

South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association
Minutes of Annual and Special General Meeting
held at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club
on Monday, November 17th, 2008, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Good evening, my name is David Townley and I am the President of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association. I welcome you to the Association's 2008 Annual and Special General Meeting which for the first time is being held at the Toronto Lawn and Tennis Club. This evening we will conduct the formal Annual Meeting requirements of the Association and following the Meeting will hear from Mr. Paul Bedford, former Chief Planner of the City of Toronto who will speak to the "Transit Vision of MetroLinx". Following Mr. Bedford's presentation I would ask that people remain for a short reception.

As part of this Meeting and the part that makes it "Special", I will be calling on fellow Director John Stewart to bring before the Meeting the new Supplementary Letters Patent and associated Bylaw which from a corporate organization stand point will bring the Association into the 21st century. Joining me at the front of the room this evening are Yvonne Catty, Secretary of the Association and David Kerr our Treasurer.

I have had the pleasure and good fortune of living in South Rosedale for over 45 years and on the Board of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association ("SRRA" or the "Association"), for the last 7 years as President and the previous 8 years as Treasurer.

The SRRA is one of Canada's oldest ratepayer groups and certainly one of the most active. Formally incorporated in 1931, 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 stands at approximately of 50% of the single-family homes in the community and in addition virtually all of the condominium and co-ownership buildings in South Rosedale are members of the Association. 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 remained relatively constant on an annual basis which is a testament to people's interest in the community. That being said, we would love to see an increased level of membership participation and in that regard, I would ask that current members reach out to their neighbours who they know are not members as well as recent new residents of South Rosedale to encourage them to join the Association.

I would like to formally introduce to the Meeting, Wilma Van Berkel who has joined the Association as a part-time Administrator to aid the Board in organizing the "back office" component of the SRRA which is becoming increasingly complicated. With a strong background in the not-for-profit sector, Wilma's skill set has already been felt by the Board since her relatively recent hire and her efficient approach to all matters relevant to the management of the Association is much appreciated.

While we obviously focus on issues within the geographic boundaries of South Rosedale, 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, and the proposed Jarvis Street Streetscape Project, 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: *The Board under the leadership of Ellen Hand and Alex Murray continues to work closely with Marilyn Miller of the City's Preservation Services Department to ensure that major residential renovations are in keeping with South Rosedale's District Heritage Designation. This has now become a seamless process that works very well with the Board playing a consultative role to the City as ultimate decision maker.*

Committee of Adjustment/OMB Hearings: *Alex Murray, our Senior Director continues to review all Committee of Adjustment Applications relevant to South Rosedale and plays an excellent role in acting as a liaison between Applicants and their architects and planners, as well as surrounding neighbours and City Staff where applicable. If we find that a matter finds itself heading down the path towards the Ontario Municipal Board, the SRRA will sometimes chose to appear with standing at a Hearing, with or without professional representation. On that subject, the SRRA will be attending an OMB Hearing in early December of this year as it relates to a Crescent Road proposal to replace a three (3) car garage to the rear of a property with another residential house. The development concept of a "house behind a house" is one that has been consistently opposed by the SRRA, except in the case of continuously occupied coach houses. As an Association, we believe this concept is inconsistent with the Official Plan for the area and would set a very dangerous precedent for "infill" projects of this nature. We will be joined in opposition to the proposal by not only the immediately affected neighbours who have obtained their own legal and planning representation, but also by the City Planning Department staff and Legal Counsel who will also be appearing.*

DVTMP: *The concept of buses coming up from the Don Valley corridor into the Castle Frank Subway Station has now been put aside in favour of a light rail transportation system. Perhaps Mr. Beford as part of his talk this evening will be able to enlighten us on just where that might be going.*

Scrivener Square: *All I can say is the silence is deafening. While rumours will always circulate, to our knowledge there has been no revised plan submitted by Woodcliffe to replace the original concept of a 38 story condominium tower which was strongly opposed by the surrounding community.*

Trees-Forestry – The Urban Forestry Project: *As you may recall, the keynote speakers at last year's AGM from the City's Forestry Department and the not-for-profit group LEAF talked to us about the need for continuous reforestation of areas like South Rosedale. Under the guidance of SRRA Directors Don Hogarth and Jennifer Wardrop the Urban Forestry Project was commenced. I am pleased to report that in the last year, the City Forestry Department completed 252 work orders and planted 79 new trees on South Rosedale streets and boulevards plus an additional 10 trees in Craigeigh Gardens. This is not a one –shot project as the SRRA contemplates an ongoing relationship with the Forestry Department to ensure that the South Rosedale tree canopy remains healthy.*

***A Response to Recent Municipal Tax Assessments:** Many residents have called me to discuss that they have recently received their residential property assessments and are dumbfounded by the increases and where that puts us in the context of the current economic turbulence which ultimately will put downward pressure on all real estate.*

As we all know, property taxes under a market value assessment model can be a double edged sword. Property taxes in South Rosedale are among the highest in the City and we intend to look closely as to whether we as an association should be responding to the City.

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 Mark Wilson. Kyle has provided a very effective and sincere interest in the South Rosedale community, especially when his larger constituency cases 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. Later this evening we will specially honour a number of long-time Directors who are retiring this year.

Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting (“AGM”): The Secretary summarised the Minutes of the 2007 AGM held on November 27, 2007. It was moved by Hugh Franks, seconded by William Phillips and **CARRIED** that the Minutes of the November 27, 2007 AGM be adopted.

Financial Statements: The Treasurer, David Kerr, presented the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2008. It was moved by David Kerr, seconded by William Phillips and **CARRIED** that the financial statements and Auditors’ Report be accepted as presented.

It was also moved by David Kerr, seconded by George Phelps and **CARRIED** that Adam & Miles LLP, Chartered Accountants be appointed auditors of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2009.

Special Resolutions – Confirmation of By-law #1 and Supplementary Letters Patent:

It was moved by John Stewart, seconded by David Moore and **CARRIED** that:

1. the Corporation make application for Supplementary Letters Patent to amend the Letters Patent dated April 13, 1931 in the form of the draft Application annexed to the minutes of this Meeting;
2. the directors present the application for Supplementary Letters Patent to the members of the Corporation for confirmation by special resolution;
3. the directors confirm that the Corporation is not insolvent within the meaning of subsection (4) of Section 19 of Ontario Regulation 181 of R.R.O. 190;
4. any two directors or officers of the Corporation are authorized to execute the application on behalf of the Corporation, under corporate seal or otherwise; and
5. any one director or officer of the Corporation is authorized to do all other acts or things necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing.”

In response to a question about membership by owners of units within co-owned buildings, it was confirmed that these owners will continue to have the same rights as other members. The buildings are invoiced for membership based on a formula involving the number of units in that particular building. In the event that a building does not choose to pay a membership fee, individual owners may choose to maintain an individual membership in the SRRA.

Nomination Committee Report: Yvonne Catty, presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. It was moved by Don Hogarth, seconded by William Phillips and **CARRIED** that David Moore and Sheldon Hellin be re-elected and Jacqueline Allen and John Venutti be elected as Directors of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association for three-year terms, ending 2011. Further, it was confirmed to the Meeting that Mary Lamon had been elected as a Director for a one-year term ending 2009.

Approving Acts of the Directors: It was moved by George Fells, seconded by Merle Kerr 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: The departing Directors of the SRRA in attendance – David Kerr, Anne Kennedy and Ellen Hand – received thanks and a gift on behalf of the SRRA members. Don O’Born, Gina Brannan and George Dyer were also stepping down from the Board and gifts would be delivered to their homes. David Townley was presented with a gift on the occasion of his 20 years as a Director.

Other Business:

A member spoke to the discomfort of the Rosedale Subway in cold weather due to the TTC practice of propping the door open irrespective of the weather from May 31 to October 31. **The President agreed to follow up with the TTC.**

A member spoke to the Notice of Assessment in the light of the anticipated substantial decline in property values over the next four years and asked whether the Association could take up this issue. **The President agreed to place this item up for discussion at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.**

A member spoke to the disruptions caused to the neighbourhood when properties are leased or rented for film production. **The President agreed to speak to Councillor Kyle Rae.**

Termination: It was moved by John Stewart, seconded by Hugh Franks and **CARRIED** that the 2008 AGM be terminated, with the President thanking everyone for attending and inviting Members to enjoy the refreshments and stay for the Presentation by Paul Bedford which would convene at 8 pm in the Philpott Room.