

PRHS Minutes of 17 January 2019 Meeting (DRAFT)

* Diane Haskin's residence @ 2PM

Call to Order by Chair - Tom Sled

Roll Call of attendees:

Chair:	Tom Sled	Directors:	Doug Bond, Diane Haskins
Vice Chair:	vacant	Members:	Bert Petro and Pat Evans - regrets
Treasurer:	Larry Cochran		
Secretary:	Brian Preston	Guest:	Carolyn Bresee

Chair (Tom Sled)

Call to order - Minutes of 21 November 2018 meeting read by the Secretary -Brian moved; 2nd Diane CARRIED

Chair Report (Tom Sled)

Save the Church - Tom wrote to Pierson and the Diocese for the last time on 26 November 2018 with a revised Collaborative Agreement meeting all the requests for revision by the Diocese requesting their signature to move forward together. No response from Pierson or the Diocese to date. He indicated that we had not yet heard from Trillium Foundation about the grant application. (Note: The following day, Tom indicated to PRHS that he had just received a decision from Trillium that our grant application was not successful.) PRHS will discuss this further in the near future.

Treasurer's Report (Larry Cochran)

Bank balance end December 2018 of \$1,335.90, plus \$2.25 cash for Total \$1337.15. The Year End Statements are being completed by Larry.

Larry proposed that we meet to put together a 2019 Strategic Plan including consideration of existing operational plans for the Islands Tour video, Kingsmill plaque and commemorative stone, and Portland Passenger Dock Shelter, all of which we have committed to complete in 2019. Then we can plan the balance of 2019 activities such as website, community profile, etc. Larry moved; 2nd Brian CARRIED.

Secretary's Report (Brian Preston)

Read correspondence and received hard copy for PRHS records - distributed to members latest OHS Bulletin for circulation; email to Betty from Nancy Robinson (Nova Scotia) about her cousins in the area Kidd, Morris and Green families, stating that their names are on the windows of the Anglican Church, and that they would like to be informed on developments of the PRHS project with saving the church. Betty will reply to them once a final decision by PRHS has been taken with the Diocese; email to Tom from Bob & Bethany Beggs of Portland wishing to join PRHS and mentioning their background interests for participating in PRHS. Brian will follow up with them; email from Tom to Tamas Brummer of Elgin about the history of the Gallagher property and Breese House.

Revenue Canada forms for 2019 received regarding Charitable Status to be completed; Diane agreed to complete and remit them, and provide copies to the Secretary for the record.

Brian will contact OHS to confirm that the 2019 renewal membership documents and cheque for \$102 were received by OHS. PRHS agreed to OHS 2019 membership at \$60 and subscription to the journal 'Ontario History' at \$42, Total \$102.00. Tom moved; 2nd Diane CARRIED.

Membership Renewals for 2019 Update - Tom, Brian, Jennifer Trant, Marc Gravelle, and Lori-Ann Gravelle paid \$10; Doug and Betty memberships expires at the end of 2019. Brian to ensure all application forms are completed to update PRHS records and all monies received go to the Treasurer for deposit.

Director's Reports

nil

Guest: (Carolyn Bresee)

Council was first presented the Mayor's proposal to restructure by reducing the number of municipal volunteer committees (specifically Hall Boards, Beatification and Recreation Committees) and create Community Enhancement Committees (CEC). Further discussion will take place at the next Council meeting. No mention of Historical or other volunteer organizations were mentioned in the CEC proposal so PRHS probably fits under MHAC. Larry mentioned that this all needs to be considered in our Strategy of working with CECs and RL.T. Similarly, Portland is working on developing a Steering Committee. Tom stated that it is premature for us to determine how we will coordinate our activities with this new Steering Committee since it is yet to be formalized.

General and New Business

Diane asked if Council has reviewed and made decisions about the community grant applications. Carolyn confirmed that they are still under review and no final decisions have been made yet.

Larry talked about the PRHS website, stating that it will include more of the heritage component as well as other topics as it expands in scope. For instance, if the grant application to RLT for Portland Steering Committee is approved, we can move website development and expansion forward for use by the new Portland CECs and others that can 'sign-on' and be linked. He mentioned that it has been a year on hold regarding strategic planning in Portland and he is now building the PRHS website to also include a Subscriber section. This creates an automatic notice to Subscribers as posting go up on the website. There will also be a Donations button.

Dock Passenger Shelter - Larry addressed the request to add trim details for heritage-look purposes and he is using the Gravenhurst Shelter, picture provided by Diane, as our model. Larry also mentioned that he needs to talk to Eastern Engineering about how the shelter can be mounted on the dock and its underpinnings, and he will first see if RLT records show this in the drawings or if Greg Fleming or Parks Canada might have answers for us. Larry will be supported by Tom on this information which will then be passed to Eastern Engineering, who in the absence of answers will have to be contracted to do that design drawing piece and stamp it. Diane and Tom will meet with Mary Ellen Truelove to discuss the Shelter with the Township staff. Tom to convene the meeting with the Township.

Brian commits to completing the Kingsmill plaque text and pictures for all to review next week. After approval it will be sent to the Quebec firm for a quote and PRHS can then approve and proceed.

Brian commits to writing an article about Kingsmill and PRHS for submission to OHS to be included in their Spring quarterly publication. This will be completed by mid February. Tom presented the Smiths Falls Record News story of 20 December 2018 about Peter Kingsmill in Saskatchewan. Tom corresponded with him about our upcoming commemorative plaque and stone unveiling this year, and he will invite him to the event when a date has been confirmed. Brian asked Tom to ask Peter for new contact information on his brother Mike and his wife Lynn as their old contacts are not valid.

Tom asked if we were going to participate in: Heritage Network Group Symposium (Delta Town Hall) on 26 April 2019; and /or Leeds County Heritage Day (Chaffeys Locks) on 25 May 2019. Discussion but no decision at this meeting. The next meeting of the Heritage Network Group is 29 January 2019 in Athens at 10h00.

Diane was thanked for putting out our inaugural PRHS Newsletter. She tabled a draft of the next one and with feedback/revisions, will publish, eg, add mention of Islands Tours video.

Diane also presented WW I historical military artifacts from Martin James Flynn's family which included photos and artifacts obtained from the Elgin Heritage Society.

Larry proposed a new banking resolution to get an RBC Access Card which will save us monthly fees totaling \$8.25. Larry moved; 2nd Doug CARRIED

Tom addressed the 2019 AGM and it was agreed that we would hold it on Sunday 28 April 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon and a table for membership sign-up. We agreed that our guest speaker should be Joan Delaney to speak about Fettercairn Island and its use as a convalescence retreat during WW I. Tom will invite her. Brian to check if we need to hold Elections at this AGM.

Next Meeting and Closure

The next meeting will be Thursday 20 February 2019 at Tom's house located at 19 Water Street (by the water) at 2PM.

Motion to adjourn by Doug; meeting adjourned by the Chair.