

Harbord Village Residents' Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 7:00– 9:00 pm

by Zoom call

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendees: Kerry Clare, Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Karen Laurence, Tania Lewis, Cathy Merkley, Jane Perdue, Nick Provart, Gus Sinclair, Jody Salomon, Moritz Steinbauer

Regrets: Susan McDonald, Mary-Frances Morrison, Lena Mortensen, Robert Stambula

Special Guest: Dave Hunsburger, PARA

1. **Chair's welcome: 7:06**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Gus moved the agenda be approved; Jody seconded. **The agenda was approved.**
3. **Approval of the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:** Gus moved the minutes be approved; Sue seconded. **The minutes were approved.**
4. **Business Arising from Past Minutes:**
 - 4.1 **Zero Waste Pilot Project:** Dave Hunsburger gave a short presentation on this project (see document appended), which involves recruiting residents in participating neighbourhoods to voluntarily reduce household waste. Dave asked HVRA to join other Ward 11 RAs in launching this pilot project. Gus moved that the board support this project; Sue seconded. The motion passed. Kerry volunteered to coordinate with Dave.
 - 4.2 **New Membership Secretary:** Anne told the board that Rosalinda Furlan had volunteered to act as Membership Secretary. Karen moved that she be appointed to the position; Gus seconded. **The motion passed, and Rosalinda Furlan was appointed Membership Secretary until the membership could vote in May.**
 - 4.3 **Governance Committee:** Gus reported that he and Anne had met and asked Tania, Moritz, and Cathy to join the Governance Committee, and they had agreed. Gus will continue to report on their work.
 - 4.4 **FoSTRA:** Anne said HVRA's membership in FoSTRA was up for renewal and asked the board to approve paying the \$30 annual fee. Sue so moved; Rosalinda seconded. **The motion was approved.** Anne also asked for a volunteer to attend the FoSTRA AGM Thursday. Sue agreed to do so.

4.5 Installation of road lines: Anne reported that a temporary version of the traffic lines on College St. were installed on December 21. She also mentioned that the proposed raised intersection at Borden and Ulster had been installed, but it is so gradual it isn't noticeable. They may redo it in the spring.

5. New Business

5.1 Letter to councillor's office about speed humps on Sussex: Nick noted that this letter (appended along with previous petition) was approved by e-vote, and had been sent, but that he had not yet had a response from the councillor's office.

5.1 CNOY 2024: Kerry updated the board on HVRA's participation in the Fort York Food Bank fundraiser and encouraged everyone to support the cause.

5.2 Board Member absences: Gus volunteered to be acting Chair during Anne's upcoming absence, and Kerry volunteered to replace Karen as Secretary for the March meeting.

6. Committee and Area Rep Reports: Acknowledgement of receipt only unless action or discussion is required.

6.1 P & D update: Sue told the Board it appears agreement on the 425 Bloor St W Development has been reached to everyone's satisfaction, including improved public streetscape on Robert St. and that the Knox Church Development talks were going well. She also advised the board of concerns around inconsistencies where building developers are applying for increases in their building permissions at Committee of Adjustment rather than a formal rezoning process. This route to increased height and density and reduced amenity space, among other issues, does not require community consultation and excludes the right of any appeal. Discrepancies emerge between decisions made by the Committee of Adjustment panels. Sue mentioned that the KPMG report on the CoA noted these discrepancies and said she would forward a link to that report to board members.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:42

Minutes prepared by Karen Laurence, Secretary, 2023 – 2024

APPENDICIES

- 1. Zero Waste Pilot Project Presentation**
- 2. Letter to Councillor Re: Sussex Speed humps and previous petition**
- 3. Area Reps Reports**

Zero Waste Pilot

Proposal to the Board

Main Points

1. Project background
2. Proposed Approach & Risks
3. Project Structure
4. Next Steps
5. Request approval to proceed

Project Background

Inspired by Zero-Waste Project in Roubaix, France (2015 - now)

800 families volunteered to reduce household waste and save money

70% of the families reduced waste by at least 50%

Why not do this in Ward 11?

Proposed Approach & Risks

Determine Feasibility

- Scope out project with rough estimates
- Identify potential team members

Present to PARA and HVRA Boards for approval to proceed

Start small (minimum 25 families?) and let it grow organically

Project Risks

- Biggest risk is insufficient project staff

Project Structure

1. Project Managers (one each from PARA and HVRA)
 - Project staffing
 - Create and manage project planning and reporting
 - Project funding
2. Support Teams for Volunteer Families
 - One each from all Resident Associations in Ward 11
 - Identify, train and support volunteer families
3. Communications
 - Newsletters, social media
 - Engage public media
4. Stakeholder Engagement
 - Other organizations such as City of Toronto, TEA, UofT, TMU

Next Steps

1. Get approval to proceed from PARA and HVRA Boards - by Jan 16
2. Identify project staff - from Residence Associations, newsletters, social media, UofT, TMU, TEA, etc - by Feb 28?
3. Create plan to communicate and onboard volunteer families - by Mar 15?
4. Create training and support material & processes - by Mar 15?
5. Go public and request volunteer families - Mar 15?
6. When minimum threshold is reached (25 families?), begin training, support and reporting.

Approval to Proceed?

More detailed information can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13pnsNm9_aEN5_BiiG0Y8BJu6Lv3qQb_O

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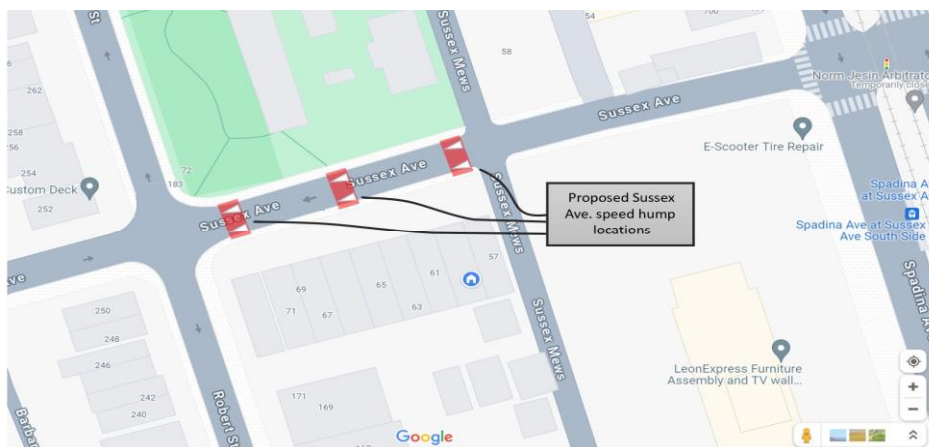
Dear Councillor Saxe,

I live with my wife and 2 young sons at 59 Sussex Avenue, in Harbord Village. I read with interest your article in December 2023's The Annex Gleaner describing the simplified process for obtaining speed humps on local streets. A neighbour at 73 Sussex Ave., Colin Bernard, and I have been trying since 2021 to get speed humps installed on Sussex Avenue between Robert Street and Sussex Mews.

Very often, drivers crossing Spadina Ave. traveling westward on Sussex Ave. do so at speeds in excess of 50 km/h, in spite of a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. A traffic speed study was done by Joe Gallippi of the City of Toronto's Transportation Services confirming this (email address: Joe.Gallippi@toronto.ca). The councillor at the time, Councillor Layton, supported the installation of speed humps on Sussex Ave. but unfortunately was not able put the request to TEYCC for approval before his term ended.

Speeding traffic is very dangerous for pedestrians in the area, especially for children crossing Sussex Ave. to the new University of Toronto green space on the northeast corner of Sussex Ave. and Robert St.

We surveyed our block (57-73 Sussex Ave.) at that time and 100% of residents who responded (from 7 of 9 houses on that stretch) supported the installation of speed humps – see the attached survey results. In fact, there was considerable support for even stronger measures, such as dead ending the street at Sussex Mews (see further survey results). We suggest the following locations for the speed humps:



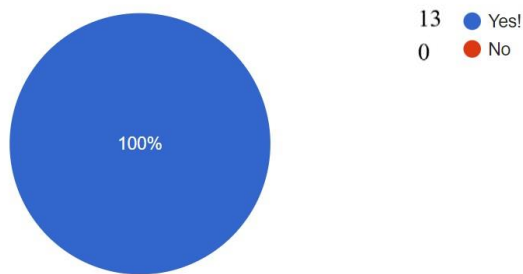
As per the simplified process, I am also attaching a letter from the Harbord Village Residents' Association supporting the installation of speed humps on this stretch of Sussex Ave.

Thanks for your attention in this matter!

Nicholas Provart

[Speed Hump Petition](#) Results to Nov. 10th, 2021

I support the installation of speed humps on Sussex (13 responses)



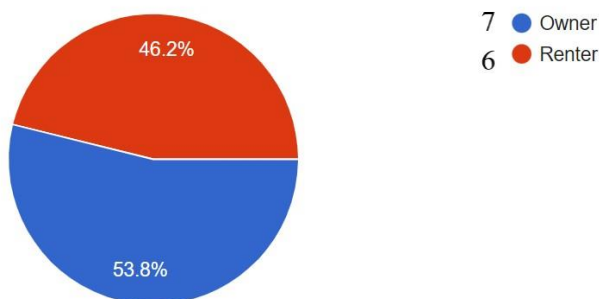
The City of Toronto requires your name and address for petitions. Please provide your name and address. This petition is for residents living at 57-73 Sussex Avenue only.

13 responses

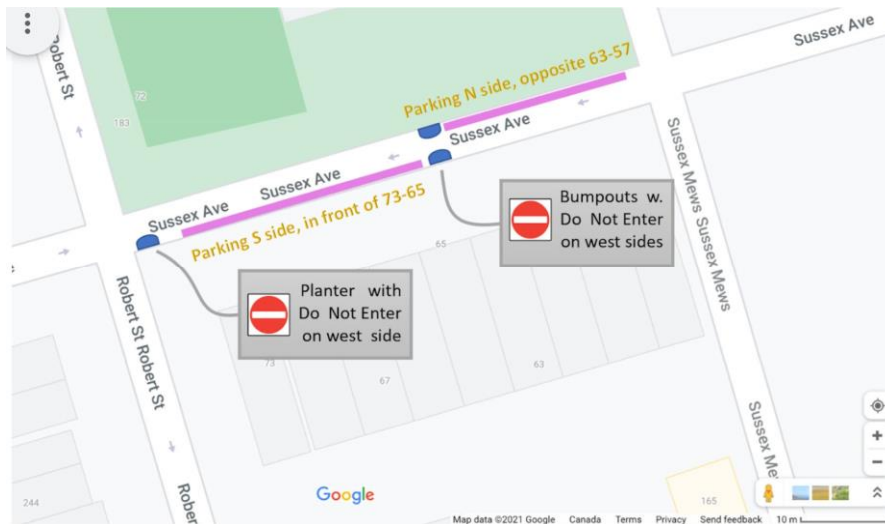
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Sheldon Benner, 65 Sussex Avenue, Toronto, ON M5S 1J8
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Gabby Resch, 61 Sussex Ave
Nicholas Provart and Marika Cooper, 59 Sussex Ave., Toronto, ON. M5S 1J8
Rosanne Bernard, 73 Sussex Avenue
Colin and Rosanne Bernard 73 Sussex Ave Toronto M5S1J8
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59 sussex ave (*from Dana Silnicki, renter at 59 Sussex Ave.*)
Julia Melcher 73 Sussex Ave
Raj Tandon - 67 Sussex Ave
Tina Quach 86 hertle ave (*owner of 57 Sussex Ave.*)

Are you a renter or owner on Sussex Avenue?

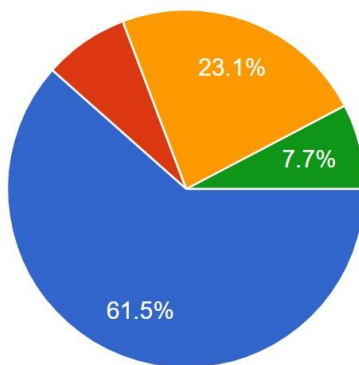
13 responses



Would you support other changes to the street layout to help reduce wrong-way drivers, such as a staggered parking layout, as shown in the image?

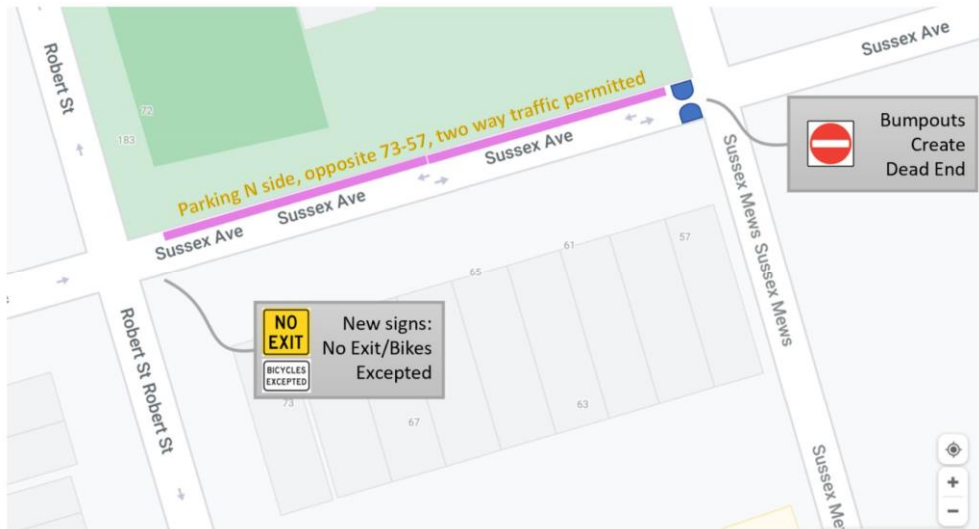


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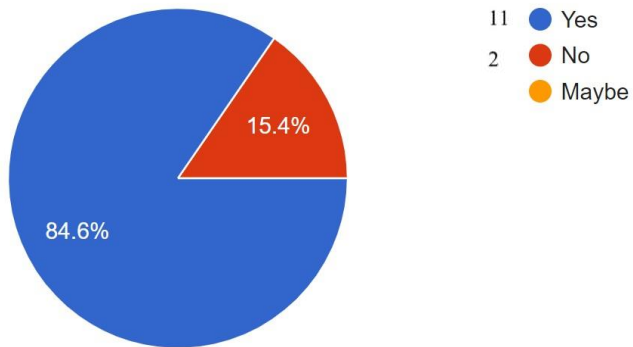


- 8 ● Yes
- 1 ● No
- 3 ● Maybe
- 1 ● My preference is a permanent solution ie dead end the street

Would you support dead-ending Sussex Ave. at Sussex Mews (with two-way traffic allowed on the part between Robert and Sussex Mews), similar to other residential streets in the city, such as Boswell Avenue at Avenue Road?



13 responses



AREA REPORTS – January 2024

NW

- Garbage issues on Bagpipe Lane behind Wild Hearts Are emerging again. We will follow up the city inspector who helped us with this before
- Lots of traffic at Lippincott and Sussex? Lots of new traffic pressure there, with influx of students to Niagara College looking for street parking and also an increase in wrong way driving on Sussex. Better signage might make a difference.
- One of the One Way signs at Lippincott/Sussex has been knocked askew.
- Community Swim continues at the Central Tech Pool on Saturday afternoons

Frances-Mary Morrison, Kerry Clare

NE

One of us (re-)submitted a request under a simplified process to have speed humps installed on the short stretch of Sussex Ave. between Sussex Mews and Robert St., where drivers often do more than 50 km/h in the 30 km/h zone - thanks for your letter of support.

Otherwise construction continues at Oak House and 666 Spadina and the couple of smaller sites on Harbord. The Esso seems to be closing on time (11 pm) from a couple of late night observations...

Someone also seems to have it out for the Do Not Enter signs in the new bumpouts in the NE and NW. We noticed that the one at Sussex and Robert was recently replaced, but there another down at Sussex and Brunswick.

The other of us talked to Neil Wright from the BIA about the Harbord entrance sign and we will look into lobbying the city to get that fixed together with the new owners of the RBC if they are up for it. Neil will reach out to them after closing, which is in late February.

Nicholas Provat, Moritz Steinbauer