



SOUTH  
ROSEDALE  
RESIDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

**South Rosedale Residents' Association  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting approved by the Board of Directors  
Monday November 22 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Toronto Lawn Tennis Club  
(to be approved by the Membership at 2013 AGM)**

**The President, David Townley took the Chair and Minutes were taken by the Gina Brannan, SRRA Secretary. 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. The Chair called upon Gina Brannan, Secretary to present the Minutes of the 2011 AGM for approval by the Members.**

**MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (“AGM”)**

The Secretary summarised the Minutes of the 2011 AGM held on November 14 2011.

- *It was **MOVED** by **Gina Brannan** and **SECONDED** by **Sheldon Hellin** that the Minutes of the November 14 2011 Annual General Meeting of the SRRA be adopted. **MOTION CARRIED.***

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I have had the pleasure and good fortune of living in South Rosedale for over 50 years and on the Board of the South Rosedale Residents' Association (“SRRA” or the “Association”), for the last 11 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 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 by hand mail with additional copies being available at tonight’s Meeting. This year we have been late in generating our Newsletter and our normal Spring/Summer edition ultimately became the Fall Newsletter. For that I apologize as it also impacted our notice of membership renewal for 2012.

I am also very pleased that the Association has a strong presence on the Internet with an excellent website, including the highly informative Heritage Section. Our intent is to provide the most up-to-date and timely 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 in addition to her role as SRRA Treasurer is 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. There is no reason why residents should not be members of 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 such as the recently held one 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 Toronto downtown residential communities. These would include issues such as the North St. James Development, Evergreen's Toronto Brickworks, 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 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.

- Lanterra - North St. James Town
- 27 Chestnut Park
- 11 Thornwood
- 21-25 Price Street

## **IMPROVING NEIGHBOURHOOD SECURITY**

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.

Recently at the initiative of Nanton Avenue resident Stephanie Sykes, the SRRA and NRRA organized a very well attended public meeting which was coincidentally held in this room to with members of 53 Division's Community Response Team and Police Services and Janet Sherbanowski, the Executive Director of the Crime Prevention Association of Toronto to update residents on policing in the Rosedale neighbourhood and the many common sense steps we can take to protect our property and ourselves. This was a well-attended Community Meeting. Thank you Stephanie, for taking this initiative.

## **ISSUES OUTSIDE OF ROSEDALE WHICH EVIDENCE THE SRRA'S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

- Making 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 was completed in this Spring. The celebration of this Project was attended by a number of Members of the SRRA Board of Directors where the train which was donated by the SRRA was highlighted.
- Gates to South Rosedale.

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 2 years ago, the Councillor has been available to us and is a great facilitator to wade through the bureaucracy of City Hall and get results.

I would also like to mention our Provincial Member of Parliament Glen Murray (and now Liberal leader candidate). 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.

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.

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, 2012, 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 2012.

- *It was **MOVED** by Mary Lamon, **SECONDED** by Yvonne Catty that the financial statements and Auditors' Report for the year ended August 31 2012 be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.***

The Treasurer, Mary Lamon, explained that Adam and Miles, LLP, Chartered Accountants have been the Association's auditors for many years and that the Board of Directors had approved the continuation of their retainer to carry out the audit and prepare the financial statements for the year ended August 31 2013 subject to the approval of the Members.

- *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 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.***

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gina Brannan presented the Report of the Nominating Committee that Directors David Townley, Alex Murray, Mary Lamon and Don Hogarth had agreed to stand for election for a further three-year term. Gina Brannan asked for any nominations from the floor. None being received the following motion was made.

- *It was **MOVED** by Gina Brannan, **SECONDED** by David Moore that David Townley, Alex Murray, Mary Lamon and Don Hogarth be re-elected, as Directors of the South Rosedale Residents' Association for three-year terms, ending 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.***

### **APPROVING ACTS OF THE DIRECTORS**

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

- *It was **MOVED** by Yvonne Catty, **SECONDED** by Ian Bandeen 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 November 14 2011 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED.***

**TERMINATION:**

David Townley thanked everyone for attending and invited Members to stay to hear noted architect and planner Frank Lewinburg of Urban Strategies Inc. who will speak on a topic entirely relevant to our neighbourhood: **Tall Buildings: Why are there so many and what does their continued growth mean for the quality of life in Toronto and South Rosedale ?”**.

David Townley invited all of the Members present to remain following the presentation by our Guest Speaker for a reception including light food and refreshments and an opportunity to meet the Directors of the Association in attendance as well as the Speaker.

- *It was **MOVED** by David Townley, **SECONDED** by Heather Senst that the meeting be terminated at 8:05 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED***

Original Signed: *David Townley*  
David Townley, President

Original Signed: *G. S. Brannan*  
Gina S. Brannan, Secretary