

Brant Historical Society
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
On Zoom
October 5, 2021

Brant Museum and Archives
57 Charlotte Street,
Brantford, ON

Meeting Minutes

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

Staff: None present.

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

2) Changes to Agenda: T. Philp asked D. Methot to take the Chair temporarily while he handled a presentation at another virtual meeting. He said he will deliver his Executive Director's Report later in the meeting. There were no other changes to the agenda.

Motion: Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by L Jansen, that the agenda be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3) Minutes of the July meeting.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

T. Philp took over the Chair from D. Methot.

4) Treasurer's Report: The financial documents were circulated prior to the meeting. W. Hilgendag took the board members through the documents. He noted that grants totalled \$175,068.

He also noted grants of \$92,940 in July.

The total of all grants received for the year was \$292,949. That includes city and county grants.

The bank balance as of August 31, 2021 stands at \$148,558.

T. Philp also reported that the society has applied for a reopening grant.

Motion: Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by M-A Marion, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

5) Executive Director's Report:

T. Philp reported that the society's relationship with the Canadian Military Heritage Museum is going well. The new software program between the two is working very well. He said there are possibilities of making similar partnerships with other historical societies.

He reported that no progress has been made on the attempt to satisfy the transfer of the Myrtleville House Museum's deed on the property to the BHS. The society will continue to follow its temporary management contract.

T. Philp also reported on the move of the Crystal Cottage to the vacant lot beside the Brant Museum. He said he is still encountering administrative problems in getting the necessary permits for the excavation and construction of the foundation, and the move of the heritage building from Nelson Street. He said he was informed the society may have to pay a charge of \$250 for not having the correct permit when some of the work was being performed earlier last month. He will keep the board advised.

The excavation and construction of the foundation is virtually completed except for some technical details and he has been told the move could take place on Oct. 24 to 26., but no firm date has been established yet. He will inform board members of the exact date and time, so they can be present to witness the historic move, which is expected to be a media event.

T. Philp further said it is time to begin paying the contractor, Mike Quattrociochi re costs associated with the Crystal Cottage move. He estimated the total bill will be about \$90,000. He said he will approach the administrator of the Endowment Fund for a loan to cover some of the cost, if necessary.

Motion: Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by M-A Marion, that the Executive Director be given discretion to pay, to an upset limit of \$100,000, the expenses of the contractor and the move of the Crystal Cottage.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by D. Methot, seconded by W. Hilgendag, to accept the Executive Director's Report.

Carried unanimously.

New Business:

D. Summerhayes made a presentation about his proposal to approach city authorities to have the old City Hall building on Wellington Street be made a new historical and heritage centre instead of a proposal to construct a new building at the remediated Greenwich-Mohawk Brownfield site. He earlier circulated his proposal to board members and city councillors. The matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 6 pm.