

**ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY ONTARIO
PORT HOPE BRANCH
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Place: Caretaker's Cottage
Time: Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Bruce Bowden, Anna Gray, Marielle Lambert, Susan Layard, Phil Carter, Matt Desbarbieux, Ted Holmes, Hugh Parker

Regrets: Julie Mavis, Ian MacKay, Susan Carmichael, Moya McPhail,

Guests: Patsy Beeson, Peter Duck, Sharon Hancock, Derek Hurlburt

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. With the consent of the Directors, Bruce Bowden acted as Chair and Ted Holmes acted as Secretary.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

MOTION: to Approve Agenda
(Anna/Susan) **CARRIED**

MINUTES:

MOTION: to Approve the Minutes of July 4, 2019
(Marielle/Anna) **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was one piece of correspondence and it will be addressed in the Chair's Report.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Bruce Bowden on behalf of Julie Mavis

- The agreement between the Town and Southbridge will be discussed at the Council meeting on September 17.
- The date to move Rose's Cottage from King's Field has been extended to Dec 31, 2019. A lot at 71 Pine St N will be its new home and it will be developed as a residence.
- There will a ceremony to dedicate the Town Park gates on Monday Sept 9 at 11:00 am
- RBC has re-evaluated the value of the Opera House and it is now approximately 80% higher than the original estimate
- There is an 1840's house in Hamilton Township ("Ravencourt") that the ACO should keep an eye on
- The Port Hope ACO has been approached through the Cobourg ACO by Ann Marie Cummings who wishes to purchase and redevelop the vacant Sidburg Hospital in Cobourg and is looking for financial assistance and/or grants. The Board discussion led to the need to clarify both its mandate and jurisdiction.
- After a decision by HPH upholding the requirement to use wooden and not vinyl replacement windows in the building at the south-east corner of Walton and Queen, Council has sent the decision back to staff for study. The Advocacy Committee will monitor this file.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hugh Parker

- \$24,000 was recently received from the Auction Committee and the executive congratulates the committee for its wonderful work

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS: Peter Duck/Sharon Hancock**
 - The second meeting of the new committee will be held on Sept 12
 - The committee has introduced a streamlined, computer based system
 - Appraisals are being done regularly instead of just before the Auction
 - Looking for a dry space (a garage?) for additional storage

- **ADVOCACY: Susan Layard**
 - Susan submitted a written report which is attached

- **COMMUNICATIONS: Marielle Lambert**
 - No report

- **EVENTS: Marielle Lambert**
 - Thank you to Phil Carter and Sheilagh Fletcher for hosting a very successful ACO BBQ. Net profit was \$305.
 - The ACO Christmas Party will be held on November 29 at St Marks. The venue can hold approximately 200 people, instead of the 100 when private homes were used.

- **FUND RAISING: Anna Gray**
 - Tour in France has 25 people signed up
 - Sept 22 – Comedic Opera by Marylou Fallis at the United Church followed by a cocktail party at the McBride house on Baldwin
 - Will be looking for response as to a possible European trip in 2020 and two itineraries are being considered: Berlin to Prague and Northern Italy.

- **GOVERNANCE: Ian MacKay**
 - No report

- **MEMBERSHIP: Anna Gray**
 - No report

- **NEWSLETTER/BUS TOUR/DISCOVERY: Patsy Beeson**
 - Newsletter has just gone out but Ted Rouse is no longer able to volunteer so it will be costing \$300 to \$400 an issue to have it done professionally
 - Discovery Series – Oct 22 – History Of Hamilton Township by Tom Cruickshank

- **NEXT GEN: Derek Hurlburt**
 - No Report

- **NOMINATIONS: Bruce Bowden**
 - Kathy Kobelski is no longer organizing the house tour so a replacement must be found
 - A new Vice President needs to be found to replace Bruce, who will be moving up to take over from Julie.

- **OPERA HOUSE PROJECT –Julie Mavis**
 - No report

- **PROJECTS: Phil Carter**
 - Town gates project (mentioned in the Chair's report)
 - Orange Hall – window replacement, south wall
 - The McKay (Little Bluestone) project is complete
 - The plaque honouring Vincent Massey for St Mark's is underway
 - Rose's Cottage – storage extension until Dec 31
 - HPH is experiencing considerable delays due to new Council guidelines
 - HPH has approved the Capitol Theatre extension project

- **PROPERTY: Matt Desbarbieux**
 - A list of contacts for specific trades has been created and will be posted in the Cottage so enable a faster response to specific problems

- **SCHOLARSHIPS: Matt Desbarbieux**
 - No Report

- **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - None

MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:20 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 10, 2019 at 7:00pm *(Please note change of date)*

Minutes recorded by Ted Holmes