

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

Place: Zoom
Time: Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Bruce Bowden, Anna Gray, Hugh Parker, Julie Mavis, Ian MacKay, Moya McPhail, Susan Layard, Bill Bickle, Marielle Lambert and Susan Carmichael

Regrets: Phil Carter

Guests: Peter Duck, Sharon Hancock

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 March 5, 2020
(Bill/ Moya)

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CHAIR'S REPORT: Bruce Bowden

Bruce provide a written report to the Board prior to the meeting

Highlights include:

- Fundraising has been shut down with all events cancelled due to Covid – 19 but members continue to show support.
- ACO Provincial Council held a virtual meeting – members were provided with the report from CRA on the audit of 2015 and 2016. It was noted our chapter will be responsible for the potential payment to CRA for the grants issued in 2016. CRA has ruled funds cannot be used to fund restoration projects. ACO Central is drafting a response to CRA but do not plan to contest the ruling.
- ACO Central is interested in proposing through the National Trust possible employment opportunities in the heritage restoration field, including its possible offering of an online course in wood repair craftsmanship.
- Our chapter formed a committee to draft a response to the CRA findings. This was provided to ACO Central with no feedback. At this time ACO Central does not plan to contest CRA rulings. 2 Tax and Charity Lawyers have been identified and interviewed to provide advice. A follow-up conversation will be held with ACO Central.
- An Expression of Interest presentation for the Opera House has been scheduled.
- Advocacy work continues for Penryn Estate and “Save the Trees” movement. Will Lambert has become the vigilant point person. Letters have been sent to the Mayor and Council. There is a concern that the focus upon “Saving the Trees” is separating from its larger cultural heritage of the whole Penryn Estate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hugh Parker

- Access to the PayPal account set-up by Head Office has been restricted and needs to be resolved.
- Bank Account has \$75,000.00

CRA REPORT – Bruce Bowden

- Julie had a conversation with Kae Elgie - President ACO and received approval for Port Hope branch to hire a lawyer.
- After much discussion it was suggested that ACO Central should be encouraged to provide a solution to CRA and this chapter could provide support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS: Peter Duck/Sharon Hancock**

- Auction has been postponed for 1 year.
- Online auctions may resume in the fall.
- Committee wants written confirmation that receipts will be provided to all donors.
- Julie will provide to the committee the process required by ACO Central for issuing of these receipts

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

Susan

- Advocacy continues for the Penryn Estate. Tom Dodds seeking legal counsel on whether a Heritage Impact Assessment is required.
- Penryn Estate is unique and important as a whole – landscape design, placement of buildings within the landscape and should not be lost to the Mason housing development.
- Heritage Register is coming along. The town intends to hire a consultant to help with the work.
- Stucco on Rose's Cottage will be repaired and want Stephen Henderson to consider designation of the property.

- **COMMUNICATIONS: Marielle Lambert**

- Met with Bill Bickle to discuss moving forward and have decided to split the portfolio with Marielle continuing with Facebook and Bill will sending out member communication.
- Bill will form a committee to develop a communication strategy.

- **EVENTS: Marielle Lambert**

- BBQ – Aug 6 at Phil Carter and Sheilagh Fletcher – likely in jeopardy

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

Anna

- Opera House Events have been cancelled but have received \$5,765.00 in donations
- Trip planned for the fall will likely be cancelled.

Moya

- May 30 – Elvis Impersonator at the Joynt barn cancelled

- **GOVERNANCE: Ian MacKay**

- No Report

- **MEMBERSHIP: Anna Gray**

- 80 members have been contacted about renewal
- Members continue to experience problems with ACO Central Renewal system on the website.

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

- Newsletter – deadline June 1
- Bus Tour – postponed for 1 year
- Discovery Series – cancelled

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

- **NOMINATIONS - Awards: Bruce Bowden**
 - ACO Central has requested nominations for Heritage Awards.
 - Suggested to put forward Patsy Beeson – Newsletter, Jim Sculthorpe for heritage restoration work on several properties, and Stephen Henderson for saving Rose’s Cottage.

- **NOMINATIONS – Directors: Ian MacKay**
 - No Report

- **OPERA HOUSE PROJECT –Julie Mavis**
 - Presentation to be made by 1 group responding to the RFEOI

- **PROJECTS: Phil Carter**
 - No Report

- **PROPERTY: Derek Hurlburt**
 - No Report

- **OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - None

MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday June 4, 2020 at 7:00pm

Minutes recorded by Susan Carmichael