

**Harbord Village Residents Association**  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**MINUTES**  
**By ZOOM**

**Attendees:**

Sue Dexter, Anne Fleming, Rosalinda Furlan, Hanna Gavendo , Jordan Leith, Cathy Merkley, Susan McDonald, Wolfgang Moeder , Nicholas Provart, Jody Salomon, Gus Sinclair, Fiona Smith, Sue Smith, Moritz Steinbauer

**Absent:** Katherine Lilley, Frances-Mary Morrison, Lena Moretensen, Douglas Walker

1. **Call to order: 7:02** Wolfgang thanked all those who are serving on committees for their extra efforts. He spoke about creating a positive and friendly atmosphere at the meetings and encouraged anyone to contact him directly as chair with any issues.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Anne moved the Agenda be approved with two additional items added to New Business - spring clean up and a request from a journalism student; Hannah seconded. **The motion passed.**
3. **Approval of the January 20, 2026 board meeting minutes:** Wolfgang had emailed the Board some amendments to the minutes prior to the meeting which he highlighted. Anne moved the minutes be approved as amended; Rosalinda seconded. **The motion passed.**
4. **Business Arising from past minutes**
  - a. **Family membership** (see Appendix 1) Rosalinda reported that the proposal was sent to the Nominations and Constitutional Committee (NCC) and they were concerned about member concerns. They are good with the amendment being brought to the spring meeting. Members will be informed of amendment 15 days prior to the spring meeting. Details will be provided in the e-blast sent to members in April.
  - b. **Augusta Streetcar stop** (Sue Smith) Sue went over the issues at the intersection. A proposal is to do a survey (website and e-blast), form a working group and create a petition. Potential partners include Kensington Health, BIA and Second Mile Club. Photographic evidence would help. Sue S would like another meeting with the councillor.
  - c. **Harbord St free-standing planters on concrete bump outs** Wolfgang had a brief discussion with the councillor and she is in favour but the issue is watering. Gus discussed with the BIA and it is not possible for them to access water so not in a position to do it. Annex BIA has their own water truck – Gus will speak to them. Cathy will speak to her contacts at Transportation. Wolfgang will speak again with Councillor Saxe.
  - d. **In person meetings** Gus updated the Board on situation at Kensington health. They do not have an available boardroom but he will follow up with CEO. Jody researched the Lord Lansdowne School. King Edward and Central Tech could also be options. There is a \$35 application fee. Sue S.

moved we authorize Jody to complete the application process. Hannah seconded. The motion passed. Wolfgang will write a letter of authorization, which is required for application.

- e. **Homeless committee** (Sue Smith, Anne, Rosalinda) The committee met to outline what they can do. There is an educational piece, the “Who to Call List” which has been shared on the e-blast. Another idea is a forum to share resources, perhaps have a panel presentation with question period. Anne attended a helpful FoSTRA webinar. Anne and Rosalinda attended the open house for 720 Bathurst and were impressed with the space. There is a 3 year timeline for it to be up and running. Anne also gave an overview of what is happening around housing initiatives.
  - f. **Queen’s Park North** Sue D updated the board on the Town Hall with councillor Saxe. The current status is that a report will be released March 3, there will be a Councillor’s meeting and then it will go to Executive Committee. The negotiating team from Friends of Queen’s Park North is Sue Dexter (HVRA), Elisabeth Sisam (ARA) and Paul Farrelly (CWCA). Current work is working through strategies at Council, in an effort to preserve the park as a place of trees and respite, which the current designs would destroy. So far we have managed to get the City’s Heritage Planning department in oversight and we hope to bring University of Toronto Forestry into the picture because present plans would injure the old growth forest. Anne clarified that the process has been opaque.
  - g. **CNOY** (Anne): Fundraising is half way to \$20,000 so very pleased with the support. It would be great to have 100% board support.
5. **New Business**
- a. **Jessica Bell Round Table**. Anne and Wolfgang attended along with several other RA’s. There was a short talk from each about what they are doing and what their issues are. The two main issues are housing and MTSA - fear of further intensification.
  - b. **Amelia McCluskey** (Rosalinda): A graphic designer would like to make a poster for the spring clean-up. Rosalinda moved that she get in touch with Amelia and give her the go ahead to create a poster. Gus seconded. **The motion passed.**
  - c. **NORC meeting**. Seaton Village RA is having an information session about Naturally-Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs). If anyone wants to go to the meeting and then update the board that will be great.
  - d. **720 Bathurst Indigenous shelter**. Anne discussed earlier in 1e.
6. **Other Business**
- a. Journalism student request. A student contacted Rosalinda wanting to write about the neighbourhood for a project. She will keep the board posted if she finds out more.
7. **Adjournment: 8:57**. Gus moved the meeting be adjourned; Anne 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. We plan to have in-person board meetings from March 2026.

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

October 20 (AGM)

November 17

December 15

## Appendix 1.

### Proposed amendment regarding family membership

The HVRA Board proposes the following amendment to *Section 3, Membership, subsection (e)* of the Constitution to eliminate Family memberships.

[S. 3, ss. \(e\)](#) states "Voting membership is available in two types, Individual or Family (two or more persons occupying the same accommodation). Each membership is entitled to one vote."

Proposed amendment: "Voting membership is defined as an Individual membership. Each membership entitles that Individual to one vote."

### Rationale

The HVRA uses a WordPress database to maintain membership records and automatically generate membership renewal notices. The system does not have the capacity to link memberships that fall under the Family membership description. (Writing such code could cost \$1000, according to Web Master Nick Provert.)

When one member of a Family membership pays the annual membership fee, associated memberships are not automatically updated. Non-paying members of a Family membership continue to receive automated renewal notices. A corollary problem involves the HVRA email blast, which operates on the same principle: one member profile=one email address added to the recipient list. The HVRA has invested in automating its membership application/renewal and information dissemination processes; artifacts predating automation, like the Family membership, should be removed.

Furthermore, the [membership description](#) on the HVRA website implies that memberships are individual and does not mention Family memberships. The Constitution should conform with information on the website that reflects how the automated membership system works. Finally, when only one person in a Family membership has a right to vote, one family member has greater political rights than another.

Eliminating the Family membership will save the HVRA money on software coding and time in manually managing the email-blast recipient list and updating records. Insisting that one membership=one vote furthers political equality among our membership.