

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

**Place:** Caretaker's Cottage  
**Time:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Present:** Bruce Bowden, Anna Gray, Hugh Parker, Julie Mavis, Ian MacKay, Moya McPhail, Susan Layard, Bill Bickle, Phil Carter and Susan Carmichael

**Regrets:** Marielle Lambert

**Guests:** Derek Hurlburt, Patsy Beeson, Chris Wallace

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** to Approve Agenda  
(Moya/Julie) **CARRIED**

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** to Approve Minutes of February 6, 2020  
(Hugh/Susan L.) **CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CHAIR'S REPORT: Bruce Bowden**

- 140 attended the talk given by Phil C. and myself on the Opera House. Lots of questions and interest by the public.
- 2 tours of the Opera House by the same group showing interest.
- Re: Penryn Park Woods – offering up support and suggestions to the organizing groups. Encouraged Jeremy Holmes owner of Penryn Homestead to speak to HPH and Council regarding their concerns for the upcoming subdivision and the impact to their home. Chris Wallace will elaborate.
- Bill Bickle – new to the Board will work with Marielle on Marketing and Communications.
- Hoping in future Marie Jones will attend our meetings to keep ACO informed of the activities at HPH.
- Phil Goldsmith has expressed dismay at the Town's decision to replace the Town Hall roof with a steel roof and not slate. Costs have prevailed and it will be approved at the next council meeting.
- Phil Goldsmith has also provided his opinion to the owners of the proposed townhouses at Mill and Ontario streets and suggestions for a better Heritage friendly complex.

**Chris Wallace – Architect and Supporter of "Save the Trees" Campaign**

- Chris brought aerial shots of Penryn Park and outlined the plan by Mason Homes to remove the woodlot and all trees on the Penryn Estate and surrounding area around Penryn Homestead.
- Chris indicated the application process was flawed and should have had a Heritage Assessment completed before planning approval.
- Mason Homes had started a Heritage Assessment but abandoned part way through. The architect hired to do this study filed all research at the Archives. In this research the recommendation indicated Penryn Park Estate in whole had Heritage Value and no further incursions should be allowed.
- Each of the buildings on Penryn Park has been designated but not the land surrounding the property and as such Town Planning staff did not recommend a Heritage Assessment be completed.

- Looking for community support for the upcoming council meeting March 10 – the developer will present a change proposal and community will present a request for protection of the Penryn Park Estate and for a clear plan by Mason Homes for the proposed development of the property.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Hugh Parker**

- Rebate of \$7000.00 + from the insurance company for the Opera House building based on a reassessment of the value.
- All 2019 financial information has been provided to the auditors of ACO Central.

**MOTION:** To form a Financial Management Committee chaired by the Treasurer comprising of Bruce Bowden and Susan Carmichael as outlined in the branch Governance.

(Hugh/Julie)

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS: Peter Duck/Sharon Hancock via Anna Gray**

- Looking for a request to the membership for Volunteers for the upcoming Auction April 26, 2020

- **ADVOCACY: Susan Layard/Bruce Bowden**

**Susan**

- Re-iterated all the concerns Chris Wallace had outlined re: Penryn Park
- Heritage Register – now in receipt of the spreadsheet for the input of properties.
- Designations completed for 61 King St. – The Little Station – 18 Princess St. – 44 Dorset St. E.
- Designation in progress for 10 Armour St.
- Want Stephen Henderson to consider designation of Rose’s Cottage

- **COMMUNICATIONS: Marielle Lambert via email**

- Met with Bill Bickle to discuss moving forward

- **EVENTS: Marielle Lambert via email**

- AGM February 20, 2020 at St. John’s Community Hall – Costs \$585.21
- Received positive feedback on the venue for the AGM

- **FUND RAISING: Anna Gray/Moya McPhail**

**Anna**

- 8 Opera House Fundraising Parties confirmed for the last week of March and first week of April

**Moya**

- May 30 – Elvis Impersonator at the Joynt barn confirmed.

- **GOVERNANCE: Ian MacKay**

- No Report
- Re-schedule of the speaker Nina-Marie Lister for late April likely at St John’s Community Hall

- **MEMBERSHIP: Anna Gray**

- No Report

- **NEWSLETTER/BUS TOUR/DISCOVERY: Patsy Beeson via email**

- Newsletter – deadline April 17
- Bus Tour – No Report
- Discovery Series – Visit to 4<sup>th</sup> line Theatre -the McLaughlins have offered tea at their nearby farm

- **NEXT GEN: Derek Hurlburt**
  - Next event - March 7<sup>th</sup> 3pm for a tour of the Opera House followed up with a beer at the Beamish
- **NOMINATIONS - Awards: Bruce Bowden**
  - No Report
- **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
  - A targeted Facebook campaign
  - 2 tours have been given to an interested party
  - Re- evaluation of the property by the insurance company has led to a refund of \$7,000.00+
- **PROJECTS: Phil Carter**
  - No Report
- **PROPERTY:**
  - Derek Hurlburt has agreed to assume the duties.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS: Matt Desbarbieux**
  - No Report
- **OTHER BUSINESS:**
  - None

**MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:40 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday April 2, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Minutes recorded by Susan Carmichael