

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

Place: Caretaker's Cottage

Time: Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bruce Bowden, Anna Gray, Hugh Parker, Julie Mavis, Marielle Lambert, Moya McPhail, Susan Layard, Phil Carter and Susan Carmichael

Regrets: Ian Mackay, Ted Holmes and Matt Desbarbieux

Guests: Derek Hurlburt, Bill Bickle, Kae Elgie – President of ACO Central

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

MOTION: to Approve Agenda
(Moya/Susan L.)

CARRIED

MINUTES:

MOTION: to Approve Minutes of January 9, 2020
(Hugh/Bruce)

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from Northumberland Tourism requesting information on the town's historical features for their revised website and new video – Phil Carter to respond

CHAIR'S REPORT: Julie Mavis

- Welcomed Bill Bickle- joining Board in February 2020 and welcomed Kae Elgie –President of ACO Central visiting the Branch
- Kae Elgie addressed the board giving her background and how she came to be President.
- Upcoming Annual Meeting will have Nina-Marie Lister as the guest speaker
- Attended a public meeting with Phil Goldsmith on the proposed new townhouses at Mill and Ontario streets. The developer approached Phil Goldsmith to further discuss the designs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hugh Parker

- Financial Statements that had been circulated prior to the meeting were presented
Highlights: Assets - \$114283. Liabilities -\$22636. Net- \$91597.

MOTION: To adopt the Financial Statements as circulated for presentation to the members at the Annual meeting on Feb 20, 2020.

(Hugh/Marielle)

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS: Peter Duck/Sharon Hancock**
 - No Report

- **ADVOCACY: Susan Layard/Bruce Bowden**
Bruce
 - Re-iterated his meeting in December with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of HPH and Tom Dodds on the decision to allow vinyl windows at 31 Walton St. within the Heritage district. A request to the Mayor for a reverse on the decision and for council to be more pro-active about heritage.
 - A letter was sent to the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed demolition of the Victoria street forest requesting it be saved as part of Designation of Penryn Park Estate. Response from council indicated not much could be done at this time. Several groups are being formed to protest the destruction. ACO will support these groups.
 - There will be a delegation on the topic of “Destruction of the Woods” at the Council meeting Feb 18. Member should be informed and encouraged to attend.
 - A representative from HPH should come to the ACO meeting to keep us informed
 - A study of the Heritage Impact on the Destruction of the Woods was started but Mason Homes stopped it before it was complete – the partial study was given to the Archives.
 - Town Hall is looking to replace the roof with a steel roof similar to the library. Original roof was slate but had been replaced some time ago with asphalt.

- **COMMUNICATIONS: Marielle Lambert**
 - Posted the NextGen event Jan 22 on Facebook

- **EVENTS: Marielle Lambert**
 - AGM February 20, 2020 at St. John’s Church – looking for Audio/Visual requirements

- **FUND RAISING: Anna Gray/Moya McPhail**
Anna
 - Sept 2020 – Berlin to Prague – 15 confirmed**Moya**
 - Stage A Party – several individuals have been asked to host a party (coffee/cocktails/dinner etc.) to raise funds for the operation of the Opera House - This event to be held between March 20 to March 31
 - May 30 – Elvis Impersonator at the Joynt barn confirmed.

- **GOVERNANCE: Ian MacKay**
 - No Report

- **MEMBERSHIP: Anna Gray**
 - 302 memberships – includes 486 members
 - Sent letters to real estate agents suggesting they could give an ACO membership to new homeowners.

- **NEWSLETTER/BUS TOUR/DISCOVERY: Patsy Beeson via email**
 - Newsletter – distributed Feb 1 – Ted Rouse will continue to provide his service for the Newsletter
 - Bus Tour – all info in the recent newsletter
 - Discovery Series – Visit to 4th line Theatre -the McLaughlins have offered tea at their nearby farm

- **NEXT GEN: Derek Hurlburt**
 - Pub Night – Thirsty Goose – Jan 22 - 7:30pm –went well with 16 attending
 - Next event - March 7th 3pm for a tour of the Opera House followed up with a beer at the Beamish

- **NOMINATIONS - Awards: Bruce Bowden**
 - Plaques are ready and recipients notified

- **NOMINATIONS – Directors: Ian MacKay**
 - No Report
- **OPERA HOUSE PROJECT –Julie Mavis**
 - Ad was placed in the Globe and Mail on February 5 with submissions requested by March 18, 2020
- **PROJECTS: Phil Carter**
 - No Report
- **PROPERTY: Matt Desbarbieux**
 - No Report
- **SCHOLARSHIPS: Matt Desbarbieux**
 - No Report
- **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - Kae Elgie spoke about Governance at ACO Central and also putting together a Handbook for the Branches
 - Bill Bickle volunteered to use Mail Chimp set up at CatsMedia for member notification

MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 5, 2020 at 7:00pm

Minutes recorded by Susan Carmichael