

**Harbord Village Residents Association**  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
**MINUTES**

**By ZOOM link**

**Attendees:**

Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Jordan Leith, Katherine Lilley, Cathy Merkley, Wolfgang Moeder, Frances-Mary Morrison, Lena Moretensen, Gus Sinclair, Fiona Smith, Sue Smith,

**Absent:** Hanna Gavendo, Susan McDonald, Lena Moretensen, Nicholas Provart, Jody Salomon, Moritz Steinbauer, Douglas Walker

1. **Call to order 7:03** Wolfgang welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Rosalinda on earning her PhD.
2. **Approval of Agenda** Rosalinda moved that the agenda be approved; Sue seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the November 25, 2025 board meeting minutes** Anne moved that the minutes be approved with a minor amendment; Rosalinda seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Business Arising from past minutes**
  - a. **Confirmation of 2026 meeting dates:** The Board confirmed meeting dates: May 19th for the spring general meeting, October 20th for the AGM, and September 13th for the fall fair.
  - b. **Ad hoc member nomination:** After some discussion, Anne moved a motion that the board appoint Gus and Sue as ad hoc board members until the next AGM in October, recognizing their valuable experience and connections. Seconded by FM. **The motion passed.**

The board acknowledged the need to review and strengthen their committees, particularly the Constitution and Nominations Committee and the Planning and Development Committee, given the rapidly changing regulatory environment. Gus suggested that previous job descriptions could serve as a starting point.

- c. **Augusta Streetcar stop:** Wolfgang reported that he met with Councillor Saxe's staff and it is not easy to make changes to the stop. The group discussed concerns about the streetcar stop where the current setup blocks intersections and poses safety issues for pedestrians and vehicles. Saxe's staff suggested collecting a neighborhood petition to demonstrate widespread support for relocation, as they are hesitant to make changes without clear community backing. The board agreed to gather community

feedback through a survey distributed via e-blast and flyers for the spring meeting, with Sue and Susan tasked to draft the questionnaire for board review.

- d. **In person meetings:** The group discussed meeting venue options, with Kensington Health being the preferred choice due to its free mandate for community initiatives, though they need to confirm if the previous boardroom still exists. Sue moved that the March board meeting be a hybrid meeting (with laptop set up for remote participants) and the May meeting be in person. Rosalinda seconded. **The motion passed.**

The group agreed to explore other venues. **Action:** Gus will contact Kensington Health to confirm availability and status of meeting rooms, Rosalinda will contact St. George Lutheran Church to confirm if their space can accommodate up to 80 people. Cathy will contact Knox church about their spaces.

- e. **Homeless committee:** Not much happened over the holidays. Anne attended two workshops. Anne will tap into the resources of the FoSTRA affordable housing committee. There is potential to have a speaker talk to the board or at general meeting. Wolfgang attended FoSTRA and there is some interest in RAs meeting in advance of meetings with Councillor Saxe. Wolfgang will pursue. There was discussion about the homelessness issue and FM raised concerns about the lack of public toilets affecting the unhoused in their area.

## 5. New Business

- a. **Meeting with Jessica Bell on Feb. 2.** Jessica Bell has invited all the RAs to a meeting. Anne has signed up. If anyone has ideas for discussion or wants to go let Wolfgang know.
- b. **Harbord St. planters.** A note in Councillor Saxe's newsletter suggests there may be an opportunity to reduce the size of the concrete islands. The board discussed options for planters and maintenance. Gus will contact the BIA to explore BIA interest and possible support (eg. water supply) and report back.
- c. **Family membership:** The board discussed eliminating family memberships in favor of individual memberships, with Rosalinda explaining that the current system causes complications and confusion. They agreed to stop processing new family memberships while allowing existing ones to renew as individuals until their next renewal, after which they will be converted to individual memberships. The formal constitutional amendment is to be voted on at the AGM after proper notice. Rosalinda moved that a constitutional change to eliminate family memberships be brought forward at the spring AGM. Anne seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

- d. **Queen's Park North:** Sue explained that the Weston Foundation has offered \$50 million for Queens Park North, but residents are concerned about preserving the park's trees and historic character. The city has proposed new buildings and amenities, which the community opposes. Sue and other residents are working to get a heritage landscape designation for the park to protect it. The report to Heritage Preservation Services on behalf of HVRA was sent without prior board approval. The board discussed the process and agreed to be more proactive in the future. Sue will continue to represent HVRA in ongoing QPN and heritage designation matters and update the board as needed. Anne will send the board the invite to upcoming meeting with Councillor Saxe.
  - e. **Heritage Designation Major St.:** Sue reported on Heritage Designation. Because of provincial changes, 3,000 properties in the city will lose their heritage designation. Research has been sent to Heritage Preservation services regarding properties along College St.
6. **Other Business:** Feb 28 is the Coldest Night of the Year fundraising walk for the Fort York Food Bank. Katherine, Wolfgang and Anne are coordinating. We need more people to sign up and board support is encouraged. The goal is to raise \$20,000.
7. **Adjournment.** Gus moved and Katherine seconded that the meeting be adjourned. **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.

<p>January 20          February 17          March 17          April 21          May 19 (Spring General Meeting)          June 16          July 21          August 18          September 13 - Fall Fair          September 15</p>	<p>October 20 (AGM)          November 17          December 15</p>
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