for him to get the new staff at the City's Transportation Department reactivated in approving our proposal for local street name signs.

September 17, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that her recent request for an update was answered to the effect that they, the City, is working on it.

**e) South Kingsway Safety**

December 10, 2024: William Roberts reported that Liz Filman has been added to the committee and they are actively working to move this matter forward.

November 19, 2024: William Roberts reported that Liz and Jamie Filman have volunteered to join the committee working on this project. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to add Liz and Jamie Filman to the Committee. The motion was CARRIED.

December 19, 2023: It was moved by Sherrel Dhanpaul and seconded by Janice Kaldor to pursue our proposal, approved at the 2023 AGM, to ask the City, via our Councillor, for traffic lights at South Kingsway and Ormskirk. Our membership will be asked to support the proposal and to provide permission to convey that support and members' e-mail addresses to the councillor. The motion was CARRIED.

**f) Swansea Town Hall**

*November 18, 2025: Sherrel Dhanpaul reported that 100th Anniversary preparations continue.*

October 21, 2025: Sherrel Dhanpaul reported that the Swansea Town Hall 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has an idea to sell bins of the Swansea coat of arms. There is no update on the street sign project.

September 16, 2025: Sherrel Dhanpaul reported that preparations are ongoing and there's work on a poster and participation of various groups.

Aug 12, 2025: It was agreed by consensus that Sherrel Dhanpaul will report that we are continuing to work on the street sign project.

June 18, 2025: Sherrel Dhanpaul reported that she attended the STH 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary organising meeting on June 16 and that the date for the celebration is June 13, 2026 and the committee will meet monthly and will be looking at ways to raise money. We are asked to contribute by hosting a booth to highlight SARA.

June 18, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to participate in the celebration. The motion was CARRIED.

May 20, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the STH AGM and reported on announcements made by the Councillor regarding the Swansea Mews (See item Z), and the Avenue Study City Consultation (See item X)

May 20, 2025: We have been contacted by the organising committee of the STH 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to see if we want to join the Committee. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to join the committee. The motion was CARRIED.

April 29, 2025: It was agreed to attend the STH May 15<sup>th</sup> AGM and to set up a table to showcase the Association. Veronica Wynne will contact the STH Director.

March 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that the STH is looking for Board Members and it was agreed that we would post a notice to our website. There are eight meetings per year on the fourth Thursday on each month.

**g) Development Permit System**

**h) Swansea Public School:**

June 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that he and Sybil Wilkinson are willing to represent SARA at this year's graduation awards.

June 18, 2025: It was moved by Claire Czerny and seconded by Janice Kaldor for William Roberts and Sybil Wilkinson to represent the Association at the graduation and award ceremonies. The motion was CARRIED.

May 20, 2025: William Roberts reported that he has contacted the school and is waiting for the school to sort out with the Parent Teacher Advisory Council what awards are being presented.

March 18, 2025: There has been no news and William Roberts will contact the school.

September 17, 2024: William Roberts reported that he and Sybil Wilkinson attended the proceedings and all went well. We are still expecting an invoice from the school for the plaques.

**i) Review of the Committee of Adjustment:**

May 20, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the City's May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was a narrow focus meeting under the control of the Planning Department and concentrated on updating the public about a statement of intent for the procedures of the Committee of Adjustment hearings which was one of the recommendations of two KPMG reports looking at a number of problems with the COA. Included in the statement of intent was a reference to fairness, transparency and being evidence based. Veronica asked what the words were supposed to mean and she was invited to provide clarifications. The period to submit comments is open until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Veronica will circulate the comment form to the Board for contributions. At the meeting Veronica noted that issues such as not being able to correct or reply to comments made by the applicant means that errant claims made by the applicant can't be challenged. There is a suggestion to shorten the hearings by fast tracking the applications that have no objectors. This is already being done and applications with no objectors can currently receive approvals within three minutes. Community member Frank Tall attended the consultation meeting and supported Veronica's comments.

May 20, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul for Veronica to circulate a feedback form for executive comments. The motion was CARRIED.

April 29, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Veronica Wynne for SARA to attend the May 5<sup>th</sup> City meeting regarding progress of the KPMG changes to the COA. The motion was CARRIED.

It was also reported that the City's 2024 first quarter review of the KPMG recommended improvements was attended by Veronica Wynne, William Roberts and Nick Singh. The invitees to the review were members of resident associations, and representatives from BUILD. It seems that the review was paired with a new initiative by Planning to hold annual "touch points" with "public and industry users". During the presentation there was an opportunity for discussion.

Some of the issues raised were:

**Suitability of the Committee Members:** It was acknowledged that the appointments are controlled by City Council and the City Clerk and the criteria for hiring is very wide and has no requirement for planning credentials though appointees may have some exposure to planning issues. Training for appointees is scant and superficial.

**Process vs. Processing:** It was acknowledged that the challenge for the Planning department is to process the 4,000 applications in a timely and cost effective manner and Natural Justice is too expensive and slow “we don’t want people waiting three years for a decision” .

**Next steps:** Nick Singh will continue to pursue the problem with Mark Strifler at Councillor Perk’s office and Veronica will continue her efforts to provide Kyle Knoeck with ways to simplify the process, improve participation and reinforce participant rights and transparency.

**j) Newsletter:**

**k) Committee of Adjustment Action Plan:**

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that he was able to get a sit-down with the Councillor to determine the Councillor’s willingness to help with reforming the Committee of Adjustment. The takeaway from the meeting is that the Councillor is only interested in managing the public perception. We will have to proceed to the Ombudsman and the Integrity Commissioner.

**l) Membership Activation:**

**m) CORRA**

**n) Toronto Local Appeal Body ( TLAB )**

**o) Expanding Patio Permissions**

April 18, 2023: Nick Singh reported that he had received a message from the City seeking Resident Association participation in a study to decide if the permissions for extra patio space on private property that had been temporarily permitted during the COVID 19 Pandemic should be made permanent. He will forward the message for SARA Board consideration.

**p) Bloor Street Complete Streets Plan**

**q) Night Economy**

**r) Bloor West Festival**

**s) SARA/SARG Monthly Meeting Dates**

September 17, 2024: It was agreed by consensus to set the following dates for our 2025 meetings: the third Tuesday in all months excluding July and August and in December, on the 16th of that month. The 2025 AGM will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

**t) Save Swansea Website**

November 21, 2023: Veronica Wynne reported that she had a request from some of the residents who were involved in the Save Swansea campaign for them to be given control of the Save Swansea website but SARA

would continue to host and pay for the site. It was decided by consensus that this would not work as SARA must retain editorial control of its websites.

**u) City of Toronto's Zoning By-law Simplification and Modernization Zoning Amendments**

February 20, 2024: No News.

January 18, 2024: There is no news but the link for more information is:

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-240821.pdf>

December 19, 2023: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended, on SARA's behalf, the meeting for the "City of Toronto's Zoning By-law Simplification and Modernization Zoning Amendments Phase 1 and Phase 2" on November 30<sup>th</sup> and that all the amendments were passed and two reports accepted. William Roberts reported that Greg Lintern had originally introduced the amendments as intended for RD zones only and then when the RD amendments had passed reintroduced them for all zones on the pretext that it was necessary to have equity in all zones. In this way all zones were up scaled. We expect meetings for 1) Phase 2- Major Streets up scaling and angular plane elimination 2) Phase 3 - the elimination of the Floor Space Index.

**v) City Budget**

**w) Pre-application Consultations**

April 18, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that community input from Public Meetings is not being included with the reports that are forwarded to Community and City Councils. When forwarded to the Councils for action the agendas include other information from the Public Meetings. It was suggested that where Public meetings invite public comment we should request that providers copy SARA.

February 20, 2024: William Roberts reported that the City is holding meetings regarding a new process for development applications prior to their acceptance as a "completed application" which starts the 90 day clock for approval and we will have to attend the meetings to participate. Nick Singh reported that the changes are driven by Ontario Bill 109 which imposes the timeline. Requiring the public consultations to be completed before the application is deemed complete seems like a good measure to ensure that consultation is done and is included in the application.

**x) Avenue Study City Consultation**

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that there is an invitation from the City for October 22 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at West End Alternative School to attend a meeting for Ward 11 and 9 to change the zoning for Avenues. We (Ward 4) are in the next batch of meetings but it looks like this in-person meeting will spearhead the plan and is an important one to attend.

May 20, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that our City Councillor used the May 15<sup>th</sup> STH AGM to announce that in April the Planning Department approved a proposal to put three towers on the Swansea Mews site. The approval ignores the Swansea Secondary Plan which does not have the zoning required for the towers and assumes that the Queensway, at Windermere, will be reclassified as an Avenue. The towers were approved without consultation with the communities concerned (Swansea and the previous occupants of the Mews). The proposal seems to be riding on the Avenue Study amendments which did not present the map showing the changes to the Avenue designations during that consultation process and which are currently still missing.

March 18, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that the City failed to identify all of the intended changes to the public during the consultations. Of particular concern is the map detailing the changes to the Avenue

designations. Veronica contacted the Integrity Commissioner who is now looking into it. However, since veronica's complaint further consultations have been announced.

**y) Bloor Street West Avenue Study**

**November 18, 2025:** William Roberts reported that the new (Oct) Draft Guidelines feature some improvements, but the wording is weak, for example: five hours of sunlight is not continuous whereas it was previously intended to be continuous and there is no sunlight required on the south side of Bloor St.. Regarding The replacement of retail and commercial space the new wording expands uses for the units, but does not call for replacement of commercial units on the second and third floors. To maintain vibrancy of the main street it is necessary to replace both the retail on the commercial spaces. Bill mentioned that the suggested strategy to encourage more eateries and drinking places and fewer pet shops and personal services was misguided. The proliferation of bars was and is an issue for the community and in the past has been expressed through the requirement to limit the sizes of bars and restaurants in order to manage related issues. Bill noted that the new report gives permission for amenity space on the mechanical penthouse level but is flawed in that there is no limit on how much space can be added. The proposed amenity space should be ancillary to or lesser than the outdoor space. Nick Singh noted that these guidelines are a dead end in that the City does not plan to introduce an Official Plan Amendment (OPA) or Zoning By-law Amendments (ZBLA). Bill Roberts proposed that lacking a OPA or ZBLA we should recommend that there should be an Area Policy referencing the guidelines.

The new Guidelines at 3.5.3 refer to the Alex Ling Plaza. It should be amended to read that any development impacts should maintain or increase the amount of sunlight on the plaza.

**November 18, 2025:** It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Nick Singh to authorize Nick Singh to right a letter recommending amendments reflecting our concerns to the planners, to Counselor Perks and to the Chair of the local BIA. The motion was carried.

October 21, 2025: No report.

September 16, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that the City has notified us of a September 25<sup>th</sup> Virtual Public Consultation meeting. William Roberts noted that the authors of the Draft Guidelines seem to be ill informed about certain things such as the difficulty in finding parking and the importance of business occupancy of the second storey of many buildings that front Bloor Street. He noted that plazas should be termed public squares in order to be covered by the Official Plan and that we should press for the requirement for buildings to allow five hours of continuous sunshine on areas surrounding them. It is expected that the guidelines will go to community council for approval in November.

May 20, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that there has been no news on the study but she received a notice that the Heritage Conservation District study was cancelled.

March 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that we are still awaiting the release of the report.

January 21, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that Pavel at the City has said that an update will be released in the first quarter of 2025.

December 10, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that we have a new contact for the Study.

November 19, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that the first Public Consultation Meeting for the new Bloor St. W. Avenue Study was well attended by the SARA executive and the purpose for the restart is to increase heights and densities in the study area.

October 15, 2024: William Roberts reported that despite the years of work on the completed Avenue Study for Bloor St. West the City has withheld the resultant by-law amendments and has now mandated a new Avenue

Study for the same Bloor St West area. The first public consultation Meeting is today Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Road.

**z) Swansea Mews**

**November 18, 2025:** Veronica Wynne reported that there will be an open house hosted by the city to present the redevelopment plan for the Swansea mews. The meeting is from 6:30 to 8:30 November 20, 2025 at the Swansea Junior and Senior Public School. Veronica reported that she called Doris at the City and complained that the presentation is not a proper consultation as it is a walk through display comprised of descriptive panels. She also reported that there will be a second consultation meeting December 2, 2025 and the city is hoping for an approval in February 2026.

October 21, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that there was a virtual meeting hosted by the city on September 22. The plan for the Swansea Mews site includes three towers. Veronica Wynne pointed out that historically there was a flood plane in this area and there was a need for precondition surveys on the surrounding buildings to ensure damage from the construction can be identified. The counselor revealed that all of the units on the site would be owned by the City's CMHC. City Planning has preapproved an official plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendments without knowing what the amendments are. The amendments are to be determined in the future according to whatever plans are finalized for the site.

Since the September 22nd meeting Veronica Wynne reported that Toronto Community Housing Corporation has said that they will put in an application for development of the site to the Planning Department. Veronica Wynne will track the application on the City's site.

Nick Singh noted that the requirement for guidelines as per the original 2019 motion of Toronto City Council has not been fulfilled.

Sherrel Dhanpaul reported that the City has held a meeting that was exclusive to the former residents of the Mews.

Veronica Wynne reported that she and Sherrel Dhanpaul have contacted a community member who was actively working to hold a community meeting regarding the local community input. The meeting is scheduled for October 30.

September 16, 2025: Veronica reported that members of the executive met with two members of the neighborhood, Ken Stark and Ping, regarding the Swansea Mews to discuss the upcoming virtual meeting to be hosted by the city on September 22nd. The neighbors were shocked by the height and density of the proposed development and Preferred to see something more in keeping with the character of the buildings north of Mews.

Aug 12, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that the official plan amendment that identifies changes to Avenue designations, including the portion of the Queensway that is subject to the Swansea secondary plan, is under review.

May 20, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that our City Councillor used the May 15<sup>th</sup> STH AGM to announce that in April the Planning department approved a proposal to put three towers on the Swansea Mews site and intends to have a mixture of income related rent types such as rent geared to income, rent assisted and market rents. Rents for the 154 returnees will be rent geared to income. In all, the proposal could represent up to 1200 units. All of this was done without consultation with the communities concerned (Swansea and the previous

occupants of the Mews). The approval ignores the Swansea Secondary Plan which does not have the zoning required for the towers and assumes that the Queensway, at Windermere, will be reclassified as an Avenue.

November 19, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that federal funding for the redevelopment of the Swansea Mews has been confirmed.

**aa) Gofundme Campaign**

June 18, 2025: It was agreed by consensus to re-launch the Gofundme appeal to help recoup the costs of the appeal.

May 20, 2025: It was suggested that we could re-launch the Gofundme appeal to announce the end of the hearings and to ask for help recouping our expenses.

January 21, 2025: It was moved by Janice Kaldor and seconded by Nick Singh to approve veronica Wynne to investigate if Trish, Aaron Rogers's wife, can assist us with the fundraising. The motion was CARRIED.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by Sybil Wilkinson to approve Nick Singh to use our membership list to send out an alert regarding the new 16 Storey proposal for 2461 Bloor St. W. and appeal for support via the Gofundme account and ask for everyone to spread the word. The motion was CARRIED.

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that success with the fund is wholly dependent on us promoting the appeal on all types of social media on which we currently have zero presence. It was discussed that we may be able to get assistance from CORRA member `Randy` and from Bill Hammond at the Village Players. Veronica will contact these people. Nick Singh reported that since he had the credentials for our website he should be able to update it and will investigate resolving this blockage. For updates on our website see item cc) SARA Website.

**bb) Official Plan Amendment 528 - Sale of Parks and Green Space**

October 15, 2024: William Roberts reported that the guidelines will be brought in by the end of December.

October 15, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to oppose the amendments. The motion was CARRIED.

September 17, 2024: William Roberts reported that the City has proposed an Official Plan amendment to allow for the sale of parkland and green space without the guarantee that it will not pass into private hands. The rationale offered is that sometimes special permissions have to be given for certain types of infrastructure works and selling the land in question will save processing of the permissions. Bill Roberts will write a letter of opposition for October 25<sup>th</sup>.

September 17, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to oppose the Amendment on the grounds that having to do paperwork is not a good reason to sell off public lands and the proposed language is different from the language shown to the public. The motion was CARRIED.

**cc) SARA Website**

October 21, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she loves the update and it is much more user-friendly and accessible. Nick Singh asked the Board Members to review the site and to advise of any changes and updates.

September 16, 2025: Nick Singh reported that Mina De Domenico sponsored the update of the website with \$650 to Jaclyn Swinkels for the technical overhaul while Mina has reorganised the site and added photos and graphics to improve its look and interactivity. The site has been re-launched on a sound technical footing and is

updated and secure. We can be confident that we can start using it in a more aggressive way to reach the community. However we should all go and have a look and report any issues or ideas. Going forward Nick and Mina will keep it up to date with contributions from the Board

Aug 12, 2025: Nick Singh reported that with the help of Mina Di Domenico the update of the website was taking place and that Mina has engaged an IT professional at her own expense to help with the machinery elements of the site while Mina was working on our presentation to the public. It was agreed by consensus that we would continue to post our minutes, including our AGM minutes, and make them available to everyone. Veronica will send the past newsletters that she has to Nick Singh so they can also be posted on the website as well. Going forward we will explore how to process the village players ticket sales through our website.

April 29, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she had spoken with John Meijer and that he had recommended contacting Word Press to address the unsecure problem.

January 21, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve Nick Singh to follow up with Mina Di Domenico (See the entry under Guests) to see what assistance Mina can offer regarding our website and to recognise that Sybil Wilkinson's gift of sponsorship had been approved online and was pending an update of our website, and for Nick Singh will update Sybil on progress with the site. The motion was carried.

December 10, 2024: Sybil Wilkinson reported that her efforts to rejuvenate SARA's website have produced two suggestions from Bill Hammond (of Village Players theatre group) for finding a webmaster. Veronica Wynne reported that her contact was not able to help.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by Sybil Wilkinson and seconded by Claire Czerny to approve Sybil Wilkinson to explore the hiring of a webmaster and to report to the SARA Board as soon as possible. The motion was CARRIED.

#### **dd) Distribution of SARA's new Constitution and By-laws**

January 21, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that copies of the new Constitution have been embossed with the Association's seal and are ready for distribution to the Board Members. The copies were distributed and Veronica reported that the seal will be returned to the Association's locker at the STH.

December 10, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that the copies of the new Constitution and By-Laws have been printed and stamped with the Association's official seal and will be distributed to the Board Members at the next meeting.

#### **ee) Expanding Retail and Commercial Service Uses Into Neighbourhoods**

*November 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that the legislation to allow retail, bars and convenience stores in neighbourhoods has been passed by the City.*

October 21, 2025: Bill Roberts reported that there will be a virtual meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to oppose the indiscriminate imposition of retail shops in neighbourhoods. The motion was CARRIED and Stephanie Meligrana will write the letter.

Aug 12, 2025: William Roberts reported that a number of resident associations have woken up to this issue. The Scarborough Residence Association is participating in a city run survey and consultation, which is available on the EHON website. Problems with the proposal include the placement of convenient stores selling alcohol, gaming, arcades, etc., especially near schools. It was suggested that we could put an article regarding this issue on our website.

December 10, 2024: William Roberts reported that Planning and Housing is presenting to City Council by-law amendments under their EHON project to permit greater retail and commercial service uses in Neighbourhoods. Beaconsfield Village RA circulated their letter of opposition (See Appendix 2) citing a variety of issues and overlooked consequences.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to authorise a letter to be sent to City Council in support of the Beaconsfield letter. The motion was CARRIED.

**ff) Amending Allowances for Holiday Retail Openings**

May 20, 2025: No News.

April 29, 2025: It was agreed by consensus that Veronica Wynne will follow up to find out when the report on the consultation meeting will be issued.

March 18, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the public consultation for widening the exemptions for holiday openings and the proponents seemed to be primarily concerned about using the exemption to reduce wages and costs. The meeting was not well attended.

**gg) Federal All Candidates Debate**

April 29, 2025: It was discussed that in the future we could change the format of the debates and how they are conducted.

March 18, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to hold our federal all candidates debate on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. The motion was CARRIED.

**hh) Proposed Housing Plan Outline**

April 29, 2025: In anticipation of our federal government's efforts to address the affordable housing crisis it was agreed by consensus that Veronica Wynne will draft a suggested Proposed Housing Plan Outline.

**ii) City Proposed Restriction on Protests**

April 29, 2025: It was agreed by consensus not to act on this matter.

**jj) OPA 778 Appeal**

October 21, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the most recent Case Management Committee meeting and the Chair of the appeal expressed dissatisfaction with the City's lack of preparedness to proceed. In its defense, the City said that they are awaiting Phase 2 of the provincial density increases. The chair responded that we cannot continually wait for densities to be increased and that a hard date of January 16, 2026 is now set for the hearings to begin.

Aug 12, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended the case management conference on July 24<sup>th</sup> and confirmed that SARA has been admitted as a participant to the proceedings. Veronica will write the Ontario Land Tribunal to confirm when the procedural order will be issued. It is expected in September and will provide the dates for the witness statements and other procedural dates.

June 18, 2025: Veronica Wynne reported that she attended a case management conference (CMC) meeting for the appeal of OPA 778 and was able to have SARG tentatively accepted as a Participant for the appeal. This should be confirmed at the next CMC on July 9, 2025. Our participation will require us to write a full Participant Statement focusing on the Queensway portion of the Swansea Secondary Plan. Veronica will enquire to get a copy of the Draft Procedural Order to discover the full details for executing our responsibilities.

## **kk) Resignation of Sybil Wilkinson and Recognition of Service**

June 18, 2025: It was recognised that Sybil Wilkinson has resigned from the Board but due to our financial situation recognition of her service is deferred.

## **ll) The Western Beaches Revitalization**

*November 18, 2025: No news.*

October 21, 2025: Stephanie Meligrana reported that she messaged the City regarding the containers on the beach and requested information about the contracts' terms and conditions. However, the City refused to provide any details citing contract confidentiality. Stephanie then submitted a Freedom of Information request for the contracts. Stephanie also reported that she has some support on the Western Beaches Revitalization Committee regarding the containers being located on the beaches.

September 16, 2025: Stefanie Meligrana reported that the western beaches revitalization has been going on since 2009 and they have done a few things such as improving lighting, install anti-erosion stones and maintained the Joy Oil Station. However, the location of metal shipping containers, particularly at the edge of the beach is completely out of place and inappropriate. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to authorize Stephanie Meligrana to inquire with the government departments involved in licensing of the storage units about the criteria for the licensing and placement of the storage units. The motion was carried

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## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (See Appendix 1)**

September 17, 2024: Nick Singh reported that there have been several applications that have been deemed by the building department to be duplexes even though the original application was for a Single Family Dwelling. The result is that these applications evade the by-law for FSI since duplexes are FSI exempt.

### **1 Durie St.:**

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that the application for 1 Durie St. was approved on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

September 16, 2025: Nick Singh reported that this application was scheduled for Sept 16<sup>th</sup> to construct a new three-storey detached dwelling with a covered front porch, a rear ground floor balcony, and rear rooftop decks on the second and third storeys. There are 6 Variances: 0.99 FSI four side yard setbacks for building and balconies and 1/3 reduction in soft landscaping. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to oppose the application.

### **3 Durie St.:**

September 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that this application was previously refused by the Committee and is nearly identical to the previous application. The design keeps the neighbour in the shade all year and is too massive for the street and hilltop location. Despite presentations from several of the neighbours on August 30<sup>th</sup> the Committee heard and approved the application. At this hearing Nick Singh was not given an opportunity to participate contrary to the Planning Act and the committee's rules. This resulted in an apology from the Manager of the Toronto East York COA panel but no remedy. Follow up communications with the Director of the COA, Kyle Knoeck, and Councillor Perk's office have not produced a remedy and. Nick Singh said he is pursuing the matter.

#### **4 Beresford Ave.:**

March 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application was approved despite the issues and problems associated with the application.

#### **7 Armadale Ave.**

March 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that this Application was heard on February 12, 2025 to alter the existing one-and-a-half-storey detached dwelling by constructing a rear ground floor deck with stairs and hot tub, and a rear yard parking pad. Also, to demolish the rear detached garage and to construct a one-storey ancillary building (for recreation/storage/changeroom uses). The application was approved for all three variances.

#### **10 Sunnybrook Rd:**

March 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that the Committee approved all nine variances on this application and broke its own rules by allowing an increase in the amount of landscaping to be heard without the issuance of a new Public Notice.

January 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that this application is scheduled at the COA on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The proposal is for ten variances to construct a new three-storey detached dwelling with a front covered porch, a front integral garage, a rear basement walkout, and a rear covered ground floor deck with stairs. Also, to reconstruct the front driveway, abutting Sunnybrook Road.

January 21, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to authorise Nick Singh to oppose the application. The motion was carried.

#### **9 Riverside Cres.:**

September 16, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 9 Riverside Cres was scheduled for a hearing on August 27, 2025. To alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by reconstructing the rear ground floor patios with a cantilevered extension. There were 3 variances for a deck in a ravine area, however the TRCA reviewed and approved it. We did not oppose and it was approved.

#### **10 Waller Ave:**

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that the construction seems to include a reverse driveway which is not permitted. It was recommended that Transportation should be alerted to the possibility.

#### **11 Brule Cres.:**

December 10, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application was heard on December 4<sup>th</sup>. It was to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a new complete second storey addition (partially cantilevered), and a partial third storey addition. Also, to construct a one-storey side (west) ground floor addition, a front porch canopy, and a rear second floor balcony. We did not oppose and it was approved by the COA.

#### **11 Willard Gardens:**

December 10, 2024: It was reported by Nick Singh that despite the proposed disturbance to the ravine slope the COA approved this application in full.

**June 18, 2024:** Nick Singh reported that this application was back on the schedule. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to oppose this application. The motion was CARRIED.

## **13 Riverside Cres.**

March 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that the COA heard this application on February 12, 2025 to construct a new two-storey detached dwelling with a front integral garage, a covered front porch and stairs, a rear first level covered deck with stairs, and a swimming pool in the rear yard. The Committee approved all six of the requested variances.

## **14 Ellis Park Rd.**

Aug 12, 2025: Nick Singh reported that a proposal for this property is scheduled for August 13, 2025 to alter the existing three-storey detached dwelling (basement level is considered the first storey) by constructing a cantilevered extension to the existing front second storey porch platform, and a new front porch roof. The existing front third storey balcony will be demolished. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to oppose the application. The motion was CARRIED.

## **14 Dacre Cres.**

March 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that the COA accepted the tiny change offered by the applicant and overturned its previous decision and has now approved this egregious set of variances in full.

## **14 Palisades**

Aug 12, 2025: Nick Singh reported that a proposal for this property is scheduled for August 13, 2025 to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a rear two-storey addition (with a basement extension below). Also, to construct a new detached garage (with one parking space) in the rear yard. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to oppose the application. The motion was CARRIED.

## **17 Ellis Park Rd.**

September 17, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application is proposing an oversized building.

September 17, 2024: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to oppose this application. The motion was CARRIED.

## **17 Sunnybrook Rd.**

June 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that this application was approved without conditions.

May 20, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 17 Sunnybrook Rd is scheduled for a COA hearing on May 21, 2025 to construct a new two-storey detached dwelling with an integral garage, a front covered porch, and a rear ground floor deck. There are five variances for location of roof eaves, double the FSI, two yard setbacks and a platform setback.

May 20, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to oppose the application. The motion was CARRIED.

## **18 Beresford Ave.:**

March 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that closer examination of the application revealed that the application was in keeping with the four tests and our submission to the committee reflected this and provided reasons for our decision not to oppose the application.

## **21 South Kingsway**

December 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that the COA ignored our presentation and approved all the variances in this application on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **23 Ellis Park Road**

March 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that the COA heard this application on February 26, 2025 to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a new canopy above the front porch, rear ground floor decks, a rear basement walkout, and a rear second floor balcony. The Committee approved all five of the requested variances.

## **24 Durie**

December 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that the previous owner of the property had been to the Committee of adjustment with a zoning examiner report that missed two variances and that the COA approved that original application with the errors, but, on condition that construction be completed in accordance with the plans. The owner then flipped the property along with the COA approvals to the current owner. The current owner built as per the Committee’s condition to build according to the plans however the inspector halted construction because of the missed variances which by themselves are minor. The application to legalise the construction was approved on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **26 Ostend Ave.**

December 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that he presented a very detailed opposition to this application and it was ignored by the Committee and approved on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> with the justification that the area was known to one of the committee members to be “eclectic” .

## **28 Grenadier Heights**

September 17, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application seeks a precedent setting third floor platform.

September 17, 2024: It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to oppose this application. The motion was CARRIED.

## **29 Grenadier Heights**

March 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that The COA heard this application on February 12, 2025 to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing second and third storey additions. The Committee approved the single variances to increase the height of the rear wall from 7.5m to 9.03m.

## **33 Kennedy Ave.**

January 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that this application to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a front covered porch, a rear two-storey addition, a third storey addition, a rear ground floor covered deck, and rear second and third storey balconies and also, to construct a new one-storey ancillary building (detached garage), in the rear yard of the property was heard on January 15<sup>th</sup> and was approved by the COA. Nick Singh represented SARA/SARG at the hearing and opposed it as it was not minor and did not pass the test for the Official Plan.

January 21, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to recognise Nick Singh’s opposition to the application. The motion was carried.

## **34 Southport**

November 19, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that the start of construction has been postponed to from January 2025 to January 2026.

## **34 Morningside**

September 17, 2024: William Roberts reported that construction has begun.

March 21, 2023: Continue to Monitor until September 19, 2024

## **38 Ellis**

June 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that the Committee approved this application.

May 20, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 38 Ellis Ave. is scheduled for May 2, 2025 and is proposing to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a complete third storey addition and a partial fourth storey addition. Also, to construct a front third storey balcony with a canopy, and a front fourth storey terrace. There are nine variances including two for landscaping, one yard setbacks, extra height, double the FSI, extra wide driveway and two platform variances.

May 20, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to oppose the application. The motion was CARRIED.

## **40 Deforest Rd.:**

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application was heard by the Committee of Adjustment on October 16, 2024. This application sought to increase the previous COA approval for FSI to 0.84 in a 0.06 zone and if approved would be at odds with 87% of the immediate neighbourhood. The applicant provided obviously incorrect information and the Committee approved the application.

## **41 Armadale Ave.**

March 19, 2024: The application for this address is scheduled for a hearing at the COA. Regrettably our current workload outweighs our ability to present a proper objection at the hearing.

## **45 Armadale:**

December 10, 2024: Nick Singh reported that through discussions the applicant and SARA had reached an agreement for conditions that would prevent abuse of the as-of-right permissions under the By-Laws and address our concerns and opposition to the variances. Despite the applicants testimony agreeing to the conditions, the COA said it was unable to impose any conditions and approved the application in full.

June 18, 2024: Nick Singh reported that the plans for this proposed Garden Suite supposed that there a substantial foundation under the existing garage that would enable retaining the current walls. However this was unlikely as it would be atypical. There were several other questionable issues.

## **60 Mayfield Ave.:**

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application was heard by the Committee of Adjustment on October 16, 2024. This application sought to place an oversized balcony in an Immediate Neighbourhood where there were no balconies whatsoever making it zero percent for the balcony to be in support of the neighbourhood character. The Committee approved the application thereby setting a new precedent.

## **71 Kennedy Ave.**

January 21, 2025: The hearing for this application was on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Nick Singh represented SARA/SARG. The applicant requested another deferral. Nick Singh was asked for SARA's position and said

that given that the agent had indicated that they wanted to address all parties and issues he assumed that SARA would be involved and agreed to the deferral. Mr. Aaron Rogers also agreed as did the representative of 10 & 12 Deforest and Mina Di Domenico. The deferral was approved.

January 21, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to recognise Nick Singh's opposition to the application. The motion was carried.

### **73 Kennedy Ave.**

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 73 Kennedy Ave., another oversized house, was approved Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve our opposition to 73 Kennedy Ave. The motion was CARRIED

### **76 Ellis Park Rd.**

December 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that our arguments were ignored by the COA and this oversized building was approved for every variance requested.

### **80 Ellis Park Rd.**

June 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 80 Ellis Park Rd. was scheduled for a hearing on June 18, 2025 to construct a new three-storey detached dwelling with a front integral garage, a front terrace with stairs, a front second storey green roof canopy, a front third storey terrace, a rear walkout basement, a rear first floor deck with an integral hot tub and stairs, and a rear third storey balcony. There will be one secondary suited within the basement. There were 14Variances: six variances for setbacks for the balconies plus driveway and stairs, building height, wall height, length and FY Setback.

A letter in the file from the applicant to the Transportation Department revealed that the variances had been reduced from 14 to 7. Our letter detailed problems with this change from a public participant objective pointing out that without knowing which variances were still applicable to the hearing we were unable to ascertain if we objected or not and the hearing would be something of an ambush. At the start of the hearing the applicant asked for a deferral which was granted by the Committee.

### **85 Morningside**

**June 18, 2025:** Nick Singh reported that 85 Morningside Ave. was scheduled for a COA hearing on June 11, 2025 to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by removing the rear deck and constructing a rear two-storey addition with stairs. Also, to enclose the front porch (for habitable space) and to construct stairs. There were four variances: FY Setback, Building Depth, FSI and SY setback. The four variances were minor so we wrote reminding the Committee to apply the four tests.

### **86 Durie St.**

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 86 Durie applied to the COA for an addition to the house and a new garage with a secondary suite on the second storey that had no bedroom, no rooms at all, no showers, no toilet and requiring lots of set backs and the removal of trees. The variances were all approved on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve our opposition to 86 Durie St.. The motion was CARRIED

### **91 Deforest Road**

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 91 Deforest completely boxed in the neighbour approved Oct 1. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to approve our opposition to 91 Deforest. The motion was CARRIED

### **103 Coe Hill Dr.**

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 103 Coe Hill is proposed for a massive extension of the triplex building into a 13 unit apartment building extending right up to the street. The application was refused in May. We met with the agent/architect in August to review a new application which turned out to be a carbon copy of the May application with some cosmetic adjustments. The neighbours are opposing. It was moved by Nick Singh and seconded by William Roberts to oppose the application for 103 Coe Hill Dr.. The motion was CARRIED

Aug 12, 2025: Nick Singh reported that he and Veronica Wynne met with architect Dan Acimović, who represents the owner of 103 Coe Hill Dr. and with neighbors, Dave Berndorff and Anna Harris on August 12, 2025 to discuss the owner's new proposal, which will go to the Committee of Adjustment. After reviewing the new proposal, Anna and Dave raised a number of practical issues and presented a number of alternate ideas. Nick Singh observed that the new proposal retained the objectionably large variances of the original. It was Mr. Acimović' s opinion that the lot was underutilized and the new proposal met with the owner's requirements. However, Mr. Acimović said he would present all of the issues and ideas that were put before him to the owner for his consideration and that he would report back to us.

June 18, 2025: Nick Singh reported that for the first time in at least three years the Committee of Adjustment refused an application in Swansea for 103 Coe Hill. In the aftermath the residents reached out to SARA for guidance and we recommended reaching out to the Developer. All parties have agreed to sit down but we are having trouble finding a date and one meeting was canceled.

May 20, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 103 Coe Hill is scheduled for a COA hearing on May 21, 2025 to alter the existing three-storey apartment building (containing three residential dwelling units) by constructing a front three-storey addition. Also, to construct front and rear ancillary buildings for waste storage and 6 bicycle parking spaces, and a front ancillary outdoor area for 5 parking spaces. There will be a total of 13 residential dwelling units on this lot. There are nine variances, three for landscaping, a reduction of the front setback from 40.5m to 17.46m, two for an ancillary building including a setback reduction from 54.15m to 0.0m, building depth from 17m to 30.41m, and reduced bicycle facilities.

May 20, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to oppose the application. The motion was CARRIED.

### **103 Durie St.**

December 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that this oversized building was approved on Dec. 6 despite our arguments and the opposition presentation by the immediate neighbour.

### **120 Morningside Ave.**

May 20, 2025: Claire Czerny reported that a COA hearing was held on April 23, 2025 for 120 Morningside Ave. to construct a new two-and-one-half-storey detached dwelling with an integral garage, a covered front porch with stairs, a rear basement covered patio (at-grade), a rear first level terrace with stairs and a canopy (semi-covered), a rear second level covered balcony, and a rear third level covered terrace (above the second floor). Also, to reconstruct/relocate the front yard driveway. There were nine variances, one for front yard setback, two for platforms, two for extra height, length, depth entrance height, and minimum driveway width. Claire and Chester Czerny attended and pointed out the improper posting of the on-property notice, the removal of trees and intense alterations to the landscaping and the installation of a pool. Also one of the committee

members participated from home. The Committee ignored everything, and all variances were approved. As work and re-landscaping has already begun work should be monitored by the City so Claire will continue to keep the City updated with photos sent to Urban forestry and the Councillor's office..

May 20, 2025: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to approve our opposition to the application. The motion was CARRIED.

### **160 Morningside Ave.:**

September 17, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application is a return trip to the COA this time asking for more FSI than the first time based on claims that are not supported by the Plans submitted.

### **204 Windermere Ave.:**

September 16, 2025: Nick Singh reported that 204 Windermere Ave. was scheduled for a COA hearing on July 23, 2025 to alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a front second storey rooftop deck (above the front first storey covered porch), a rear two-storey addition with basement (southwest corner), and a rear second storey addition with a rooftop deck (above the rear first storey covered porch). The rear ancillary building (detached garage) will be maintained and unaltered. The four variances were all approved.

### **232 Willard Ave.: Monitor**

October 17, 2023: October 17, 2023: It was agreed by consensus to monitor the construction until 2024.

September 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that the developer did not resubmit the application to the COA. However, construction began over the summer and its progress is being monitored.

### **236 South Kingsway**

March 19, 2024: The application for this address is scheduled for a hearing at the COA. Regrettably our current workload outweighs our ability to present a proper objection at the hearing.

### **240 Riverside Cres.**

November 19, 2024: Nick Singh reported that this application was heard by the Committee of Adjustment on October 16, 2024. This application was for a deck in a TRCA controlled area and the TRCA approved it so we did not oppose the application.

### **307 Riverside Drive: Monitor**

September 17, 2024: William Roberts reported that this matter was appealed to the TLAB and has now been approved.

### **1978 Lake Shore Blvd. Monitor**

January 18, 2024: It was agreed by consensus continue to monitor this item

### **2453-2469 Bloor St West: This application is for a 12 storey condo tower**

**Aug 12, 2025:** William Roberts reported that the decision has been handed down. The developer has been awarded the additional six stories in addition to the City's 10 story approval. It was the tribunal's opinion that the evidence provided by the City was unreliable and was rejected in favor of the developers evidence.

**May 20, 2025:** It was moved by Sherrel Dhanpaul and seconded by Claire Czerny to pay William Roberts \$2,362.38, inclusive of all taxes and fees for his work on the 2461 Bloor St Appeal. The motion was CARRIED.

**May 20, 2025:** It was moved by Janice Kaldor and seconded by Claire Czerny to pay Terry Mills a total of \$7,000, inclusive of the previous payment of \$1977.50 (See Oct. 2024 Treasurer's Report) and all taxes and fees for his work on the 2461 Bloor St Appeal. The motion was CARRIED.

March 18, 2025: William Roberts reported that he and Veronica Wynne will be meeting with the City to clarify the case and positions.

March 18, 2025: N. B. On March 17, 2025 It was moved on line by Nick Singh and seconded by Sybil Wilkinson that SARG retain William Roberts as Legal Counsel on the 5 day Appeal of 2453-2469 Bloor St. W. at the fee of \$3,000 + HST. William Roberts was not included in the online discussion did not participate in the vote. The motion was carried.

January 21, 2025: It was reported by Veronica Wynne that Terry Mills will be represent SARA at the OLT hearing tomorrow Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> which we expect will focus on narrowing the issues. Veronica spoke with Pavel at the City to highlight the importance of recognising the protections recommended by recent studies and that these protections were supported by Melanie the previous City representative for the appeal.

December 10, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that she spoke with the City's Lawyer and Planner and learned that the City's planning report regarding the developer's new 16 storey proposal will be available on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The next OLT timeline is January 8, 2025 at which time we must provide a list of our witnesses. Given that our Planner has been hospitalised Veronica spoke to Professor John Meligrana who has agreed to look at the proposal and possibly step in as our planner if necessary.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Claire Czerny to write to the City and copy the Councillor asking them to maintain the currently approved 10 storeys. The motion was CARRIED.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Janice Kaldor to provide John Meligrana with the necessary documents and to approve Prof. Meligrana as our Planner for the OLT hearing if Terry Mills is not able to represent the Association and if Prof. Meligrana accepts the position. The motion was CARRIED.

December 10, 2024: N.B. William Roberts was asked to leave the meeting during discussions related to the following motion including the proposal and voting. He removed himself until the matter was resolved and he was recalled to the meeting.

December 10, 2024: It was moved by Sybil Wilkinson and seconded by Claire Czerny to hire William Roberts as our legal advisor to our Planner for this case, OLT appeal of 2461 Bloor St. W., for the sum of \$500. The motion was CARRIED.

November 19, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that the SARA was recognised as a Party to the OLT appeal sheltering under the City's Party status, with the attendant but limited rights. We are able to fully participate in the OLT proceedings but we are not able to block the settlement of any or all matters under appeal should the City and Developer decides to settle them. The developer appears to be nervous about our participation and has been trying to limit our participation. We have complied with the OLT's procedural order to produce an issues list which was done by our Professional Planner with a view to the City's issues list. The City complained that we had used their list and the Developer objected to our presence under the City's Party status, both to no avail. Following the settlement of those objections the Developer asked SARA to submit to the OLT a new

development proposal for the site on their behalf. The new plan increases the number of floors to 16 plus the amenity space. SARA refused as that would be in conflict with our interests and as a non-appellant party it falls to the City to agree or not to the change in the matter at issues before the OLT. The new plan has been submitted to the OLT but we do not know the City's response. The next dates at the OLT are Jan 8, 2025 to exchange witness lists and Jan 22 to consolidate the issues list.

November 19, 2024: It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to approve Veronica Wynne to contact the City's lawyer to sort out our issues lists and which development plan we will be dealing with. The motion was CARRIED.

## **MONITOR ITEMS**

### **House Keeping:**

#### **a) Insurance Policy**

**November 18, 2025:** Nick Singh informed the Board that we have an offer from Intact insurance for an equivalent coverage to what we have currently at the lower cost of \$1016 as compared to our current carrier's premium of \$1449 for the new year. It was agreed by consensus that Nick Singh will call our current insurance provider to cancel that coverage and to switch to Intact. However, if there is a penalty for canceling in the form of a waiting period the new insurance should be dated to commence when the current insurance is canceled.

**November 18, 2025:** Nick Singh moved that we should change our insurance coverage to Intact. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Meligrana and the motion was carried. **N.B.** William Roberts excused himself from the room during all discussion and actions related to this matter.

October 21, 2025: Nick Singh reported that he called our current insurance provider to discuss our policy and was asked to wait until the policy renewal had been issued to see what it actually would be and what changes could be made. In the meantime Nick will explore other options.

September 16, 2025: It was suggested that we should ask around for a cheaper insurance policy and it was agreed by consensus that Nick Singh would speak to our current insurance provider and that Veronica and Bill would send Nick some alternate brokers to check with.

December 19, 2023: Nick Singh reported that the insurance policy has been renewed for \$1,361.

#### **b) Annual General Membership Meeting**

#### **c) Board of Directors Recruitment**

September 16, 2025: Veronica Wynne welcomed Stephanie Meligrana. It was moved by William Roberts and seconded by Sherrel Dhanpaul to appoint Stephanie Meligrana as a member of the Swansea Area Ratepayers Association board.

November 19, 2024: Veronica Wynne reported that Nicole Wineman has reconsidered her position as a Director because of her personal schedule and has expressed an intention to resign. There is also a difficulty with Elizabeth Tsiliias's inability to attend meetings and remain a Director. Veronica will contact these members and confirm their intentions.

#### **d) Constitution Update**

#### **e) Annual Booking of Space for Meetings**

#### **f) Membership Committee**

#### **g) Swansea Town Hall Garage Sale**

- h) BIA Sidewalk Sale
- i) YIMBY (Yes In My Back Yard)
- j) Swansea Public School Graduation Awards
- k) Road Closures: Ukrainian Festival

**Local Interest:**

- a) Swansea Traffic Study
- b)

**Development Applications:**

- a) Joyco Gas Station Heritage Building
- b) 21 Verbena
- c) 2500 Bloor Street W. (Tridel) Traffic Study
- d) Park Lawn / Lake Shore Area Transportation Master Plan
- e) 19 Harcroft / 2117 Bloor St.

**Adjournment:** *The November meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.*

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting: **Tuesday November 18, 2025.**

## Appendix One:

Ref	Address	SARA Owner	COA Ref #	COA Status	COA or TLAB Date	Reason for SARA Engagement	SARA Next Steps
1	<a href="#">10 Waller Ave</a>	<a href="#">Nick</a>	A0406/23TEY 80026/23TEY A0381/23TEY	<a href="#">Accepted</a>	<a href="#">TBD</a>	Request to sever accepted. To construct a new three-storey detached dwelling with an integral garage, a front covered porch, and a front third storey balcony	<a href="#">Status 06/12/23: ECS report added 05/23/23</a> <a href="#">Monitor for public notice to determine SARA</a> <a href="#">Referred to Building Dept</a>
2	2461 Bloor Street W (2453-2469 Properties)	<a href="#">Veronica</a>	Community Council	Pre-Application	<a href="#">TBD</a>	12 story building proposed, Bloor Avenue study recommended no more than 6 stories. Neighbour concerns about alley access during and after construction, traffic impact, shadows. Pre-application meeting with neighbours on May 8.	<a href="#">Status 06/12/23: nothing on AIC.</a> <a href="#">05/16/23: VW will reach out to alley residents</a> <a href="#">VW contacted Planner to assess for progress.</a> <a href="#">Project on hold as incomplete and monitor for resubmission with new plans Oct 17-23</a> <a href="#">April 3, 2024 Refusal with Community Council decision: 10 Storeys Appeal deadline June 17, 24</a>
3	52 Beresford	Sabrina	A0507/20TEY	Declined	26-Oct-22	1.2 FSI and deck projecting 12 ft above ground in backyard, wrong form for the site w/integrated garage. SARA minuted the mtg with the agent/neighbours.	<a href="#">06/17/23: no new docs.</a> <a href="#">Monitor for resubmission until June 30, 2023 (none @ April 11). The Oct 2022 was the second COA decline (1. 5 unit apt, 2. single fam home) Nick to check site – October 17-23</a>
4	232 Willard	Nick	A0707/22TEY	Deferred	21-Sep-22	Size, flat roof, in dispute, impacts neighbour. The Zoning Examiner revised the report to include an additional height variance for the Flat Roof.	<a href="#">Monitor for resubmission until Sept 2024.</a> <a href="#">Monitor for Resubmission note Oct 17-23</a>
5	34 Morningside	Veronica	A0415/21TEY B0033/21TEY A0416/21TEY	TLAB Appeal	15-Sep-22	TLAB decision date was Mon Sept 19, 2022. Within two years of the date of TLAB decision (Sept 19, 2022), the applicant must comply.	<a href="#">Monitor until Sept 19, 2024.</a>
6	47 Morningside	Veronica	B0082/21TEY, A0989/21TEY, A0990/21TEY	Conditional Consent	27-Jul-22	Sever lot into two undersized lots.	<a href="#">Monitor until Aug 2023 or Aug 2024. Veronica to investigate/confirm end date.</a> <a href="#">Deadline for revised plans is 12 months from July 2022. Sherrel to check building Permits Oct 17-23</a>
7	34-50 Southport	Veronica	A0693/23TEY	SITE PLAN	OCT 2023	Changing Retail Parking to Owner Occupied. Cutting back on Retail Park in favour of visitor Parking	<a href="#">VW to contact Cedric of Building Dept to rectify the issue of retail parking.</a> <a href="#">January 2024 Advertising the sale of</a>
8A	307 Riverside Drive	Bill		Still pending			

8B	1978 Lakeshore Bl	Veronica		Site Plan Still Open	March 23	Final sign off of the Site Plan pending the resolution of the Windermere Lakeshore intersection and narrowing of the lanes on Windermere and the turns onto the Lakeshore	
8C	21 South Kingsway	Nick	A0842/23TEY			To alter the existing one-and-one-half-storey detached dwelling by constructing a front two-storey addition with a front covered porch, a rear two-storey addition with a second storey balcony, and a rear ground floor covered deck.	Write a letter of Objection from SARA
9	76 Ellis Park Avenue	Nick	A0855/23TEY			To construct a new three-storey detached dwelling with a front integral garage, a front covered porch and stairs, a rear ground floor covered porch and stairs, front balconies on the second and third storeys, as well as rear second storey Juliet balconies.	Letter of Objection from SARA
10	26 Ostend Avenue	Nick	A0891/23TEY			To alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a front two-storey addition, a rear one-storey addition (with a deck above), and a rear ground level deck.	
10	24 Durie Street <b>New</b>	TBD	A0929/23TEY			To <b>legalize</b> and to maintain a new three-storey detached dwelling, which is currently under construction.	Approved with condition of building according to the illegal documents.
11	103 Durie <b>New</b>	TDB	A0901/23TEY			To construct a new three-storey detached dwelling with a front covered porch, a front third storey terrace, and a rear basement walkout with a terrace.	Discussion Nov 21-23 Due date - written submission Nov 29 – Hearing Dec 6 at 12:30 pm. All approved with the help of his autistic child.
13	18 Beresford		A0025/24TEY	New App		To alter the existing one-and-one-half storey semi-detached dwelling by constructing a rear second storey addition and a new rear ground floor deck with stairs	Feb 28 2024 for Hearing Feb 21 for written submission. Letter sent in by Nick Singh on Feb 20 to oppose the application
14	14 Dacre	Nick	A0034/24TEY	Reapply	Feb 28, 2024	Re-application of basically the same application from the hearing from November 8, 2023. Applied for a side wall height of 10.25 instead of 7.25m. Building massing an issue.	Hearing date Feb 28 Written objection due Feb 21. Original app #5 was refused (one side yard set back) but remainder was approved. Huge Massing issue Nov 2023. Opp the variance from 1.2 to 0.9 which was previously #5 and refused. Should still be refused. And verified in plans zoning examiner's report – Feb 20

15	4 Beresford	Nick	A1085/23TEY	New	Feb 28 2024	A new three-storey detached dwelling with a second dwelling unit in the basement, a front porch with a canopy above, a front two-storey bay window, a front third storey deck on the roof of the second storey below, a rear covered porch, a rear basement walkout with terrace, and a rear third storey balcony. The one-storey detached dwelling will be torn down & the existing front yard parking pad will stay	Hearing Date Feb 21. Written submission due Feb 21  Action: Object because of reduction of soft landscape, increased flooding, drainage issues and loss of tree canopy. General massing is a problem
16	11 Willard Gdns	Nick		New	Feb 28 Jun 19-24	Applicant seeking a deferral to discuss further with the adjacent neighbours and consultation with neighbours and the potential soil erosion. Jun 19 – 24 at C of A for support for arborist and greenspace follow up from Feb 28	Follow up on deferral for new date on Application
17	236 South Kingsway	TBD	A1089/23TEY	To Legalize	March 20	To legalize an application built without a permit.	
18	41 Armadale	TDB	A0062/24TEY	New	March 20	To alter the existing two-storey detached dwelling by constructing a complete third storey addition, a rear three-storey addition and a rear (east) ground floor covered deck with a rear (east) second storey balcony above. 3 letters of objection.	
19	174 Windermere AVE		A0077/24TEY	New	March 20	To legalize and to maintain a rear second storey addition (altering the existing sloped roof into a flat roof), a front ground floor window projection, and a rear third storey balcony, which are currently under construction, without an authorized building permit. Also, to permit the partial reconstruction of the existing rear ground floor main wall. The existing one-storey ancillary building (detached garage), in the rear yard, will be maintained and unaltered. 3 Letters of support and 1 letter of Objection	
20	2150 Bloor West	Nick	A0303/24TEY	New	June 5 2024	To convert the existing ground floor unit (Unit 203), within the existing two-storey commercial building, from a Retail use to an Eating Establishment (restaurant/take-out restaurant use	Decision: The area of the commercial unit pertaining to Unit 203 must be constructed substantially in accordance with the Drawing A-101a, date received by the Committee of Adjustment on March 22, 2024. Any other variances that may appear on these plans and are not listed in the written decision are NOT authorized.
21	45 Armadale	Nick	A0318/24TEY	Alter with a 2nd floor addition	Jun 19-24	Secondary Suite: To alter the existing one-storey ancillary building (detached garage) by constructing a complete second storey addition (that will be cantilevered), with front stairs. This ancillary building will contain storage area on the ground level and one garden suite on the second level. Alter with a 2nd floor	
	34 Morningside	Nick					
	307 Riverside	Nick					
	11 Brule Cres.	Janice/Nick					

	71 Kennedy						
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Appendix 2: Beaconsfield Village RA Letter to City Council Re; Expanding Retail and services into Neighbourhoods

December 4, 2024  
Planning and Housing Committee  
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**SUBJECT: Item 2024.PH17.2 - Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods**  
Neighbourhood Retail and Services Study Phase Two Final Report - Request to Amend the Zoning By-law to facilitate small-scale retail, service, office, and house occupation users within Neighbourhoods

Dear Planning and Housing Committee,

The Beaconsfield Village Residents Association (BVRA) in Ward 9 is in favor of the EHON program which seeks to increase the density of residential housing. We also support appropriate, limited commercial development inside residential neighbourhoods. However, our members have concerns with the proposed by-law amendments because there are insufficient guardrails to prevent adverse impacts on residents of inner neighbourhoods.

Below are the reasons for our concerns, followed by our recommendations for effective guardrails.

- (a) Under these amendments, there is nothing to stop a bar with a patio from opening on any corner property or any property next to a school or a park or on a crescent or bend. Bars with patios are inherently disruptive to inner neighbourhoods because drinkers tend to create disturbances such as noise, litter, etc.
- (b) Liquor licenses are granted by the province via the AGCO and the City is powerless to prevent them. In fact, licenses to sell beer and wine have already been granted to convenience stores. With the proposed addition of patio plus indoor seating such stores could become de facto bars since patrons can purchase their wine/beer and consume it on site.
- (c) The proposed amendments will not prevent cannabis stores in inner neighbourhoods as the AGCO does not allow municipalities to treat cannabis shops differently from other retail stores through licensing, location, etc. (The only restriction is that a cannabis shop can't be located within 150 meters of a school.)
- (d) The proposed amendments do not prevent vape shops or cigarette sales from opening on any corner property and besides schools and parks. Not to mention the potential for any other kind of business that could result in adverse impacts such as pop-up stores or retail stores that rely on deliveries both of which generate outside traffic and delivery drivers that take away parking and jam the streets of residential inner neighbourhoods areas.
- (e) On May 9, 2024 the Planning and Housing Committee directed the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to consult with residents' associations. Despite this there are no reported meetings with resident associations in the Planning report.

The BVRA sent an email with our concerns to the Planning Department. Planner Candance Safonovs promised to respond and to update the web site with same. That never happened. Furthermore, the head of the BVRA requested a meeting with Candace, Michael Noble and Kyle Knoek. We never heard back. Therefore, it's clear the concerns of residents have not been taken into account and are not discussed in the Planning report in any meaningful way.

(f) The information sessions during the summer were sparsely attended. We attended the one on June 11, 2024, and there were about a dozen people there. Planner Candance Safonovs acknowledged that attendance at the other sessions was poor.

(g) The survey that was run by City Planners is not a representation of Toronto residents as only around 1000 people in a city of millions completed the survey. The respondents were self-selected and not scientifically polled so their views are random and anecdotal and therefore not representative of what the public thinks of the changes (less than 0.039% of Toronto residents responded). The survey also did not explain that bars and cannabis stores are allowed under the proposal.

In addition, it appears the survey and related communications were only offered in English, thereby excluding large segments of our multicultural city. Also, since the survey was digital it may have excluded the elderly who are not tech savvy enough to respond. The vast majority of Toronto residents are not aware of the full ramifications of these proposed changes.

(h) Early drafts of the proposed changes at least had a requirement for "hot drinks" which would be a small measure to try and prevent the province from issuing a liquor license —but even that has been taken out.

(i) Earlier drafts also called for only "low-risk or pre-packaged, ready-to-eat food items" to be sold in inner neighbourhoods. That's been replaced with any food prepared off site, which is unclear and open to many possibilities. Does it mean that any kind of food prepared off site can be reheated in the store? Under this definition a business would be able to cater in meals from another location which has the same effect as a full-service restaurant which brings crowds, garbage, traffic and noise to quiet neighbourhoods which are not designed for commercial use.

(j) An eating establishment (restaurant) is permitted on 580 square feet of the 1200 square feet allowed for a retail store. Nearly 600 square feet is sufficiently large enough to run a high-volume eatery/bar—think of a fast-food location which has a small footprint but high traffic. In addition, in practical terms this is not possible to measure and enforce. For example, once a space is being used as a restaurant/bar the counter will serve as both retail and service and people will consume on seating throughout.

(k) In practical terms there is no way to enforce any of these requirements. For example, once a patio is allowed, the onus will be on neighbours to call by-law enforcement if the patio should expand beyond the allotted square meters. Or if a kitchen is installed and food is prepared on site, etc. Noise complaints are no longer enforced by the police and by-law officers don't work on weekends. It's a long process to complain and nothing can be done at the time of the offense.

(l) The City has previously established guidelines for patios near residential areas in

a 2009 study of Ossington and Queen St. West. The study concluded that a tenmeter setback and fencing were insufficient to protect residents from patio disturbances such as noise, privacy, overlook, lighting, and cigarette smoke. The study highlighted that while city noise by-laws can address loud music, it cannot mitigate patron noise and other disturbances from patios.

Following this study the setback was increased by the City to 30 meters. By comparison the proposed bylaw is asking for only a one-meter setback. Keep in mind that many corner properties are closely surrounded by residential family homes on all sides, well within the thirty-meter setback recommendation.

(m) It's worth noting that the proposal will constitute the most radical change to residential zoning in Toronto's history. We've had residential zoning for almost 70 years (since 1959) which separates quiet family streets from the noise, garbage and traffic of commercial zones. This change will irrevocably put an end to that residential zoning. The changes are permanent and irreversible due to legal non-conforming rights. Once businesses are established on residential streets, other nearby properties will have the precedent to apply for commercial use to the Committee of Adjustment and the permitted small retail stores can apply to expand their footprints.

(n) Our concerns are grounded in real world experiences that highlight how zoning bylaws and loopholes can negatively impact residential neighbourhoods.

- A former convenience store was converted to a coffee shop, which we didn't object to. But once the coffee shop was established, the owner applied for a liquor license. Despite strong objections from the councilor and community, including a petition signed by 400 people and a year-long campaign, the liquor license was granted. Following the liquor license, the establishment brought noise, traffic, and social disruptions to the neighbourhood.
- A real estate developer bought a former convenience store on a residential corner and tried to put in a branded chain bar. Only the current zoning laws prevented that from happening.
- An online retailer operates a location in a 1,000-square-foot residential property in downtown Toronto. Classified as a retail store the site functions primarily as a warehouse for deliveries, causing noise, traffic, and disruptions in the neighbourhood. Operating from 1:00 PM to 12:00 AM with constant deliveries, the business continues to operate despite complaints, as its license has no restrictions on delivery operations.

These examples highlight the need to revise and clarify zoning by-laws to prevent similar misuses in the future and to better protect the character and livability of residential neighbourhoods.

#### Requested changes

BVRA is in favor of the EHON program which seeks to increase the density of residential housing. However, this last phase of the program stands in contradiction to that goal because it will allow existing residential properties to be turned into commercial businesses. This may simultaneously reduce the supply of housing while potentially having adverse impacts on residents. A lose-lose proposition.

If the City is going to upend decades of Residential zoning, then it is incumbent on officials to make sure that residents are protected from adverse impacts.

Other cities such as Vancouver have allowed small scale grocery stores to open on Residential streets but the category is strictly defined and may not sell alcohol or have a patio. Feedback gathered by the planning department highlighted an interest in two

primary uses: local convenience stores and coffee shops. So there is no logical reason why the City of Toronto cannot similarly clearly define what is allowed on inner neighbourhood streets rather than allowing any kind of store, many of which do not require licenses.

A clear definition would be a reasonable safeguard for this by-law when it comes to commercial development in inner neighbourhoods.

In addition, patios pose a high risk of adverse impacts in inner neighbourhoods for obvious reasons.

As it stands, the proposed by-law would allow patios on residential streets as a blanket right. This is a by-law that will affect tens of thousands of streets and millions of Torontonians. It seems unreasonable and unfair to foist patios on neighbours without consulting them first. The Planning report says that Planners want to allow for development to take place according to specific local needs, but by pre-allowing patios the needs of local residents are being overridden.

Therefore, before patios are allowed, we think a reasonable safeguard would be to poll all the neighbours within 120 meters of a proposed patio. If there are no objections a patio could proceed; if there is an objection then the property owner could apply to the Committee of Adjustment.

This was the City's standard prior to the Café TO program. This process would allow residents to participate in decisions that directly impact their quality of life. It is a timetested, fair, and equitable approach that fosters balanced development while considering the interests of all stakeholders.

Lastly, the proposed by-law treats all neighbourhoods as if they are the same. Downtown neighbourhoods such as ours are situated within walking distance of major commercial streets. For such neighbourhoods adding corner retail is not needed.

The Planning report acknowledges that retail belongs on major streets but claims that some inner-neighbourhood streets are more than 500 meters from major streets and therefore too far to walk. If that's the case then why allow retail on neighbourhood streets that are within walking distance of major streets? The by-law should exempt inner neighbourhood properties if they are less than 500 meters away from a large commercial street.

If existing commercial infrastructure is within 500 meters of a proposed new store, residents already have nearby walkable options, reducing the possibility that much needed housing is replaced by businesses.

Such a limitation would also prevent developers from exploiting the proposed amendment as a loophole to establish businesses in residential areas at lower costs, drawing customers from nearby commercial strips.

To summarize:

1. The proposed by-law changes fail to protect residents from adverse impacts in inner neighbourhoods.
2. The by-law should contain a precise definition of what kind of business is allowed in inner neighbourhoods, and alcohol should not be permitted to be consumed on site.
3. The by-law should not allow patios unless the neighbours agree to it.

4. There should be no permitted commercial development if a given residential property is within 500 meters of a major street.

We hope the committee will consider these objections seriously and send the proposal back to Planning for further changes before allowing it to proceed to a full council vote.

Given the permanent and radical nature of these changes, real safeguards for Toronto residents are essential and the by-law should contain them. As it stands the proposed by-law will likely lead to future problems for residents and set the stage for needless confrontations.

Thank you,  
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