

**Brant Historical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Feb 4, 2026  
Brant Museum and Archives  
57 Charlotte St.  
Brantford, ON**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Brian Moore (Chair), Gary Burns, Sarah Clarke, Bill Hyde, John Utley.  
**Regrets:** Murray Angus, Pat Duern, Leisah Marie Jensen, Glad Woodburn.  
**Staff:** Marion McGeein (Executive Director)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by J Utley, seconded by B Hyde  
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was noted that the Board of Directors gave consent for S Clarke to reach out to Six Nations, Mississauga Credit First Nations and Haudenosaunee Development Institute to introduce the project and ask if they would like to collaborate.

Moved by S Clarke, seconded by B Hyde  
That the minutes of the Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**4. Business Arising**

None

**5. Correspondence**

None

**6. Reports**

**a) Financial statements Dec 2025**

B Hyde spoke to the financial reports that were distributed including the Endowment Report.  
Moved by B Hyde, seconded by G Burns  
That the board accept the financial statements as presented.

**Carried**

**b) Draft Budget 2026**

Moved by B. Hyde, seconded by J Utley  
That the draft budget 2026 be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**c) President's report**

No report

**d) Wall of Fame**

S Clarke reported on the document that had been circulated to the board with the proposed direction for the Wall of Fame Nomination Form. It was decided to defer any discussion for the next board meeting as not all members had the opportunity to review.

**e) Program Events Committee report**

B Moore presented the Program Events Committee report

Moved by B. Hyde, seconded by J Utley

That the Program Events committee report be accepted as circulated.

**Carried**

**f) Executive Director's Report**

The AGM has been set for April 22, 2026. It was recommended that a nominating committee be established. J Utley and M Angus assisted by M McGeein will be the nominating committee for 2026.

The board was also informed regarding a sewer leak which is located in the basement of the museum. A local company has provided a quote for fixing the broken sewer. The Board supported the direction to get the sewer fixed.

Moved by G Burns, seconded by S Clarke

That the Executive Director's report be accepted.

**Carried**

**7. Committees (verbal)**

**a) Governance**

Nothing to report.

**b) Wall of Fame**

Addressed under Wall of Fame report

**c) Fundraising**

Nothing to report

**d) Membership**

Nothing to report

**e) Repatriation/Indigenous**

S Clarke, B Garner and G Warrick will be starting the process of reviewing the items that are at the museum on Saturday Feb 7, 2026.

**f) Municipal**

Nothing to report

**g) Program events**

Nothing to report

**h) Property Management**

Nothing to report

**i) Collection Management**

Nothing to report

**8. New business**

**a) Volunteers**

The board was informed that one of the staff member's parents and grandmother are volunteering at the museum.

Moved by G Burns, seconded by B Hyde,

That the three volunteers be given a one year membership as a thank you.

**CARRIED**

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Power presentation on how museums working together would be an effective approach in this community.

**10. Next Scheduled Meetings**

Mar 4, 2026 @ 630 pm

April 1, 2026 @ 630 pm

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.