

Minutes of SDRA Board Meeting

 St. Davids Ratepayers Association	Date:	20 February 2024	File:	Board Meetings
	Time	7:00 pm	Pages:	2 (including action log)
	Organization:	St. Davids Ratepayers Association		
	Location:	St Davids Lions Club		
	Distribution:	Board Members/Website		

These minutes are complete and correct once approved at a normally convened monthly meeting.

Attended: Dan Segal, Jude Atwood, Mike Pearsall, Frank Racioppo, Bruce & Diane Barnes, RONALDA, Domenic Trelle

Regrets: John Gartner, Chris Salvatore, Paul Harber, Janet Guy

Guests: Bob Budd

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dan at 7:06 pm.

2) Confirmation of a quorum

The Chair confirmed a quorum.

3) Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Mike, seconded by Domenic that the Agenda as circulated earlier, be adopted. Approved

4) Previous Minutes.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved (moved by RONALDA, seconded by Jude).

5) Treasurer's Report

Bruce provided the Treasurers Report, 5 paid members in plus \$1.95 service fee out this month, so \$1660.20 in bank.

6) Noise Issue

Bob Budd brought forward a noise issue on Kenmir Drive. Mr. Budd had a home custom built in 2018. In 2019 a neighbour started playing very loud music on multiple occasions (over 130dB) and they now can't enjoy their backyard. He has kept logs since 2020 and reported this to the Town with no action so far. In 2023, Mr. Budd estimates there were 40 days between June and September where there was excessive noise between 9:00 am and 10:00 pm. The Niagara Region Police have attended the property and written a report. Mr. Budd is looking into legal action. Past SDRA President Kenn Moody suggested he approach SDRA for help. The issue is the Town noise bylaw is too ambiguous and can't be enforced. There was an August 2020 draft update to the Town noise bylaw, which would have resolved his situation, however it was scrapped by Council at the time due to opposition from some businesses. The possibility of SDRA sending a letter to the Town in support of updating the noise bylaw was discussed. It was agreed the letter should include references to other municipalities with good noise bylaws (Brockville?). Frank suggested a delegation to Town Council asking for funding to hire a consultant to do a proper noise study and create a map of different areas with acceptable noise levels. This could be an "Award-Winning" bylaw. RONALDA noted a similar study in Aurora from 2020.

Minutes of SDRA Board Meeting

Motion: For SDRA to accept a draft letter from Mr. Budd, add our touches to the letter then approach Council with the letter and a possible delegation (Mike/Bruce) – Carried.

7) Old Business / Discussion Topics

1. Website:

- Ronalda has now added the minutes to the site;
- She had been hoping to get the old domain back, however it is being held ransom;
- Frank noted a domain he has been holding for SDRA (stdavidsont.com);
- Ronalda is going to take down the second website and get emails to function again;
- Ideal site www.sdra.ca, using www.stdavidsratepaters.ca now.

2. Trivia Night:

- Locked in now for April 16th from 6-10 pm;
- The bartender and room have been booked;
- Mike was asked to MC the event and accepted;
- Mike will arrange for a couple amateur comedians.

3. Four-Corners/Roundabout:

- Dan noted that Councilor Adrianna Vizzari emailed him about the petition, it will be in the information packet for the next committee of the whole;
- The next step is a formal delegation to the Region;
- Mike will start working on a PowerPoint deck.

4. Pedestrian Safety (Cross-Overs (PXO's) and Sidewalks):

- The delegation to the Town should be next Tuesday.

5. St Davids Pool:

- No updates.

6. Tawny Ridge:

- There has been a lot about this in the news recently;
- There appears to be some controversy about the Town flip-flopping on the approval;
- Phase 1 was approved subject to conditions, Phase 2 was voted down, then the Lord-Mayor called an in-camera session and it was all approved with minor amendments;
- The Hickory residents had reached out to Frank and he recommended they invite the developer to an SDRA meeting to make a deal – developer declined;
- Hickory residents are now pooling funds for an appeal to the tribunal before February 26th.

8) New Business

See Noise Issue above.

9) News/Correspondence

All recent news has been about Tawny Ridge.

Meeting adjourned 8:21 pm

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024 St Davids Lions Club

ACTION LOG

#	Action	Resp.
---	--------	-------

Minutes of SDRA Board Meeting

2024-01	Town Delegation on Ped Safety	Mike
---------	-------------------------------	------