



**South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association  
Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
(to be approved by Membership at 2012 AGM)  
Toronto Lawn Tennis Club  
Monday November 14 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The President, David Townley took the Chair and Minutes were taken by the SRRA Administrator. The Chair announced that a quorum was present and that the Meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business, written notice having been sent to all members of the Association of this meeting and of the proposed name change referred to below.

**MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (“AGM”)**

The Secretary summarised the Minutes of the 2010 AGM held on November 17 2010.

- *It was **MOVED** by **William Phillips** and **SECONDED** by **Barbara McGregor** that the Minutes of the November 17 2010 Annual General Meeting of the SRRA be adopted. **MOTION CARRIED.***

**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 and call to order the Association's 2011 Annual General Meeting which for the fourth year is being held at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club.

This evening we will conduct the formal Annual General Meeting requirements of the Association which are noted in the Agenda available when you arrived and following the Meeting will hear from a panel of speakers discussing the proposed North St. James Town Development to the immediate south of South Rosedale. The speakers will be formally introduced and the panel moderated by SRRA Directors Heather Senst and David Moore. Following their presentation I would invite that members present remain for a reception including light food and refreshments and an opportunity to meet the returning and new Directors of the Association in attendance as well as the panelists and guests attending.

Joining me at the front of the room this evening are Gina Brannan, Secretary of the Association and Mary Lamon, our Treasurer.

As a quorum for the Meeting is present and the Meeting therefore properly constituted, I will call the Meeting to order and as a first order of business, will ask the Association's Secretary Gina Brannan to present a summary of the Minutes of the prior year's AGM held on November 17, 2010

I have had the pleasure and good fortune of living in South Rosedale for over 48 years and on the Board of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association for the last 10 years as President and the previous 8 years as Treasurer.

The SRRA may be considered 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. The

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Association is pro-active in such functional areas which impact South Rosedale as: the environment including trees, parks and ravines; heritage matters as they relate to South Rosedale being a designated Heritage District; both commercial and residential development and the resulting Committee of Adjustment and Ontario Municipal Board Hearings; policing and neighbourhood security issues; and roads and traffic matters.

To many of you, the face of the Association is our seasonal Newsletter, the Fall edition which you should have recently received in the mail with additional copies being available at tonight's Meeting. I am also very pleased that the Association has a presence on the Internet with a redesigned website, including the highly informative Heritage Section. Our intent is to provide the most up-to-date neighbourhood and City information relevant to the residents of South Rosedale including the ability to pay the SRRA annual membership fee on-line. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Mary Lamon who along with our Administrator Steven Trowbridge who are constantly monitoring and updating the site as required.

I am particularly proud of the level of membership in the SRRA which stands at close to 50% of the single-family homes in the South Rosedale community and in addition, virtually all of the multi-unit condominium and co-ownership buildings in South Rosedale. 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 newly arrived residents of South Rosedale to encourage them to join the Association.

While we obviously focus on issues within the geographic boundaries of South Rosedale, as part of a much 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, ABC and St. James Town Beyond our traditional joint efforts including federal, provincial and municipal all-candidates meetings held 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 either one voice, or to pro-actively work together on issues which affect us all as Toronto downtown residential communities. These would include issues such as the North St. James Development, Evergreen's Toronto Brickworks, and the Rosedale Park Playground Project as well as the reforestation issues and community clean-up and tree and plant remediation of our inter-connecting ravines.

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

- **Heritage Matters and the Monitoring of Development Issues**

The Board under the leadership of Alex Murray with support from fellow-Board Member Mary Lamon and me continue to work closely with the City's Preservation Services Department Staff 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.

In addition, Alex Murray continues to monitor all noteworthy development and redevelopment issues that may come before the Committee of Adjustment and often acts in a liaison role between Applicants and concerned immediate neighbours.

- **Newsletter**

The SRRA publishes 3 Newsletters during the course of the calendar year and they continue to draw compliments from South Rosedale Residents as to their content and design. Directors Barbara McGregor and latterly Jon Venutti have been acting as the overall coordinators for the Newsletter and I would like to thank both of them for their attention to organizing the content, production and mailing under what are often tight deadline circumstances.

- **Improving Neighbourhood Security**

Under the direction of Jon Venutti, the SRRA has taken a strong interest in community policing and associated security issues. This includes participation in the Community Police Liaison Community relative to 53 Division. Additionally, Jon has focused specifically in working with Police Services to improve the security around the Glen Road Footbridge and associated access to Howard Street and the Sherbourne Subway Station as well as access into South Rosedale. Police Services have been extremely receptive to this initiative and have committed to an increased visible presence in the area and are working with Toronto Hydro to improve the quality of the lighting in order to deter criminal activity.

- **Issues Outside of Rosedale which Evidence the SRRA's Community Leadership**

Active participation in the North St. James Town Re-Development Community Consultation Process which will see a City-led planning and redevelopment of the area bounded by Bloor Street, Howard Street, Sherbourne and Parliament Streets. This subject has been actively followed from the start by SRRA Directors Heather Senst and Jon Venutti and will be the subject of our panel discussion following the business aspects of this Meeting.

A contribution of \$5,000 towards the displaced residents of 200 Wellesley Street following the fire there through the auspices of the Yonge Street Mission plus Jon Venutti's additional stellar efforts which resulted in two (2) tractor trailer loads of food being donated by Smuckers Foods and Uncle Bens, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mars Canada. For this I would like to personally thank Jon as well as Metro Inc. and their retail outlet, Food Basics on Wellesley.

A contribution of \$25,000 to the fund raising efforts of the North Rosedale Residents' Association for the Rosedale Park Playground Revitalization Project which ultimately raised in excess of \$700,000 from both North and South Rosedale residents. The work on this incredible private initiative is now virtually complete and we look forward to a formal opening of the new facility in the Spring of 2012.

- **Change of Name**

A Motion will be presented this evening to formally change the name of the Association from the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association to the South Rosedale Residents' Association as the term "ratepayer" is now virtually absent from the English lexicon. While a simple change, we believe that the new name more accurately reflects our role in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

At this time, I would like to recognize and give a special thanks to Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and the members of her office, particularly her constituency assistants, Melissa Wong and Jessica Nelligan. Historically, our Councillor's office has provided a very effective and sincere interest in the South Rosedale community, especially when the larger constituency causes them to face and deal with many more serious social issues reflecting the economic diversity of the ward. Since her election last Fall, the Councillor has made herself available to us (and I would note I have already met with her once today), and has proved to be a great facilitator with an ability to wade through bureaucracy of City Hall and get results.

I would also like to introduce our recently re-elected Provincial Member of Parliament Glen Murray to the audience. Glen has a long history of activism in the areas of urban planning, the environment, sustainable development and community health issues, all of which are important to a constituency like Toronto Centre. Glen - thank you for attending this evening.

We trust that both Kristyn and Glen will provide the attention to South Rosedale that we deserve as they relate to our concerns and issues and I am sure they will make themselves available for discussion during the Reception following this Meeting.

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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 and time to ensure that South Rosedale remains a unique and special area within Toronto.

I would now like to ask the SRRA's Treasurer Mary Lamon to provide a presentation of the audited financial statements of the Association for the fiscal year ended August 31 2011, and a more specific commentary on the financial strength and health of the Association.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Treasurer, Mary Lamon, presented the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31 2011.

- It was **MOVED** by Mary Lamon, **SECONDED** by William Phillips that the financial statements and Auditors' Report be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- It was **MOVED** by Mary Lamon, **SECONDED** by Sheldon Hellin that Adam & Miles LLP, Chartered Accountants be appointed auditors of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association for the fiscal year ending August 31 2012. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### GOVERNANCE

Barbara McGregor presented the Special Resolution of the SRRA Board of Directors passed at its Meeting on October 3 2011.

- It was **MOVED** by Barbara McGregor and **SECONDED** by Heather Senst that:

**RESOLVED** that the Members of the Corporation approve the Special Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Corporation passed at its meeting on October 3, 2011 which reads as follows:

1. The Corporation apply for the issue of Supplementary Letters Patent to provide as follows:

The Name of the Corporation be changed from "The South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association" to "The South Rosedale Residents' Association".

The Corporation is not insolvent within the meaning of subsection 4 of Section 19 of *Ontario Regulation 181/90*.

2. By-Law No. 1 of the Corporation be amended by replacing the words "The South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association" in the definition of the "corporation" in section 1.01 with the words "The South Rosedale Residents' Association".
3. Any one Director or Officer of the Corporation is authorized and directed to do, execute and perform all acts, documents and instruments necessary or desirable to give full force and effect to the foregoing, including without limitation the execution and delivery to the Ministry of Government Services of an Application for Supplementary Letters Patent.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gina Brannan presented the Report of the Nominating Committee.

- *It was **MOVED** by Gina Brannan, **SECONDED** by Alex Murray that Sheldon Hellin, David Moore and Jackie Allen be re-elected, and that Tom Goldspink be elected as Directors of the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association for three-year terms, ending 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.***

## **APPROVING ACTS OF THE DIRECTORS**

The Secretary, *Gina Brannan*, requested a motion to approve the acts of Directors.

- *It was **MOVED** by William Phillips, **SECONDED** by Connie Bryant that all acts done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Corporation on its behalf since the date of the last Annual General Meeting be approved. **MOTION CARRIED.***

## **RECOGNITION**

David Townley recognized the contributions of departing Director Jon Venutti.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The issue of excessive noise levels and security in South Rosedale was raised by a Member of the Corporation from the floor. The Member presented concerns regarding the level of noise in the neighbourhood from leaf blowers, police sirens, neighbourhood parties etc. The Member also requested that the Board of Directors consider retaining a private security firm to police South Rosedale.

These issues raised were acknowledged by the Chair and the Member was advised that they would be addressed by the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting in January 2012.

## **TERMINATION:**

The President thanked everyone for attending and invited Members to stay for the North St. James Town panel discussion and enjoy the refreshments.

- *It was **MOVED** by David Townley, **SECONDED** by Jon Henry that the meeting be terminated at 9:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED***

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David Townley, President

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Gina Brannan, Secretary