

# South Jubilee News

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## Some thoughts for our future

No matter what form the future directorship of our neighbourhood association takes, it is generally agreed it would be valuable to continue certain practices – meetings, block representation, newsletters, and a land use committee.

### Meetings

To maintain our status as a Society under the Companies Act, the required Directors must call an Annual General Meeting to elect the Board, adopt the Financial Report and deal with other business. And the existing board consisting of Michael Best, June Cliffe, Adam Fawkes, Liz Hoar, Dorrie Murphy, Tory Stevens, Lucie Stewart, Brian Turner, Ruth Turner, Richard Watts, and David White (Treasurer) can remain until next year's AGM.

As for other meetings during the year, up to now these have only involved interested Board members to discuss the upcoming scheduled newsletter content. It is obvious that this pattern fell far short of providing inadequate representation of the neighbourhood population. This situation should change. It may be appropriate to schedule regular open meetings every two months that coincide with newsletter publications, and possibly involve block representatives. Could this influence the future Board's structure?

### Newsletter

This seems to be no reason to change the time-honored schedule of newsletter publication dates in the following volunteers will share the editing chores:

Jan 30 – Liz Hoar  
Mar 30 – Tory Stevens  
May 30 – Ruth / Brian Turner  
Aug 30 – Dorrie Murphy  
Oct 30 – Brian Grady

There are 12 volunteers to deliver the newsletters, each to their own block. At one time these folks were seen as block reps. *(continued above right)*

## (cont.) Land Use Committee

Occasionally our Neighbourhood is approached by proponents of a new development proposal who are required by City Hall to solicit our response and comments. If the request is for minor changes, a Land-Use Committee can usually respond after consulting the neighbours. For larger projects (like Tim Horton's) the Committee would call for a neighbourhood hearing to consider the proposal and then advise the city of the meeting's findings. A Committee of three members should be sufficient.

*Roger Smeeth*

## **"Hello neighbours!" from the new Communications Coordinator Carrie Ann Taylor**

I thought I should introduce myself in this month's newsletter as I have volunteered to be the new Communications Coordinator for the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association. After many years of a full Inbox, regular phonecalls, various meetings and a steady stream of paper, Liz Hoar decided to take a break from being the information hub for the SJNA. At a meeting in October I offered to take a turn and here I am. Thank you to Liz for all many years of dedicated service to our neighbourhood. It is such quiet dedication to community that makes it possible for our community to respond to neighbourhood issues and to undertake local projects.

As I am new to the neighbourhood (we bought our house in autumn 2005), the meeting in October was only the third South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association event that I have attended. The first was the street festival in September of 2006. I live on Redfern Street and our family was so pleased to see the street shut down and the music and festivities begin! The second event was a meeting in spring of 2007. I met a lot of great people at that meeting and enjoyed the two creative presentations. The first was a slide-show/talk about building community and beautifying the spaces we live in by Angela Evans (of Clare Street, across the avenue). The second was a

**(Hello neighbours cont.)** locally-made film on the history of our humble neighbourhood. By the third meeting – this past October – they had me in their clutches – ha ha – and I stepped forward to get involved.

I want to extend a warm invitation to ALL members of the South Jubilee neighbourhood to come on out to our next community meeting on Dec. 3rd. If you are curious about the neighbourhood association, if you have some ideas and visions for improving our public spaces, if you have concerns you want to share, or simply if you think it would be nice to meet your neighbours, we would love to see you there. As a 'new recruit' to the SJNA, I can tell you I have met some warm and wonderful people who have remained dedicated for many years to making this neighbourhood a great place to live. I have also been pleased to meet some other folks, like me, who are coming out to meetings for the first time. By pestering the longtime members of the SJNA, I have been able to learn about their role in the past (e.g. organizing the monthly recycling depot, the mural at Sundance school, the traffic calming on Leighton St., etc.), as well as tossing around some fun visions for future activities and projects - including, we hope, a revival of our annual Streetfest each September. I invite you to bring your ideas, your energy, and even just some friendliness (or good cookies), and come on out!

*Carrie Ann Taylor*

### **MEETING: Dec. 3, 2007 7:30pm Art School, (Bank Street) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

Our **agenda** for the meeting will be simple:

- Roger Smeeth will report on possible structural adjustments recommended for the association.
- Tory Stevens will report on city criteria for planting gardens in the parking strips / boulevards.
- Redfern and Pemberton park revitalization and upgrades: Redfern Park playground will be re-done in 2008. We invite / encourage people (especially parents) to come out with ideas and concerns for the park. We will have more meetings and neighbourhood consultations on this, but it would be good to have a core group of interested people thinking about this issue now
- any items that attendees may want to add

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Please contact me with any questions or to share info. with  
your community

### **Getting Involved**

At the October meeting, there was a sense that many people would like to be involved in the neighbourhood to varying degrees, but did not know how to "break in" to the association. The association strongly hopes that we can be available to anyone interested in getting involved. If one of the positions below appeals to you, do not hesitate to make yourself known.

The directors would love to be spelled occasionally. The same people have been your directors for years since no one else volunteered. An ever-changing roster would be so much richer!

The good folks who deliver your newsletters (formerly thought of as "block reps") too, might appreciate new energy. They are Mark Osborne, Roger Smeeth, Adam Fawkes, Ruth and Brian Turner, Tory Stevens, Liz Hoar, Michael Best, Dave White, Dorrie Murphy, Bob Gaba, June Cliffe and Richard Watts.

There is also the monthly plastic recycling, so ably coordinated by Roger Smeeth. He has a schedule with a regular volunteer each month. There has been such an increase in plastic collection that each volunteer now needs a helper. If you would like to help, please contact one of the regulars below, or call Roger Smeeth (595-3914). Note that the October position is available!

January – Dave White  
February – Liz Hoar  
March – Ken Dunn and family  
April – Bob Gaba  
May – Jackie Cox and Ben Zeigler  
June – Elizabeth Kaller  
July – Brad Yahemech  
August – Tory Stevens  
September – Ruth Turner  
October – **OPEN FOR A NEW VOLUNTEER!**  
(call Roger 595-3914)  
November – Susan Hall-Patch  
December – Ann Eriksson

If you have energy for a particular idea or issue, come to the meeting in December and find like-minded neighbours. We like to keep meetings to a minimum, and spend our time and energy on actions

*Tory Stevens*