

# HARBORD VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Dr. Regehr:

HVRA welcomes your letter of July 31, 2017, which confirms that the University supports the neighbourhood association's right to party status at both the Conservation Review Board (CRB) and Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearings arising from its Sussex-Spadina residence re-zoning proposal.

The first opportunity the University has to put this into action will be on August 30, 2017, at the second pre-hearing of the University's appeal of the City's heritage designation of 698 Spadina. At that time, the University can urge the CRB to give the association party status immediately. Similarly, we would expect University support for our party status from the inception of the University's Ontario Municipal Board re-zoning appeal. Party status ensures HVRA could participate fully in the entire process from mediation, through document sharing, through witness statements, and at a hearing, should that prove necessary.

After almost four years of little substantive progress with this matter, a fresh commitment from the University to engage in seeking solutions is very welcome.

The Community remains concerned about:

- Upholding the designation of the bookstore building and its cultural value
- Built form density
- Population density and mix
- Height
- Lack of green space, loss of trees
- Cafeteria
- Transition to the neighbourhood
- Impacts of student culture on the community, especially noise
- Tenants

We have had a very positive experience with the formal mediation process at the OMB. We hope that through it, we might be able to find a solution to this stalemate and to begin building a more collaborative framework for relations between the community and the University.

With thanks for your letter,

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