

**South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held at the Rosedale Presbyterian Church
on Tuesday, November 27th, 2007, commencing at 7:10 p.m.**

The President, David Townley, took the Chair and Yvonne Catty acted as Secretary. The Chair announced that a quorum was present and that the Meeting was properly constituted.

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting ("AGM"): The Secretary summarised the Minutes of the 2006 AGM held on November 27, 2006. It was moved by Yvonne Catty, seconded by Don O'Born and **CARRIED** that the Minutes of the November 27, 2006 AGM be adopted.

President's Report: The President gave the following Report:

"I have had the pleasure of living in South Rosedale for over 45 years and have spent the last 17 on the Board of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association ("SRRA" or the "Association"), the last 6 as President and the previous 8 as Treasurer.

The SRRA is one of Canada's oldest ratepayer groups and certainly one of the most active. The Association's Board is committed to providing South Rosedale's residents with a strong voice relative to the area's unique position as one of Toronto's most desirable residential communities.

I am particularly proud of the level of membership in the SRRA in that in excess of 50% of the single family homes and virtually all of the condominium and co-ownership buildings in South Rosedale are members. In a perfect world, every household in South Rosedale would be a member of the Association, however I can attest that the membership in total has been growing steadily on an annual basis and that is a testament to people's interest in the community. In that regard I would ask that current members reach out to neighbours and new residents of South Rosedale to encourage them to join the Association if they are not members already.

Our primary connection with our members is our Newsletter and our website and in that regard, all of you will may have been able to pick up our Fall Newsletter which was available on your way into the Meeting this evening. As always, I would like to personally thank SRRA Board members Ellen Hand, Anne Kennedy and Yvonne Catty who work in conjunction with graphic designer Karen Finley, to produce a timely and interesting Newsletter.

As part of a larger downtown residential community, opportunities continue to arise where the SRRA can work more closely with our fellow and adjoining neighbourhood ratepayer groups including North Rosedale, Governor's Road, Moore Park, Summerhill and ABC. Beyond our traditional joint efforts including federal, provincial and municipal all-candidates meetings during election years and public meetings held to discuss community policing and security issues, we are increasingly finding areas of common interest where it makes sense for us to be either heard as one voice, or to pro-actively work together on issues which affect us all as residential communities. These would include items such as the Don Valley Transportation Master Plan, Evergreen's plan for the Toronto Brickworks as well as the reforestation issues and clean-up and plant remediation of our inter-connecting ravines.

Since our Annual General Meeting held a year ago, I would like to report on a variety of the issues the Association has dealt with during the year past. In no particular order, they are as follows:

- \$ *Heritage Matters*
- \$ *Committee of Adjustment/OMB Hearings*
- \$ *Front Yard Parking*
- \$ *DVTMP*
- \$ *Scrivener Square*
- \$ *Trees-Forestry*
- \$ *SRRA Membership*

As always, I would like to give a special thanks to Councillor Kyle Rae and the members of his office, particularly his executive assistants, Ryan Lahr and Michael Robertson. Kyle has provided a very effective and sincere interest in the South Rosedale community, especially when his larger constituency causes him to face and deal with many more serious social issues. He is always available, returns telephone calls, is a great facilitator and certainly knows what buttons to push at City Hall to wade through bureaucracy and get results.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Directors and Officers of the SRRA Board for their keen level of support and dedication to the Association. In their volunteer capacity, Directors generously contribute their efforts to ensure that South Rosedale remains a unique and special area within Toronto.

I would now like to ask the SRRA's Treasurer David Kerr to provide a presentation of the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2007.

Financial Statements: The Treasurer, David Kerr, presented the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2007. It was moved by David Kerr, seconded by Bill Phillips and **CARRIED** that the financial statements and Auditors' Report be accepted as presented.

It was also moved by David Kerr, seconded by Barbara McGregor and **CARRIED** that Allen & Miles LLP, Chartered Accountants be appointed auditors of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008.

Nomination Committee Report: David Moore, Chair of the Nomination Committee, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. It was moved by David Moore, seconded by Alex Murray and **CARRIED** that Jennifer Wardrop, Yvonne Catty, Don O'Born and John Stewart be re-elected and that Barbara McGregor be elected as a Director of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association for **three-year terms**, ending 2010.

Approving Acts of the Directors: It was moved by David Townley, seconded by Bill Phillips and **CARRIED** that all acts done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Corporation on its behalf since the date of the last AGM be approved.

Presentations: David Townley introduced Councillor Kyle Rae who spoke to the status of a number of local projects. The first was the Scrivener Square Development where the developer had asked for density over and above that permitted, but has since reconsidered and a revised proposal is expected in the near future which would reflect prevailing restrictions. In addition, Councillor Rae spoke to the status of DVTMP. Whereas soon after the election, the Mayor had directed staff to "lay down their pencils", the City staff have apparently resurrected the project, attempting to integrate the DVTMP into the City work plan. Councillor Rae is expecting written confirmation that there may be a new interpretation of the Environmental Assessment Act (including the use of light rail vs buses).

Councillor Rae was also asked to make a presentation to a VIP on behalf of the SRRA. Alex Murray (Vice President) has been a member of the SRRA Board since 1968, this being his 40th year of continuous service to the South Rosedale community. Councillor Rae spoke warmly of Alex's commitment to municipal matters and on behalf of the Board, presented an engraved wine decanter and a certificate of appreciation to Mr Murray.

Jennifer Wardrop then read aloud a message from Valerie Schatzker (former SRRA President):

"Had a prior engagement not prevented me, I would have been here in person to join in the tribute to Alex Murray for his service to South Rosedale.

Alex is passionate about urban issues but his passion is always tempered with equanimity. Only someone as passionate as he is would have given forty years to a residents' association. During these years he has spent untold hours in working out planning problems for the Board. We benefited enormously from his gift for handling these problems with patience, fairness, and enviable tranquility, even when tempers flared and citizens, City personnel, or other Board members might have been difficult and unreasonable.

However, Alex's contribution was far-wider ranging. He understood our community's concerns within a far broader context of municipal issues and all who worked with him were able to learn from his scholarship and experience. Working with him was an education.

More than any other single individual, I believe, Alex has been instrumental in making the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association into one of the most effective and progressive residents' groups in the city. I know and am glad that he is not planning to retire for he still has ideas he wants to implement and problems he wants to solve."

In addition, Don Hogarth (as the representative of the Board) is arranging for a tree to be planted in Alex's honour (shag bark hickory) which will occur at a future date.

Other Business: A member asked why the AGM started at 7pm rather than the customary 8pm; The President responded that today's schedule of events also included the Community Meeting on the Urban Forest and therefore was started earlier to ensure a reasonable closing time. Laura Murray asked why people who live in Forest Hill have their sidewalks shovelled but residents of South Rosedale do not. **The President agreed to follow up on that enquiry.**

Finally, Bill Phillips expressed some words of appreciation, commending the Board's planning as the SRRA has accrued a significant financial war chest which makes the SRRA capable of funding programs of local importance and retaining the services of professionals (lawyers, planners, etc.) as may be appropriate. This financial resource is part of the reason that developers often consult with SRRA in advance of making development applications and are well prepared and consider SRRA to be a serious and formidable force in South Rosedale.

Termination: It was **moved** by John Stewart, seconded by Bill Phillips and **CARRIED** that the 2007 AGM be terminated, with the President thanking everyone for attending and inviting Members to enjoy the refreshments and stay for the Community Meeting which would convene at 8 pm in the Great Hall.