

**A.C.O. PORT HOPE BRANCH**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, February 22, 2018**

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Capitol Theatre

**CALL TO ORDER:** Phil Goldsmith  
**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES of AGM of February 23, 2017**

**MOTION:** to adopt the minutes (Bill Harris/Peter Kedwell) **CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Hugh Parker**

1. Financial position

Financial statements for the ACO Branch as of December 31, 2017 have been circulated to you.

Following is a summary of our financial position as at that date:

- a. The ACO balance of cash on hand and in our various bank accounts that is available for our various projects totalled approximately \$214,000.
- b. Total assets \$440,847.
- c. Our total revenue for 2017 totalled \$93,671 from all sources.
- d. Our total expenses for 2017 totalled \$ 64,264. From all sources.

Motion: To accept report. (Hugh Parker/Charles Wickett) **CARRIED**

**CHAIR'S REPORT – Phil Goldsmith**

53<sup>rd</sup> AGM

Port Hope is an active but also the largest branch of the ACO. Through the work of committees and volunteers we have raised money in support of heritage conservation. Membership is now at 509. Our activities are a result of ACO Port Hope and our allied organization Port Hope heritage Foundation (PHHF).

I sincerely thank all the volunteers for their hard work in making the branch so successful.

Antiques & Artifacts which is well supported by donors and purchasers has raised net \$27,082. We apologize for any delay in getting receipts to our donors. It is our priority to improve the process at Head Office. Thank you to Joan Tooke and her committee and volunteers which make the event such a success.

Port Hope House Tour, a significant event for 52 years continues to be success through the hard work of Kathy Kolbelski and her committee and the many volunteers. Thank you for contribution \$27,171. to the PHHF. Thank you to Blaise Gaetz who is retiring from the committee after 6 years.

The semi-annual Port Hope Garden Tour was held in June and included 10 private gardens and 2 public areas in Port Hope. \$8,000 was contributed to the PHHF. Frank Kershaw a garden expert spoke at Furby House the evening before. Thank you to Mary Shaw-Rimington and her committee and volunteers for a job well done.

The Barn Quilt project, chaired by Moya McPhail and Julie Mavis, represented our nod to Canada's sesquicentennial. 23 barns participated through Hope Township. This project was supported by the Municipality, Lion's Club of Bewdley, Applitech, Ralph Walker, Home Hardware and Rona. Thank you to all donors, committee members and artists who participated in this wonderful project.

New committee has been formed – Advocacy chaired by Bruce Bowden will pursue, track and advocate for appropriate recognition and outcomes on properties that are or should be identified for conservation. Our current concern is the Old Port Hope Hospital at 65 Ward St. which is currently under threat of demolition.

In addition to the work of the Advocacy committee three other initiatives are underway:

Little Station – relocation of the building from the waterfront to Lent's Lane

Opera House – PHHF has agreed to participate in a Feasibility Study to explore what use it might serve the community.

Pier – Demolition will commence this summer and some elements of these buildings will be salvaged for later use in the Park. ACO will continue to advocate for an appropriate future of our largest cultural landscape, the Port Hope Harbour.

A bi-annual review will be conducted of our Governance Principles and Procedures and will include each Director sign an agreement to abide by the Principles and Procedures as outlined in our Governance document.

Thank you to Patsy Beeson for her efforts to put on other social activities for the ACO, including the bus tour and speakers evenings.

Thank you to Sarah and Jim Sculthorpe who hosted our annual Barbeque and Ruth Redelmeier who hosted the Christmas party.

Thank you to the ACO Board members for all their hard work in support of all our initiatives.

Thank you to Trudy Lum and Peggy Bennett who will be leaving the Board.

## **MARION GARLAND AWARDS**

1. Artists of the Barn Quilt Project – Kathryn McHolm, Lois Richardson and Pamela Tate and Moya McPhail
2. Patsy Beeson – long- time contributor to the ACO producing ACO Matters- newsletter, organizing joint Cobourg/Port Hope bus tour and participating on the Board.

## **NOMINATIONS – Peggy Bennett**

In accordance with the Branch’s Governance Procedures the Executive established a Nomination Committee (Moya McPhail, Julie Mavis, and me – Peggy Bennett) to prepare a slate of Nominees. At our February meeting, the Executive approved the following Slate for presentation to the Membership at Large for your approval at this AGM:

**CHAIR – Julie Mavis - elect**

**VICE CHAIR– Bruce Bowden – elect**

**SECRETARY – Susan Carmichael - elect**

**DIRECTOR – Ted Holmes - elect**

**DIRECTOR – Matt Desbarbieux – re-elect**

**PAST CHAIR – Phil Goldsmith**

**TREASURER – Hugh Parker and DIRECTORS: Terry Hill, Anna Gray, Joanne Marrison, Jo Mulvaney** were elected last year to a two year term and are not required to stand for re-election.

There being no further nominations from the floor, that the slate be accepted as read.  
(Peggy Bennett/Charles Wickett) **CARRIED**

**MEETING CONCLUDED**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

**Guest Speaker – Chris Mahood, Ontario Heritage Trust**

Chris provided an overview of the heritage system in Ontario, illustrated with great examples of restoration and adaptive reuse.