

Harbord Village Residents Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
MINUTES
By ZOOM call

Attendees: Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Jordan Leith, Katherine Lilley, Hanna Gavendo, Susan McDonald, Cathy Merkley, Wolfgang Moeder, Frances-Mary Morrison, Nicholas Provart, Jody Salomon, Fiona Smith, Sue Smith, Moritz Steinbauer

Absent: Sue Dexter, Lena Mortensen, Gus Sinclair, Douglas Walker

1. **Call to order: 7:03 and welcome.** Wolfgang thanked Anne for her service as Chair.
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Susan moved to adopt the agenda; Katherine seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the September 23, 2025 board meeting minutes.** Jody moved approval of the minutes. Rosalinda seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Business Arising from past minutes**
 - a. **Pumpkinfest recap** – Wolfgang thanked all who were involved. It was very successful and people were excited to be at the event.
 - b. **AGM recap** – Wolfgang welcomed new area reps Hanna and Katherine. He then gave a recap of the meeting. It went well and the speaker was interesting and covered all sorts of changes. It was challenging for us to find out what our role can be in this new environment. There was much discussion about the major issue of homelessness.
 - c. **Homeless encampments & safety (see below item 6)**
 - i. Bill 60 has been pushed through. FoSTRA will have taken the lead on this. Anne will check to see if they sent a letter. One was sent to the mayor.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Nomination of Gus Sinclair and Sue Dexter as *ad hoc* members.** This was deferred to the new year in order to allow for more discussion on the issue. Some issues raised were what the role of *ad hoc* members is, whether there is support for this in the constitution and what the nomination process is. Gus is a past president and Sue was U of T liaison and involved with planning and development. More discussion and definition is needed about these roles. Members recognize that both recruitment and planning are vital roles. Both candidates are very qualified. Succession planning is key and the two members are key to that. One way forward is to have Gus and Sue as ad hoc members this year, and encourage succession planning for a hand-off in the future.
Action: Anne made a motion to explore what ad hoc means and strike a committee of interested members to explore. Jody seconded. **The motion passed.**

- b. **Request for Major St. pedestrian safety improvements-** Susan reported there is need for increased safety on the street and asked what the protocol for moving the issue forward is? Major and College is also an intersection with problems. **Action:** Wolfgang will raise the issue at the next meeting with the councillor.
- c. **FoSTRA membership and meetings –** The FoSTRA membership fee is going up to \$50. They focus on important policy and HVRA members can attend meetings. Susan suggested we circulate their minutes to stay current. **Action:** Anne moved we pay the membership fee. Susan seconded. **The motion passed.**

6. Discussion on Homeless encampments and safety

Update - Wolfgang attended two meetings at Kensington School, led by Jessica Bell and Dianne Saxe's staff. One was before the encampment was closed and the other after. Before the committee could take action the Fire Marshall initiated a clearing of the site. Some questions HVRA members have raised are listed below:

- Role of HVRA in the context of the homelessness crisis
- What should be the board's guiding principles in responding to issues like the encampment?
- Balancing concerns around residents' concerns/safety with being responsive to the needs of the vulnerable?
- Do we need to have a broader discussion with the membership?

Action: After some discussion, it was decided that Rosalinda, Anne and Sue S. will look into who does what regarding homelessness and present to the board. They will come up with some responses for people, empower people, and provide information to help understand the situation. Wolfgang suggested working with Jessica Bell.

7. Other Business

Members decided not to have a December meeting. The next meeting is January 20th.

8. **Adjournment: 8:01.** Anne moved the meeting be adjourned. Sue seconded. **The motion passed.**

2026 HVRA Board Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise required, board meetings and AGMs are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, between 7:00-9:00 p.m. For the foreseeable future, these will be held via Zoom.

January 20
February 17
March 17

April 21
May 19 (Spring General Meeting)
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20 (AGM)
November 17
December 15