

## VILLAGE ROUND TABLE

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The Village Round Table was established in the fall of 2018 as a hands-on, street-level, working group to facilitate dialogue and foster a general spirit of co-operation and problem-solving between the various areas of The Village. The VRT also acts as a channel for communicating its members' concerns/ideas to the appropriate individuals, associations, Town departments, etc.

Currently the committee is made up of representatives of the 5 laneways on the west of Garrison Village Drive, as well as representatives of several homes east of GVD. The total number of residences represented is approximately 112.

### **The Committee:**

Mike Siverns: Chair  
Dee and Rob Fahlman  
Luba Fraser  
Russ Garrard  
Phil Loforti  
Lisa Rahbarian  
Jennifer Siverns  
Bill Smelser

We have held 3 meetings so far – approximately every six months. Our next meeting would have been held in April 2020. However, due to the current Covid-19 situation this has of course been postponed and will be rescheduled when appropriate.

Over the past 18 months we have made progress in general terms by making our residents much more aware of the issues and concerns of a broad swath of The Village, and this knowledge creates more understanding and willingness to be of assistance to each other when possible. In addition, in more concrete terms, we have succeeded in securing economies of scale, with significant savings, with respect to such items as drain-cleaning as well as a combined winter salting program for the 5 laneways. We have also collectively approached the Town to get boulevard tree trimming and sidewalk maintenance issues handled for the areas we represent. Concerns regarding homeowners insurance have also been discussed. Laneway committee members have raised concerns regarding their legal liability, and members of the VRT are currently looking into this and will report back at the next meeting.

The VRT is still evolving and in its early stages of development. The input of its members is vital. Anyone who is not at present represented on the committee and is interested in “joining the conversation”, please email me at: [jennifersiverns@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifersiverns@hotmail.com)