

## **AGM 2018 - Chair's Report**

This has been my first year as chair of HNWTA and it has been a wonderful experience, I work with a competent and dedicated team of individuals who clearly love our neighbourhood, respect the goals of our association and enjoy spending time outside. I look forward to another good year with this outstanding team.

We lost a few members this year due to time conflicts and other responsibilities; I would like to thank Chris Redmond and David Richey especially for their service over the years. I would also like to thank Diane Arsenault and Doug van Hemesson for their work on the FaceBook and web pages.

A few months ago we realized we needed to recruit some more volunteers to the board and were able to bring in two incredibly capable young people to handle our social and print media communications. I have been amazed at what Spencer and Alyssa have accomplished in the short time they have been working.

We also recruited a new secretary, Heather Leslie, and an engineer, Julien Gonzalez, who is already building bridges.

I would also like to thank the Active Transportation group at HRM for their patience with me while I learn the ropes of city politics and processes.

We are most proud of four new projects that are almost completed now. These short neighbourhood connections to the Mainland Linear Trail were planned and proposed in 2017 and now allow wheeled access to the MLT from both Turnmill Park and Mary Clayton Memorial Park. One of the existing connections to the MLT from the Canada Games Centre has been paved, allowing snow clearing and improved winter access. The final connection improves the MLT access at the top of Westridge Dr., creating wheel chair parking spots and an accessible path to the upper parking lot and Dog Park.

We are currently in the middle of planning our next capital projects which will expand the network of Active Transportation trails in our neighbourhood. If any of you would like to be involved in this project, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted;  
Jessica Boyd, Chair HNWTA