

**Brant Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting
May 28, 2024
Brant Museum and Archives
57 Charlotte St.,
Brantford, ON**

MINUTES

Present: Murray Angus (Chair), Leisah Marie Jansen, Pat Duern, Brian Moore, Sarah Clarke, Glad Woodburn

Regrets: Michael-Allan Marion, Bill Hyde, John Utlej

Staff: Marion McGeein (Executive Director).

1) **Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm .**

2) **Approval of Agenda:**

Additions to Agenda:

7(b) Wall of Honor

7(c) Meeting with City Officials

Motion: Moved by P. Duern, seconded by G. Woodburn,

That the revised agenda for Board of Directors May 28, 2024 meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3) **Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2024 Meeting:**

Motion: Moved by L Jansen, seconded by P Duern

That the Minutes of the April 30, 2024 meeting be approved. **Carried unanimously.**

4) **Business arising**

a. Follow up to meeting with National Trust

i. Myrtleville House Lease Agreement

G. Woodburn suggest that there could be some revisions and will forward comments to M. McGeein

Motion: Moved by: B Moore, Seconded by: S Clarke

That the updated "Use Agreement" for Myrtleville House property between the National Trust of Canada and the Brant Historical Society be signed by June 30, 2024.

Carried unanimously

ii. Meeting with the Good Family

Motion: Moved by: B Moore; Seconded by: S Clarke

That select members of the BHS Board of Directors will meet with some members of the Good Family within the year to discuss the future of the Myrtleville House property.

Carried G Woodburn opposed

iii. Next meeting with National Trust

Motion: Moved by: B Moore; Seconded by: L M Jansen

That select members of the BHS Board of Directors will convene a meeting within the next two (2) years of the National Trust of Canada and local authorities who can impact heritage preservation (e.g. City, County, Member of Parliament, Member of Provincial Parliament, Brantford Community Foundation, and others, not yet identified).

Carried

G Woodburn opposed

iv. Myrtleville House Museum Endowment Fund

Motion: Moved by: B Moore; Seconded by: L M Jansen

That the BHS Board of Directors will over the next three (3) years assist in the work to establish a substantial endowment fund for the Myrtleville House property.

Carried

G Woodburn, P Duern opposed

v. Myrtleville House Museum

Motion: Moved by: B Moore; Seconded by: S Clarke

That the BHS Board of Directors will over the next three (3) years determine whether the BHS is able to become the owner/ operator of the Myrtleville House property. **Carried**

vi. Report of April 12, 2024.

Motion: Moved by: B Moore; Seconded by: S Clarke

That the BHS Board of Directors receive the report of the meeting of April 12, 2024 between the Executive Director of the National Trust of Canada and select Directors of the Brant Historical Society Board.

Carried unanimously

b. SWOT analysis

J Utley has emailed the board members to provide feedback on the next step in the exercise and to categorize all of the response in each of the 4 quadrants in the workable categories. J Utley request that the information be returned to him by the end of May 2024. Further he is requesting that two meetings be held in June 2024 to further develop the SWOT analysis.

5) Correspondence:

M. Angus continued the discussion regarding the book by Bruce Hill called Grand River Navigation and the possible reprinting of the book. Further information will be available at a later date.

6) Reports:

a. Financial Report:

Deferred.

b. Summit workshop:

Motion: Moved by: P Duern; Seconded by: L M Jansen,

That the report regarding the summit workshop be received as circulated.

Carried unanimously

c. Executive Director's Report:

Motion: Moved by L M Jansen; Seconded P. Duern;

That the Executive Director's report be received as circulated.

Carried unanimously.

d. Committees

i. Events

Motion: Moved by B Moore; Seconded P. Duern;

That the Events committee report be received as circulated.

Carried unanimously.

7) New Business:

a. Myrtleville Heritage Designation

Motion: Moved by B Moore; Seconded G Woodburn;

That the BHS Board of Directors receive the report of the meeting of May 13, 2024 between a representative of the City of Brantford staff and the staff and a Director of the Brant Historical Society.

Carried unanimously.

b. Wall of Honour

The issue of criteria was discussed for how a person would be added to the Wall of Honour. (circulated with minutes).

c. Meeting with City Staff

J Utley has arranged a meeting for B Hyde and M Angus to meet with K Davis (Mayor) and B Hutchings (CAO) of the City of Brantford on Friday May 31 to discuss the ongoing challenges facing the Brant Historical Society. Further information will be provided to the Board members after the meeting.

8) Notices of Discussion: None

9) Next Meeting:

a. June 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm

10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.