

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

Place: Zoom

Time: Thursday, April 1, 2021 7p.m.

Present: Bruce Bowden, Anna Gray, Ian MacKay, Susan Layard, Bill Bickle, Hugh Parker, Laura Antonik, Katherine McHarg, Lydia Svenningson, Brenda Willows, Phil Carter and Susan Carmichael

Regrets: none

Guests: Patsy Beeson

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

MINUTES:

MOTION: to Approve Minutes of March 4, 2021
(Anna/Ian)

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: none

CHAIR'S REPORT: Bruce Bowden

- Opera House hydro costs considerably higher than 1 year ago – investigating the reason for the increase
- A press conference by David Piccini was held this past week in opposition to the development of the Penryn woodlot. It was attended by residents and local opposition groups as well as Mark Cullen
- Tax receipting process for the online auctions in 2020 have now been completed.
- Ravenscourt owners have been reaching out over the last few years to a number of groups looking for support to care for the property. This has been met with silence and now they are requesting Heritage Designation be removed, as they wish to sell the property.
- Bill Bickle to join Governance Committee to ensure the relationship with PHHF is addressed in the branch governance document.
- Looking to conduct a facilitated planning session for ACO Port Hope. Wayne Lang has been approached as facilitator. April 24th (9:30 to noon) via Zoom

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hugh Parker

- Convene a Finance Committee after the Planning session to determine a budget based on the established priorities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS: Peter Duck/Sharon Hancock**
 - Online auction delayed to the recent COVID lock down
- **ADVOCACY: Susan Layard/Bruce Bowden**

Susan

 - Window strategy – waiting to see policy from HPH. Continue to add contractors and craftsman to the list.

- Heritage Register – Finished adding properties listed in coiled book- now researching other properties which may be worthy
- Continue to explore different ideas on opposition to the development of Penryn Estate and woodlot. Phil Goldsmith and myself spoke with Jessica Mace – an expert in heritage architecture. She would be willing to act as a witness at the hearing and corroborate that Penryn is a fine Canadian example of Picturesque.
- **COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING: Bill Bickle**
 - Received 2 videos from Moya on the Barn Quilt Trail; the shorter version was played for the Board. The longer version includes a history of the barn. Will determine how best to use these videos.
 - Laura and Katherine are joining the marketing committee.
- **FUND RAISING: Anna Gray**
 - Moya and Anna working with photographer Nigel Dickson to create 2 posters for sale – Porches and Porticos
- **OPERA HOUSE PROJECT –Julie Mavis**
 - HTV has secured insurance so potential stakeholders can be toured through the building
 - Phil Goldsmith is photographing a record of the property as well inventorying any significant objects
 - Arcadis is testing for radon
 - Outside light fell from building but was retrieved by owner of Gryphon books
 - Press release will be made when property changes hands
 - MPH will be holding a public information session on April 22 re: infrastructure improvements planned for Walton street.
- **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - Anna- recent tally shows we have 461 members
 - Susan L. – HPH
 - Minor variances granted to 27 Walton St.
 - Working on a report to council re: Heritage Planner
 - Window Policy – not complete
 - Friends of Wesleyville concerned about their future if the OPG sells the land – it is designated as a Cultural Landscape and they lease the properties from OPG

MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:25 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 6, 2021

Minutes recorded by Susan Carmichael