

**Brant Historical Society  
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting  
On Zoom  
April 26th, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Tim Philp (President), Denise Methot (Vice-President), Willy Hilgendag (Treasurer), Leisah Marie Jansen, Doug Summerhayes, Murray Angus.

Regrets: Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary)

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: There were no changes.

Motion: Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by L. Jansen, that the agenda be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by D. Methot, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that the minutes of March 29, 2022 2022 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously. M-A Marion abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

4. Executive Director's Report:

T. Philp reported that the bricking of the Crystal Cottage foundation was almost complete and work, by the developer, may be able to begin on the outside shortly. The developer is responsible for restoring all the exterior elements to the cottage. The cottage sustained a lot of damage during the move and it may be a costly proposition to bring it back to where it was before it was moved. There is a homeless person living in the basement who will have to be removed. The Browns are still interested in completing the interior of the cottage to its original state for just the cost of materials. There was some discussion on the cost of the materials and ways to defer those costs.

The National Trust has approached the City with the objective of giving Myrtleville House Museum and the property to the City. Tim was of the opinion that the City didn't want to take on this burden and there may be the opportunity for the City to 'gift' Myrtleville to the Society. T. Philp is going to discuss the options with the City and the Board.

The AGM is scheduled for June 1. T. Philp will be working with Nathan Etherington to get the invitations out by the end of the week. The plan is to hold the meeting outside at Myrtleville. There is the opportunity to have the meeting inside the Drive Shed if the weather is inclement. There was a discussion on setting up Zoom for those who aren't able to attend in person. There will also be proposed changes to the bylaws that will be presented.

Motion: Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by L. Jansen, that the Executive Director's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

## 5. Treasurer's Report:

The financials for the previous month were circulated before the meeting. The society's books are still in the black, with just regular expenses being paid. There was another grant from the County and Tim commented on the good job that Nathan is doing in working with the County to acquire these grants. Our bank balance is \$68,000.

Motion: Moved by D. Methot, seconded by M. Angus, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

## 6. New Business:

D. Methot said that she had been approached by a member of the Society with concerns about the facade at 136 Market Street and if the Society could/should ask the developer to preserve the facade in some way (incorporate it into the new building; donate the facade to the Historical Society; perhaps install it as a folly at Myrtleville? etc).

T. Philp said that the facade had been discussed with the developer in the past and that it had been ordered from a catalogue by Dr Marquis for his offices. He said that it really didn't have any historical value. There was a comment that, as such, it was well over 100 years old and should merit consideration for preservation. Tim said that there had been resistance from the developer and it came down to saving the Crystal Cottage or this facade. It was suggested that D. Methot relay this information to the member and that we would not become involved in the issue.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

The next meeting will be held virtually on May 31st at 6 pm.