

**Harbord Village Residents Association
Spring General Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 7:00-9:00 pm
Central Technical School, Room 208
Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement:** 7:11
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Gus Sinclair moved; Catherine Lilley seconded. The motion passed.
- 3. Approval of 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes:** Susan McDonald moved; Hanna Gavendo seconded. The motion passed.
- 4. Chair's Remarks:** Wolfgang Moeder welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how good it was to have an in person meeting. He thanked everyone who made it possible. He said the HVRA provides an opportunity to address issues at the community level and bring people together. He touched on the highlights from the past year including Pumpkinfest, the Coldest Night of the Year walk for the Fort York Food Bank, the debate for the federal election, Spring Clean-up for the neighbourhood, monthly dinners and mentioned the upcoming Fall Fair on September 13.
- 5. Financial Report:** Gus Sinclair presented the 2025 Financial Statements and the Budget for 2026 which is set by the board and based on past years. Overall income is down by \$2,000 from last year because of lower membership income and less money raised at the Fall Fair. Overall we are in good financial shape. These reports are just for information as they will be voted on at the fall AGM.
- 6. Constitutional Amendment:** Membership secretary Rosalinda Furlan explained the reasoning behind the amendment to the types of HVRA membership and moved the amendment be accepted. It was seconded by Gus Sinclair. The motion passed.
- 7. NetZero Committee Report:** Jody Salomon talked about the projects that the committee is working on. The goal is to help residents achieve a low carbon home and use low carbon transportation.
- 8. Update on Queen's Park North:** Sue Dexter gave an overview and update about the development proposals for the park. The park is unique and the true value in the park is the trees. The Weston donation and development plans threaten the park. However, after ten months the group Friends of Queen's Park North is finally making progress and there is some process in place. City Forestry is now involved and a forestry management study is being done which will define how the park should be managed. Staff recommendations will go to city council June 10. There is still much work to be done by the group to ensure the preservation of the park.
- 9. Major St. Intersection:** Sue Smith spoke about the issues at the complicated intersection of College, Augusta and Major Streets. They have developed a petition and are taking it around the neighbourhood. It asks for a safety audit of the intersection and proposes that the TTC move the streetcar stop.

10. Area caucuses and reports:

SW - issues included destruction of and not replanting street planters and lack of enforcement of 3hr street parking on Lippincott leading to limited parking for residents.

NE- North East residents expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming Sussex Avenue park and are pleased that community consultations by U of T regarding the former Robert Street rink space are planned. They noted with appreciation that the Oak House residence has remained quiet, though members are eager to learn which businesses will lease the building's street-level retail units. Commercial turnover along Harbord Street remains a primary focus. Residents are actively wondering what will replace River Thai and how the former Harbord House space will be utilized. Residents shared a collective sense of disappointment regarding the loss of neighborhood bookstores on Harbord Street.

- 11. Community Builder Awards:** - Gus announced that the 2026 award is being given to two wonderful candidates: Ian MacKenzie and Linda Pelton. They live on Robert Street and have each found ways to contribute to the community. See the website for a full description and list of past winners. <https://harbordvillage.com/neighbourhood-events/public-meetings/community-builder-awards/>

- 12. Remarks from University-Rosedale MPP Jessica Bell:** Two issues were raised. Schools and Billy Bishop Airport. \$900 million is being cut from schools over the next three years. Vice principal positions have already been cut. Parents are organizing to challenge the cuts. Class size will be an issue for teachers in upcoming bargaining. There are many issues with the proposal for jets at Billy Bishop Airport. The health issues of having jets on the waterfront is important. Jessica will continue to follow these issues and keep the community informed.

- 13. Guest Speaker: Kathrin Brunner, NORC Operations Manager, NORC Innovation Centre at University Health Network:** Kathrin noted that most people want to age in place but often face isolation, have limited access to care and fragmented supports. She outlined the work of the NORC centre in addressing these issues. NORC buildings are defined as apartments, condos or co-ops with 30% or more older adults (65+). There are more than 543 NORC buildings in Toronto and 85,000+ seniors. The goal of the centre, which was launched in 2022, is to bridge social connection and accessible care for older adults. Their work spans research, design, data and policy and advocacy. They partner with service organizations and are active in 30 buildings. NORC ambassadors build and strengthen availability of informal support, increase social connections and reduce loneliness, organize programs that promote health and wellbeing and advocate for age inclusive communities. More information can be found on their website <https://norcinnovationcentre.ca/>

- 14. Adjournment:** 8:55. Gus Sinclair moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Rosalinda Furlan. The motion passed.