

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 7.00 pm
Kensington Gardens, 25 Brunswick Ave, Toronto, ON M5S 2L9
FINAL Minutes

In Attendance: Simon Coleman, Sue Dexter, Cathy Merkley, Gail Misra, Carolee Orme, Jane Perdue, Andrea Poptsis, Margaret Procter, Nick Provart, Regine Schmid, Nicole Schulman, Gus Sinclair, Robert Stambula, Merrill Swain,

Regrets: Lena Mortensen, Christian Mueller

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Gail called the meeting to order and wished everyone a happy new year. She also reported that Heather Leger from Councillor Layton's office was not able to attend the meeting.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** With the addition of two items to Other Business for 1) Robbie Burns event / eblast protocol: Gail and 2) Tree for Me: Gail, Regine moved adoption of the Agenda, seconded by Merrill; agenda adopted.
3. **Approval of December Minutes:** Gus moved approval of the December minutes as presented, Merrill seconded; minutes approved.

4. Other Business items

a) Parking App - ROVER (Carolee)

Carolee reported that she had been contacted by Albert Koehl from the ARA regarding an app called ROVER that matches available parking spaces with drivers seeking parking. The HVRA was asked to endorse the app in an effort to alleviate the parking issues in the neighbourhood. The board voted not to formally endorse the app although the board thought that it was something some members of the community might be interested in.

b) Tree for Me (Gail)

Gail reported that she had been approached by Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation, Tree for Me Program, to see if the HVRA was interested in the initiative to provide free trees to residents. Margaret agreed to take the idea to the Gardeners group to see if anyone is interested in taking on the initiative.

c) Robbie Burns (Gail)

Gail had been approached by the organizers of the Robbie Burns night at the Free Times Café to put out an eblast promoting the event. A discussion was held by the board as to whether the event met the criteria set out by the eblast team. It was decided that the eblast guidelines would be modified to include community-building events. The eblast team will modify the guidelines on the website.

d) Police Community Liaison Committee Meetings (Gail)

Gail reported that Michael Borelli and his substitute have not yet been able to attend the community liaison meetings but that she has asked him to report back to her when there are relevant topics that are discussed at the meetings. Area reps are encouraged to report crime related issues to the board though their monthly reports; relevant issues will be flagged for Michael through Gail so that he can represent our concerns at the community liaison meetings.

e) Spring Newsletter (Gail)

Anyone with ideas for the spring newsletter should forward them to Gail. One idea was to promote replenishment of the tree canopy in the Harbord Village via programs like Trees for Me and LEAF. Nicole offered to write the article.

5. Receipt of reports: Gail thanked board members for sending their reports in advance. The following reports were received:

a. Area Reports:

- North East: Community Area Committee will be set up for the Spadina-Sussex project. Construction will start in April 2020 with renovations on the Robert Street field happening over the summer; potential for geothermal heating to be part of the project. Strong smell of cannabis and increase in litter (cigarette butts) from the Café on Harbord. Toronto Police has an online Driving Complaint form (https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core/driving_complaint.php). TPS has also been flyering cars in the area reminding people to not leave valuables in them, presumably in response to a spate of break-ins.
- North West: The Narayever synagogue at 189 Brunswick has received permission from the OMB to substantially renovate and expand. The new Roti restaurant (technically across the street on Harbord) has opened and there is sometimes a powerful smell of curry within about 200 meters of it. Three new bike posts have been installed along the fence to Sally Bird Park on Brunswick. Several cars have been seen illegally turning South from Bloor onto Brunswick.
- South West: A second tattoo shop just opened on block between Croft and Borden; BB's diner, new spot next to Aunties and Uncles getting great reviews.

b. Website: The webmistress reports that the biggest update in the last few weeks was prompted by the availability of our new tree inventory report - Margaret has reworked the "Treeing the Village" page and the pages referring to it: <https://harbordvillage.com/projects/greening/treeing-the-village/>. The website is stable and keeps being checked and updated by the webmistresses.

c. Parent Consultation Committee: No report

d. Transportation: Carolee reports that there is not much news as most of what we are involved with is "pending" (e.g. public consultation re bikeway on Borden/Brunswick, 2019 Engineering project). The City has confirmed that construction will begin this spring to replace water mains on Bloor between Bathurst and Spadina. Lanes will be closed affecting car traffic, parking, bike lanes, and deliveries. The City is committed to keeping neighbours well-informed and hopes to finish by late fall 2019.

- e. **Planning and Development:** P&D is attending meetings re: the waterfront (ontarioplace4all). Joe Cressy put forward a motion to create a committee to fight for Ontario Place (like the casino and Island airport expansion was opposed). TOCore is in limbo as it is sitting with the new Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister. P&D continues to be involved with other development matters in the neighbourhood (42 Major, 225 Brunswick, 1-3 Croft).

6. Adjournment

Gus moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Merrill. The meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

Prepared by Andrea Poptsis, Secretary