

Brant Historical Society
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
On Zoom
February 23, 2021
Brant Museum and Archives
[57 Charlotte Street,](#)
[Brantford, ON](#)

Meeting Minutes

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

Regrets: Colleen Armstrong

Staff: None

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Changes to Agenda: There were no additions or deletions

3. Motion to Accept Agenda:

Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by D. Methot, that the agenda be approved.

Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by D. Methot, seconded by L. Jansen, that the minutes of the January 26, 2021 virtual meeting of the Brant Historical Society board of directors be approved.

Carried unanimously.

5. Executive Director's Report:

T. Philp gave an update on the Crystal Cottage project to move the heritage building to a vacant lot beside the Brant Museum and Archives. He said he is in discussions with city officials concerning a minor variance that would have the parking lot for the cottage put in front of the building instead of behind it. Installing the lot in front would avoid having to have a shared driveway.

T. Philp said staff are working from home on scanning documents. They are also getting ready to move artifacts from Market Square Mall.

He said that since the museum is in Orange territory, it is able to be open again subject to provincial COVID-19 restrictions.

Motion to accept Executive Director's Report: Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that the Executive Director's Report be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report:

W. Hilgendag delivered his report on the society's finances. He said there is currently \$120,000 in the current account, with \$50,000 coming. Expenses last month were \$16,795, with a net income of \$16,135. New memberships revenue was \$245.

He also said more COVID-related grant money of a yet uncertain amount is pending.

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

Carried unanimously.

7. Planning an Annual General Meeting:

T. Philp advised that the board should plan an AGM soon. Although the 2020 AGM was put off due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provincial regulations against public meetings, he said the knowledge that the disruption will likely continue for some time will mean one must be held to update the membership on the society's activities. The problem is that many members do not possess the technology to participate in a virtual meeting and some system of hybrid participation must be devised.

Motion: Moved by M. Marion, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that the President be directed to prepare for the holding of an annual general meeting and that he be directed to poll the membership as to preferences, and provide a report for the next board meeting.

Carried unanimously.

8. Next Meeting: Scheduled for March 30 at 7 pm.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.