

Heron Park Community Association
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025
At the Heron Park Community Building, 1560 Clover St.

Attendees:

Ben Fogel (President), Claire Sales (Secretary), Linda Gama-Pinto (Board Member at Large), Josh Geauvreau, Emma Bider, Tania Mushka (BCFC), Sam Puddister, Sophie de Francesco, Colin MacLean (guest, former resident), Kelly Fourney, Cheryl Harvey, Cynthia Modjeski, Diane Burgess (Richard Ave.), Mirella Agostini (Richard Ave.), Shelly Wright (Richard Ave.), Catherine Szewczyk (Gilles St.), Julia Driedger (Brûlé Ave.), Liana French (Clover St.), Fen McKenna (Secord Ave.), Phyllis Holmes (Apolydore Ave.), Brian Jackson (Apolydore Ave.), Clément Berthiaume, William Alexander (Richard Ave.), Karl the Magic Gopher (Earth), Malinda Francescut (Aldéa Ave.), Doreen Smith (Gilles St.), Rosella MacNeill (Board Member at Large), Léo Dérome

Meeting Started at: 7:02pm

1. Welcome & Approval of the Agenda

Ben motions to reverse the order of points 2 and 3 on the agenda.
Leo motions to approve the agenda with Ben's proposed changes
Linda seconds.
Agenda approved.

Ben mentions that the HPCA board and the City are working together to finalize the key agreement and access to the new building.

2. Tania Mushka, Brookfield Community Food Cupboard

Invites a member of the board or the community association to join the steering committee of the BCFC, which is a joint venture between Brookfield H.S. and the community. This delegate from HPCA would speak on behalf of the association to the steering committee. Meetings take place during daytime hours, once a month or once every 2 months, and focus on strategic planning and risk management. Ben will circulate Tania's email address to the community, in case anyone would like to reach out to her.

3. Councillor's Update - Chris Lee, Office of Shawn Menard

- Heron Rd. at Kaladar Ave. will be getting a bus shelter - timeline is to be determined.
- The stop sign at Clover St. and Aldéa Ave. will be removed after a study was done showing very low compliance with stopping. Clover St.

will be redesigned and will include a bike lane, and this may be an opportunity to consider options for that intersection.

- Residents express concern about the safety at that corner, given the proximity to the park, families crossing, cars speeding and cars going the wrong direction.
- Resident suggestion: Closing of the corner of Clover and Aldéa would promote safety as well as reduce non-resident through traffic on those two streets, all in conjunction with Aldéa's impending narrowing, whether on a trial or permanent basis
- Councillor Menard's office brought the drainage issue on Ohio St. to the attention of the people managing the road work.
- Has received confirmation that the plan for the development at the corner of Bank St. and Walkley Rd. will include 4 towers, 1 of which will be affordable housing
- Councillor's office has put in a request for an automatic pedestrian crossing signal at the corner of Heron Rd. and Kaladar Ave.
- Heron Rd. is on the list for resurfacing, but the city has limited funds for this. Suggests calling 3-1-1 if residents have concerns.
- Chris agrees to put in a service request to address flooding on Bank St. due to construction, at resident's request.

4. Summary of HPCA priority planning exercise from the 2025 AGM and open discussion

- Pedestrian safety seems to be a priority.
- Resident suggestions:
 - Enforcement of stop signs and speeding
 - Sidewalk on Kaladar Ave. needs to be repaired
 - Get an advanced green and No U-Turn sign for Eastbound Heron turning onto Clémentine Blvd.
 - 1-sided parking on Apolydore Ave.
 - Need more bus routes, more buses and better reliability to reduce need for parking and cars. There is no bus route on the South side of Heron Park.
 - Set up a blue bin at Heron Park. A neighbour volunteers to put the recycling out with her own recycling on pick-up day.

5. Approval of December, 2025 HPCA Monthly Meeting Minutes

- Linda moves to approve the minutes with the modifications submitted by residents by email.
- Cynthia seconds the approval of the minutes.
- Claire agrees to circulate the finalized approved minutes by email to the community in the next few days.

6. Other Business

- Garbage pick-up day is changing in March.
- Members of HPCA board will be meeting with the City tomorrow regarding the use of the community building.
- A grand opening of the building will be held in April and sponsored by Shawn Menard's office.

Julia motioned to close the meeting.

Claire seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 8:18pm