

# Harbour View Citizens' Association Nominating Committee - Electronic Voting Summary March 21, 2021

## Electronic Voting Summary

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was important to pivot from solely using traditional, in-person, paper ballots, to help ensure public health and safety. Therefore, electronic voting was introduced as a part of the Harbour View Citizens' Association (HVCA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) voting system. Voting is allowed only once per member in good standing. If a person opts to vote via electronic ballot, then they are not allowed to vote via paper ballot and vice versa.

Electronic voting commenced on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 10:00am and closed at 10:00am Sunday, March 21, 2021. The two-day period was to allow everyone enough time to vote, as internet service can be spotty and unreliable. Each HVCA member of good standing was randomly assigned a specific password for voting.

There were 79 members in good standing. All members were randomly assigned a password. Passwords ranged from 0 to 3,000. So even though there were only 79 members in good standing, there were a possible 3,000 passwords generated. This would make it difficult for someone to guess another person's password. Each HVCA member in good standing was given their password by a member of the Nominating Committee between March 16 and 18, 2021.

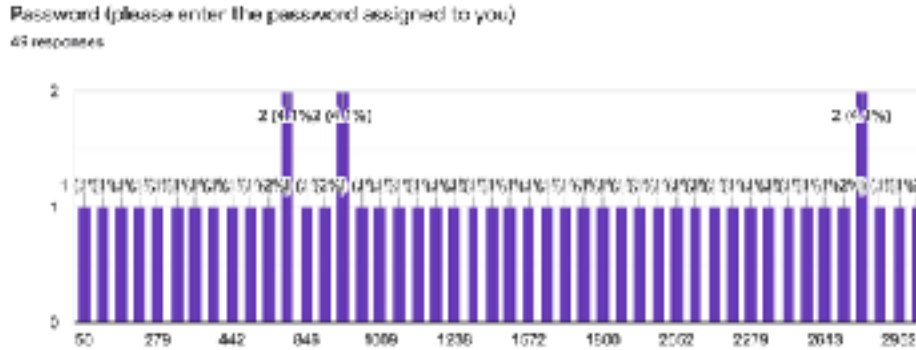
Initially, fourteen (14) persons indicated their preference to vote by paper ballot and sixty-five (65) people indicated that they would prefer to vote electronically. At the close of voting on March 21, eleven (11) persons voted using paper ballots and forty-four (44) individuals voted electronically.

Electronic Voting took place via the following link: <https://harbourviewca.com/elections.html>

The Nominating Committee collated all ballots (paper and electronic) and the Poll Clerk, Mr Paul Ximines, was provided this information for presentation at the HVCA March 21, 2021 Annual General Meeting. Below is a summary of the electronic voting results.

## Electronic Voting Response Rate

Sixty-five (65) people opted to vote electronically. When voting closed on Sunday, March 2021, there were 49 responses from 46 individuals. This meant 46 people voted and that three (3) persons voted twice (see Figure 1).



*Figure 1*

## Data Scrubbing

“Data scrubbing, also called data cleansing, is the process of cleaning up data in a database that is incorrect, incomplete, or duplicated.”

The three individuals who voted twice and their respective votes, were identified by password only, using the Google Forms backend analytics. Utilising standard data scrubbing statistical methodology, duplicate votes by the three (3) persons who voted twice were removed.

Two sets of votes came from unassigned passwords. Therefore the votes for these two unassigned passwords were removed.

## **Electronic Votes - Final Results**

Final nominees for each HVCA Post was uncontested, that is, final candidates for each position ran unopposed. After data scrubbing (removing duplicate votes from the three persons who voted twice and two unassigned password responses) the electronic voting results are as follows:

**Total number of individuals who voted electronically** (after scrubbing) - 44

**Number of votes for President**, Ms Sandra Hall - 40

**Number of votes for 1st Vice President**, Ms Beverlyn Wong - 38

**Number of votes for 2nd Vice President**, Ms Carol Harris - 38

**Number of votes for Treasurer**, Mr Michael Harris - 32

**Number of votes for Secretary**, Ms Karlene Black - 34

**Number of votes for Assistant Secretary**, Mrs Shani Thompson-Richards - 31

**Number of votes for Public Relations Officer**, Dr Danique Hayden - 40

### **Number of votes for Non-Officers of the HVCA Committee:**

Ms Elaine Edwards - 29

Mr Garth Daniels - 25

Mr Denton Patterson - 19

Ms Lorna Harris - 20

## **Members of the HVCA Nominating Committee**

Members of the 2021 HVCA Nominating Committee are:

Ms Novlet Ralph (Sub-Committee Chair)

Dr Raquel Peat

Dr Chandra Degia

Mr Rohan Brown

Mr Andrew Grey

## **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who made the HVCA's 1st electronic voting a success. Thank you to all who voted electronically, those who asked questions and gave suggestions, as well as to all those who worked tirelessly behind the scene to make it possible. In addition to the hard working Nominating Committee, a special thank you is extended to Dr Danique Hayden. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make electronic voting a success.