

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

Place: Zoom

Time: Thursday, March 4, 2021 7p.m.

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

Regrets: Phil Carter

Guests: Marie Jones, Patsy Beeson, Charles Wickett

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

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

CARRIED

MINUTES:

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

CARRIED

GUEST: Charles Wickett : Presentation of the history of Port Hope Heritage Foundation – Report attached
Discussion: How best can the 2 organizations work together to achieve similar goals

CORRESPONDENCE: Email from Jeffrey Gibbons – RBC Investment Councillor

CHAIR'S REPORT: Bruce Bowden

- Insurance coverage on Opera House has increased to accommodate guest tours. Arcadis will be conducting radium and radon testing in the interior next week.
- 2 meetings with David Piccini:
 - ACO Port Hope and Cobourg participated in the discussion of the Heritage registry and the need for additional resources. David is actively taking part in the discussion about the future use of Brookside. David also initiated a discussion about displaying OCAD graduating student's art on heritage buildings. It was suggested Critical Mass be involved.
 - Community Group working to "Save the Trees" at Penryn, supportive but cannot interfere with the LPAT hearing, also supportive of the HopeTowns Venture plans for the Opera House.
- RBC investment counsellor contacted ACO about future on-line investment meetings about new regional ventures that would include a local heritage component
- ACO Central and Auction committee still trying to work on the process- receipting
- Susan Layard, Phil Goldsmith and myself still working on the Mason Homes Phase 5 appeal and the destruction of the Penryn woods. Phil is seeking legal advice about our case at the upcoming LPAT hearing.
- ACO Central approached to create an Agency Agreement for the Community Group working to "Save the Trees". They will need to gain community support that would help with the financial costs. ACO Central would keep 10% for administration.
- A thank you to Hugh for the endless hours spent downloading the financial documents to ACO Central
- Ian and myself have been working on a Grants Policy with ACO Central and feel confident there should be an approved policy by the end of May

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hugh Parker

- No Report on Finances

MOTION: Create a Finance Committee comprising of the Executive and Brenda Willows (Hugh/Ian)
CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- No Report

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

Susan

- Window strategy near completion. Noted, HPH will also be proposing a window policy to council.
- Heritage Register – 150 properties researched. Will be inviting 20 homeowners to an informational open house
- Mason Homes appeal to LPAT – May 28 date for Case Management Conference – everything will hinge on the Environmental and Heritage Assessments – Decision to be made on whether to be a Participant or Party – Limiting funds available which may dictate the decision

- **COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING: Bill Bickle**

- Currently working on marketing strategy
- Looking to partner with other organizations
- Website and videos to be updated

- **FUND RAISING: Anna Gray**

- Exploring the idea of creating 2 posters for sale of Port Hope's porches and porticos – photographer Nigel Dickson

- **GOVERNANCE: Ian MacKay**

- No Report

- **MEMBERSHIP: Anna Gray**

- No Report

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

- Next Newsletter deadline -mid May 2021

- **NEXT GEN: Derek Hurlburt**

- No report

- **NOMINATIONS - Awards: Bruce Bowden**

- No Report

- **NOMINATIONS – Directors: Ian MacKay**

- No Report

- **OPERA HOUSE PROJECT –Julie Mavis**

- No Report

- **PROJECTS: Phil Carter**

- No Report

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

- **HPH: Marie Jones**
 - Looking to Partner with Parks and Recreation and the Waterfront Working Group
 - 2 heritage applications approved – 114 Walton St. – front façade and Town Hall Clock – replacement of the hands
 - A priority identified – Designated Heritage Planner
 - Created a Contractors List – those that excel in their field
 - 4 properties awaiting designation – Armour St., Little Train Station (new location), Dorset St. E., Princess St.
 - Current Heritage Register has approximately 50 properties – will add the 150 researched to the list
 - Reviewing the recommended Walton St. Reconstruction Plan

- **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - None

- **PRIORITIES FOR 2021: Bruce Bowden**
 - For next meeting – look at the priorities and establish budgets for these items

MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:50 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday April 1, 2021

Minutes recorded by Susan Carmichael