



July 31, 2017

Sue Dexter and Carolee Orme  
Board Representatives  
Harbord Village Residents' Association  
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Dear Sue and Carolee,

Thank you for your letter dated July 26, 2017. I am responding today on behalf of President Meric Gertler.

The University of Toronto stands by its commitment to seek a resolution of its student housing proposal at 698-704 Spadina through continued discussions with the City and the community, either informally or through formal mediation. I believe the participation of the Harbord Village Residents' Association (HVRA) in such discussions and mediation is important to reaching a comprehensive resolution.

The University has no objection to the HVRA obtaining party status before the Conservation Review Board (CRB) or the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). In light of the fact that the University is hoping to continue discussions with the City, the HVRA and the broader community outside of the formal tribunal process, the University requested that the CRB adjourn its proceedings and defer any decision respecting party status until a later date.

I am advised that the OMB has not yet scheduled any dates for this matter. However, I can assure you that it is expected that the HVRA will seek party status to the OMB proceeding, and that the University supports this request. Moreover, should a proceeding before the CRB become necessary, either by mediation or contested hearing, the University will support the HVRA's request for party status, should it not have been granted sooner.

The University continues to look forward to working positively and productively with the City, HVRA and broader community. The University remains hopeful that all outstanding matters can be resolved through settlement discussions, without the need for an adversarial process either before the CRB or OMB.

I appreciate the open dialogue that has been established between the University and the HVRA and encourage you to continue to bring to our attention any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Regehr  
Vice-President & Provost and  
Acting President