

ACO COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR AGM - FEBRUARY 21, 2019

AUCTION - Joan Tooke

The Antiques & Artifacts Committee is a fund-raising committee of ACO Port Hope.

On April 22, 2018, Antiques & Artifacts presented its fourteenth annual Auction and Tag Sale at the Town Park Recreation Centre in Port Hope. This year the planning committee (named below) increased use of social media including Facebook, and Instagram and, with the assistance of a Trinity College student, developed a website. The event was made possible by donations from 78 households. Donated items were assigned to the Auction, Tag sale, Gardens Plus, and other sales areas. Fine jewellery was offered at auction for the first time. During the weekend of the event 80 volunteers worked to set up and to ensure the success of the event which, it has been said, marks the start of the spring season in Port Hope. In addition, an online auction was held in June of 2018.

A total of \$23,000 was transferred to ACO Port Hope as a result of these events. In fourteen years, \$272,000 has been transferred to the ACO by the Antiques & Artifacts Committee.

In November a second online auction was held. This netted over \$4,000 and these funds are budgeted as part of the Antiques & Artifacts 2019 contribution to ACO Port Hope.

The Antiques & Artifacts Committee met 8 times in 2018. Planning is well underway for the Fifteenth Antiques & Artifacts on April 28, 2019 at the Town Park Recreation Centre.

The committee members are Judy Brown, Heather Burnet, Judith Copeland, Felicity Corelli, Olga Cwiek, Mary Dodge Bovaird, Peter Duck, Mary Lou Ellis, Robert McLeod, Ed Pamenter, Will Ryan, Shelagh Stewart, Joan Tooke Mary Trevor and Iris Vermeulen. Lou Pamenter and Charles Wickett are ex officio members; Sharon Hancock joined the committee in September.

ADVOCACY - Bruce Bowden

The year's work really began in the late fall of 2017.

A letter to Heritage Port Hope and the Mayor recommending increased resources for HPH in order to initiate work toward the creation of an Inventory.

A letter to HPH and the Tree Advisory Committee regarding the preservation of trees along Lakeshore Road and the two old oaks in and at the fringe of King's Field.

A presentation to HPH in December urging that the hospital buildings of 65 Ward St. merited Heritage Designation.

In 2018

ACO sent out an e-blast to members outlining our concern that St. John's Anglican Church had concluded that it could not afford to repair the three tall chimneys of its rectory, and, instead, would dismantle them. Members responded by contributing \$7,500 toward their restoration. This work is in progress.

The Committee submitted a formal report to Council, requesting that 65 Ward St. become a Designated Heritage property. A procedural delay had affected the intended report of HPH. Both designation reports were submitted within days of each other, and both were considered by Council, together.

Julie Mavis and Bruce Bowden addressed Council. Two members of HPH, and two members of ACO were asked by Council to meet with Southbridge. At that meeting, diagramed suggestions from the two architects were immediately deemed by the owner, to be unworkable.

Bruce Bowden was interviewed about the designation request on Northumberland 89.7. After two members of Council motion asked Council to reconsider its decision to designate the 65 Ward St. property, Phil Goldsmith and Bruce Bowden were interviewed together on Northumberland 89.7.

The Committee and our ACO executive commissioned research and interventions from Adam Sherwin; these were printed on our website and in social media in support of the property's designation.

When the motion to reconsider was debated by Council, Bruce Bowden and Phil Goldsmith addressed Council during the ensuing debate. Phil brought revised outlines of how the buildings might be re-purposed for long-term care by Southbridge, designed to meet the known reservations of the owner.

Committee members attended the Preliminary Hearing of the Conservation Review Board in November. Bruce Bowden and Phil Goldsmith were granted "Intervenor" status at the hearing, scheduled for Feb. 11, 2019.

The presentations of Bruce Bowden and Philip Goldsmith were submitted to the Board in January, 2019. So too, was the submission of Phillip Carter, the municipality's expert witness.

Julie Mavis, Phil Goldsmith and Bruce Bowden met informally with the incoming Councilors, as had Mr. Moore of Southbridge, earlier. Phil brought an outline of how the entire property might be re-purposed and re-built to provide affordable housing: 20 apartments in the historic hospital buildings; and either 36 apartments or 21 stacked townhouses in separate buildings along Hope St., as well as 8 semi-detached townhouses on Princess St., with parking spaces, and surrounding green set-backs.

Susan Layard completed research about Southbridge's corporate structure and the current state of its license proposals for London and Owen Sound. Tony Jenkins sent an informative letter about this to Council. (Southbridge is cooperating with Sifton, the largest property firm in London, in a redevelopment project in East London; and has walked away from using a downtown heritage site in Owen Sound, as the company had earlier committed to do, preferring, instead, to purchase a "green" site elsewhere in the city.)

A comprehensive illustrated brochure about 65 Ward St., largely working with materials developed by Adam Sherwin, was prepared for all members of Council and Heritage Port Hope.

EVENTS - Joanne Marrison

Annual General Meeting

- Events is responsible for the venue rental and setup, refreshments.
- 2018 at the Capitol Theatre, Sculthorpe Theatre

Summer Barbecue

- free annual event to thank the membership for their support
- bar donations are welcomed to defray expenses

- 2018 at the Dalla Rosa residence with 150 guests

Christmas Party

- late November \$30 per member by prepaid reservation.
- bar donations encouraged to offset costs
- 2018 at the home of Blaise Gaetz and Lee Caswell with 120 guest

The success of each event is totally dependent on the participation of ACO volunteers. Thanks to all of them for their enthusiastic and generous support.

FUND RAISING - Moya McPhail and Anna Gray

1. A new fundraising idea took shape in the fall of 2018 for an architectural trip to the south of France. Anna Gray did much of the planning and coordinating with Pauwels Travel Company in Toronto to provide an exciting itinerary for 30 people at an excellent price. A presentation with photos will take place at the Port Hope Library on Sunday Jan. 27th by the tour guide from Toronto. An e-blast went out to inform all ACO members of this new opportunity. All arrangements can be made directly with the travel company.
2. A venue has been offered and accepted for a spring 2019 musical event at the Joynt's barn on McBride Rd. north of Cobourg, however at this stage we have not found the appropriate performers. If you have suggestions please get in touch with the fund raising committee.
3. The Little Station was moved to its new location on Lent Lane with work to rehabilitate and renovate taking place in the spring and summer of 2018. The new space will be the headquarters and gallery for Critical Mass. Fundraising will take place in 2019 to help pay for these costs and sponsors who contribute a significant amount will be honoured on an interpretive sign showing photos of the Little Station in the past and present and telling the interesting history of this delightful building.

GOVERNANCE - Ian MacKay

Committee reviewed and updated all ACO Port Hope Branch governance documents. All members of Executive and all Committee Chairs to sign off on a document to confirm they have read and will abide by the Governance documents. Nomination committee added to ensure ongoing succession planning.

INVESTMENT - Hugh Parker

Dennis Hogarth resigned as Chair in December 2018
Terms of Reference and Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures have been provide to the Board for review.

MEMBERSHIP- Anna Gray

First of all, a big thank you to the many members who volunteer at the various events that we hold during the year. Without their help, these events could not take place. There are 513 members in the Port Hope branch of the ACO. This number includes a few members who have not paid for 2018, however the executive of the ACO Port Hope decided to allow members to stay on the membership list for one extra year (and one year only!). If these people do not pay to renew their membership for 2019, they will be removed from the membership list.

NEWSLETTER/BUS TOUR/EVENING SERIES - Patsy Beeson

NEWSLETTER REPORT,

- 1) Four issues of *ACO Matters* with 8 pages were produced during the year, in February, May/June, September and November.
- 2) About 400 copies now go out by email with 76 being printed.
- 3) They promote the major ACO events at those times of the year.
- 4) We have 8 advertisers.

EVENINGS

- 1) On Tuesday, June 19th, Evenings held a talk at Port Hope Library on the subject of "Overland & Overnight", on 19th century travel and hostelries, given by Rachel Arnaud. \$20 per person
- 2) It has been decided to change the name of *Evenings* to *Discovery* as many events take place during the day.

BUS TOUR

- 1) On April 25th, the Bus Tour, organized by Cobourg ACO who alternate with Port Hope ACO on this, visited Kingston. The price was \$90 members and \$100 for non-members.
- 2) During 2018 Port Hope ACO has been organizing a tour to Lakefield and Warsaw, to take place in April 2019.

NEXT GEN - Derek Hurlburt

It is my pleasure to pen the first-ever report of the ACO Port Hope's Nextgen Committee for our members' Annual General Meeting. Our committee first began when Julie Mavis approached myself and other interested individuals to start a youth wing of our branch. We are gaining some interest, and to date we are five members strong.

The members represent many interests and sectors of expertise, and each member comes motivated and ready to create new projects and events in collaboration with the ACO Port Hope. Architects, heritage masons and carpenters are a few professions that are represented at our monthly meetings.

In the past months, we've worked on attracting members, and determining the mission and focus of our group. Our aim is to focus on informal education as it relates to heritage and architecture, specifically aimed towards a younger audience as well as those who are new to Port Hope. We also want to specifically highlight adaptive reuse of buildings in our municipality.

For the new year, we would like to hold some social gatherings in order to gain members and help to educate people on the benefits and importance of heritage preservation. We also are in contact with the ACO Toronto's Nextgen committee to learn more about their activities. We welcome any interested members to contact myself at hurlburt.derek@gmail.com.

OPERA HOUSE- Phil Goldsmith

Special Meeting held in November with ACO membership - please refer to minutes for update. Letter of Intent provided to RBC - November 30, 2018

PROJECTS - Phil Carter

Projects Approved

- Catherine Ramsay - The Grange - 33 South St.
 - \$26,000 for new roof and repair to stucco
- David Weir - 93 Mill St.
 - \$5000 for a new porch
- Fair Ground Gates
 - Up to \$10,000 - still outstanding

SCHOLARSHIPS - Matt Desbarbieux

No scholarships awarded this year