

**Brant Historical Society  
Board of Directors Special Meeting  
March 20, 2024  
Brant Museum and Archives  
57 Charlotte St.,  
Brantford, ON**

**MINUTES**

**Present In Person or On Zoom:** Leisah Marie Jansen (Vice-President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Willy Hilgendag (Treasurer), Pat Duern, Sarah Clarke, Murray Angus, Bill Hyde, John Utley, Gladys Woodburn, Doug Summerhayes.

**Regrets:**

Tim Philp (President).

**Staff:** Marion McGeein (Executive Director Pro-Temp)

1. **Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7 pm with L. Jansen in the Chair.**

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Request agreed that discussion concerning a meeting with City of Brantford officials on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 4:30 pm, be added to the agenda.

**Motion:** Moved by B. Hyde, seconded by G. Woodburn, that the agenda of the March 20, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

**Carried unanimously.**

3. **Review of Financial Position of the Society:**

B. Hyde opened discussion of the current perilous state of the Brant Historical Society's financial affairs, referring periodically to documents that had been requested and circulated to board members.

**Motion:** Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by B. Hyde, that the meeting move in-camera to discuss a property matter.

**Carried unanimously.**

**Motion:** Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by M-A Marion, that the board move ex-camera to continue discussion.

**Carried unanimously.**

**Motion:** Moved by B. Hyde, seconded by J. Utley, that the Board of Directors approve the sale of the Crystal Cottage through one of two options: That Murray Angus be authorized to negotiate a purchase and sale with purchaser Dan Brown or any other interested party, if that can be done by April 1, 2024; or if it cannot be done by that date, allow the Crystal Cottage to be sold under power of sale to the mortgage holder.

**Carried unanimously.**

**Recorded Vote:**

**In Favour:** Murray Angus, Bill Hyde, John Utley, Willy Hilgendag, Glad Woodburn, Sarah Clarke, Pat Duern, Leisah Marie Jansen, Michael-Allan Marion, Doug Summerhayes.

4. **Meeting with City Officials about the Crystal Cottage:**

**Motion:** Moved by B. Hyde, seconded by G. Woodburn, that Murray Angus represent the board in discussions with city officials concerning a meeting over the Crystal Cottage on Friday, March 22, 2024; and that all board members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

**Carried.**

**Recorded Vote:**

In Favour -Bill Hyde, John Utley, Willy Hilgendag, Glad Woodburn, Doug Summerhayes, Sarah Clarke, Murray Angus.

Opposed – Pat Duern.

Abstaining – Leisah Marie Jansen, Michael-Allan Marion.

5. **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Moved by J. Utley, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.