



Portland on the Rideau Historical Society

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Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 15th - 2pm - Portland Library

ATTENDING:

Thomas Sled, Diane Haskins, Larry Cochran, Judy Rogers, Bert Petro

REGRETS:

Doug Bond, Betty James, Brian Preston

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2pm and welcomed everyone.

APRIL 2019 AGM:

He thanked everyone for their efforts in making the AGM a success with 40 people in attendance, some who chose to become general members. Secretary distributed a list of the Attendees and their contact information as provided.

MEMBERSHIP:

With the Chair requesting a current membership list, Secretary provided a draft one, which was compiled by going through all the available information passed to her. She reported that there are 10 fifteen year memberships, but some of those have also started paying annual fee. There are a few three year membership and of course annual memberships. Discussion ensued as the group had already determined earlier in the year that all previous membership scenarios were no longer available.

MOTION:

Effective fiscal year 2019, all memberships are ANNUAL at \$10.00 per person, and are for the calendar year, regardless of what time of year the person joins. Secretary is instructed to issue renewal notices each year in October for the upcoming year.

Moved by: Diane Haskins

Seconded by: Larry Cochran

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Larry advised that there would be no report this month.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chair advised that while the Executive was recognized at the AGM, the Directors at Large were not and also not included in the motion to serve another term. Today he wanted to rectify this. Based on the current constitution/bylaw there should be four executive and three directors;

MOTION:

PRHS Executive appoints Betty James, Doug Bond and Brian Preston as Directors at Large for the fiscal year 2019.

Moved by: Diane Haskins

Seconded by: Larry Cochran

CARRIED.



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The Chair also wanted to increase the number of Directors at Large from three to four. Given the number of interested people, the talent pool available and the scope of one of the projects in progress, consideration will be given to increasing the number of directors in the future. Typically a Board has 10 to 12 members total with a rotation schedule of terms in place to accommodate continuity and bringing on new individuals. Should this slate of 12 be filled, interest persons will be informed of number of directors leaving at the end of the year and they in turn can express their interest in taking one of those positions at that time.

MOTION:

To increase number of Directors at Large from three to four, effective immediately.

Moved by: Diane Haskins

Seconded by: Larry Cochran

CARRIED.

MOTION:

To appoint Bert Petro as a Director at Large effectively immediately. This appointment fills all available seats at this time.

Moved by: Diane Haskins

Seconded by: Larry Cochran

CARRIED.

ACTION: Chair mentioned that two potential members, Pat Evans and Isabelle Schmid would be excellent candidates to the Board. He is going to sound them out as to their level of availability and interest. Pat has extensive knowledge with fundraising and Isabelle might be able to develop and implement a large scale membership drive. Whether they would become Board Members or General Members leading sub committees to be determined.

ACTION: Board to explore the pros and cons of increasing the Board further, dealing with vacancies mid term, establishing sub committees, and also prepare a rotation schedule of current terms for existing members before increasing board size,

ACTION: Board to speak with Carolyn Bresee to confirm her status with the PRHS. Is she there as a Council Rep or is she joining us.? She had mentioned earlier that that might be a conflict but it should be noted that the Mayor is a member of PRHS.

EMMANUEL CHURCH:

The Secretary provided a written report detailing the meeting with the Diocese on May 10 and the Chairman read this aloud. It was agreed that the recap accurately stated what happened at the meeting and what was expected of PRHS going forward.

It was agreed that the next step was to contact the private individuals who expressed an interest in providing private funding for the project.



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ACTION: Given the Chair was away when all of this was happening, it was agreed that Larry Cochran would contact Camille Amy and provide her with the updated news, price, etc. , determine her interest and commitment first as she was the first to respond to the media blitz that Carolyn Bresee so kindly distributed.

Diane Haskins emphasized the importance of knowing exactly how much money is required to purchase AND maintain the building. Perhaps over a period of time the building could be turned over to the Township.

Board business halted (3pm) as the Chair welcomed Sharon Singer, currently of Perth but soon to be a full time resident of Portland. Ms. Singer has expressed an interest in being part of PRHS and being a contributor for purchasing the building. She had learned of the project from C. Bresee's flyer. She asked several questions about the current condition of the building, how we intended to finance, would there be a majority player, etc (??? - what sort of legal ownership style will be put in place). She left her coordinates with Larry and Thomas who will keep her informed as we proceed. She left the meeting at 3:40pm.

Chair resumed discussions about the church and called upon each attendee to express their thoughts on the information provided to date. There was a unanimous consensus that 'this is a good thing' and is possible with the support of the Amy family, but can PRHS sustain the project?

ACTION: We need to firm up numbers. Consider a visit back to the Township regarding Dwyer's comments during our last visit wherein he did advise that if we could get a good price the Township might get more involved.

PASSENGER SHELTER:

Chair reported on the meeting that he and Vice Chair had with Parks Canada. Both PRHS members stated that there was genuine interest from the group and they did offer to assist in anyway possible. **ACTION:** They also recommended that our group explore what is currently being done in Merrickville (Larry checking this out on Friday, May 17th). The next step is to prepare the application which will be prepared by Michelle Jones with Rideau Lakes Township taking the lead as they own the property.

ACTION: As recommended by Parks Canada, neighbours immediately adjacent to the project need to be informed. Larry has agreed to let Mr. and Mrs. Heins know about what is happening.



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HERITAGE HAPPENINGS!!

Chair reported on other Heritage events: Heritage Network Symposium in Delta was well attended and enjoyable. PRHS is not involved in the Heritage Days planned for May 25th.

ACTION: Delta Mill is getting rid of artifacts and has asked Portland to identify anything they might be interested in. Chair to follow up.

KINGSMILL CELEBRATIONS:

Treasurer reported that the price for the plaque is pending and expected soon. He reported that Brian Preston is the lead on this project and he (**ACTION**) will give us an update upon returning from AZ. Chair wants this to be a huge celebration.

SUMMER EVENT:

Vice Chair suggested that we hold a summer event in late June, a Sunday afternoon, for the general membership and any visitors who would like to join in. **ACTION** Thomas Sled has agreed to speak to his experiences growing up on the shores of the Big Rideau. **ACTION** Larry to confirm the Portland Hall is available on June 23 at 2pm. Working meeting to be scheduled within the next week to ten days.

Chair called for adjournment at 4:45 pm