

Brant Historical Society

Board of Directors

September 22nd, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Staff: None present.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Methot, that the agenda for the Sept. 27, 2022 board of directors meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Methot, that the minutes of the special board meeting of June 2, 2022 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

4. **Executive Director's Report:**

T. Philp reported on progress with the Crystal Cottage. He said he expects the work to be completed by the end of October, then the board can discuss in the November meeting what steps to take next with the heritage structure. He hopes to have a resolution ready at the meeting. He also reported on progress concerning the society's impending acquisition of the a Myrtleville House Museum property. He related recent discussions he had with officials and expressed hope that the property "will be in our hands before too long."

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

Carried unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

It was reported that the society has just received a \$20,000 grant from a federal government sustainability program.

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

Carried unanimously.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

A) M-A Marion reported on the results of the first meeting of the Expositor Archives Working Group on Aug. 18. The group is comprised of M-A Marion as chairman, Tim Philp, David Judd, Heather Ibbotson as a resource person, and museum curator Nathan Etherington.

The working group discussed reports written by H. Ibbotson and D. Judd about the deteriorating physical state of the photo archives and the need to digitize them, scan them at high resolution, and take preservation steps before they deteriorate any further.

It is estimated that the work could cost about \$75,000. Funding could come from federal and provincial programs as well as City of Brantford and County of Brant programs.

Motion: Moved by M. Angus, seconded by M-A Marion, that the board of directors supports a direction to staff to take steps to apply for grants to preserve and digitize photo and print archives in the society's Expositor Archives collection.

Carried unanimously.

B) **Annual General Meeting in 2023** - The board will discuss the holding of the 2023 AGM as the time draws closer. According to the bylaws, the meeting must be held no later than March 31, unless an emergency has been declared.

7. Next Meeting: The next Meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 6 pm.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.