

**Brant Historical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 23, 2024  
Brant Museum and Archives  
57 Charlotte St.,  
Brantford, ON**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Murray Angus (President), Leisah Marie Jansen (Vice-President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Bill Hyde (Treasurer), Brian Moore, Pat Duern, Sarah Clarke, Glad Woodburn, John Utley

**Staff:** Marion McGeein (Executive Director)

1. **Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.**

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Request that Endowment Fund be added to the agenda.

**Motion:** Moved by S. Clarke, seconded by L. Jansen, that the revised agenda of the July 23, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

**Carried unanimously.**

3. **Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2024:**

**Motion:** Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by P. Woodburn, that the minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

**Carried unanimously.**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

i) **Myrtleville Lease Agreement** – M. McGeein reported that the renewed agreement between the National Trust and the Society has been signed. A virtual meeting will be held on Friday July 26, 2024 with Dr. Kels, National Trust and M. Angus, G. Woodburn, B. Hyde, B. Moore and L. Jansen to discuss future plans Myrtleville House Museum.

ii) **SWOT Analysis next steps** – J. Utley asked that any remaining concerns be brought up by board members so the process can move forward.

iii) **Meeting with City Officials next steps** – Meeting over a possible move to the Beckett Building revealed the building still a few programs running but they will be done soon. The future has been delayed due to a pending byelection for interim Mayor.

Also a tour of the Beckett Building yielded favourable views by board members who participated. B. Moore drew up a report from the tour, detailing pros and cons. Some board members wanted the board to signal firmly the Society's interest in the Becket Building.

**Motion:** Moved by B. Moore, seconded by L. Jansen, that the Board of Directors advise the City of Brantford, that should the Brant Historical Society need to move in the near future, the board has an interest in moving the Brant Museum and Archives to the Beckett Building;

And further, that this expression of interest does not preclude any other location that may be made available. **Carried unanimously.**

Some members wanted to set up a Special General Meeting to explain to the membership the state of the Society's finances and options for the future.

**Motion:** Moved by B. Moore, seconded by B. Hyde, that a Special Members General Meeting be called for Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 7 p.m. at Myrtleview House Museum to discuss current financial situation including the endowment fund and to develop a strategy for moving forward.

**Carried unanimously.**

iv) New Brant Historical Society website – M. McGeein presented a model of a new website, which several board members said they like.

## 5. **Correspondence: None**

## 6. **Reports:**

A) **Financial Report** -- The latest financial statements were circulated prior to the board meeting. B. Hyde mentioned highlights in the documents.

**Motion:** Moved by B. Hyde, seconded by J. Utley, that the Financial Report be accepted as circulated.

**Carried unanimously.**

B) **Executive Director's Report** – The Executive Director's written report was circulated prior to the meeting. M.McGeein briefly highlighted some points in it.

**Motion:** Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by B. Hyde, that the Executive Director's Report be accepted as circulated.

**Carried unanimously.**

## 7. **New Business: NONE**

8. **Future Agenda Items:**

- A) Discussion with A. Olson, Executive Director Glenhyrst Arts Gallery
- B) Fundraising –how to launch a corporate fundraising campaign
- C) Indigenous Artifacts – what to do about Indigenous artifacts in the BHS's possession

9. **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is on August 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.