

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

Place: Caretaker's Cottage
Time: Thursday, September 7, 2023, 7 p.m.
Present: Ian MacKay, Tom Cruikshank, Janet Eby, Bill Bickle, Susan Layard, Jenny Wadds, Bruce Bowden, Brenda Willows, Katherine McHarg

Regrets: Laura Antonik, Lydia Svenningson, Susan Carmichael, Phil Carter

Guests: Patsy Beeson

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

MOTION: to Approve Agenda
(Katherine/Bill) **CARRIED**

MINUTES:

MOTION: to Approve Minutes of July 6, 2023
(Brenda/Susan) **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CHAIR'S REPORT: Ian MacKay

- 65 Ward St. – Southbridge has appealed the denial of a heritage demolition permit. ACO will need to apply if it wishes to have participant status.
- New ACO Matters issued this week
- House Tour and Auction both coming up soon
- Walking Tours will recommence soon

TREASURER'S REPORT – Brenda Willows

- See report issued prior to meeting
- No questions. Thanks to Treasurer for a thorough and comprehensive report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Advocacy – Bruce Bowden/Susan Layard**
 - See report circulated prior to meeting.
 - 65 Ward:
 - Council will have to pass bylaw authorizing expenditure for the case.
 - September 19 – date of closed session meeting of Council.
 - ACO preparing participant's statement.
 - B. Bowden being interviewed for piece in Watershed magazine being written by K. Wells.
 - Potential to communicate on this matter with membership via ACO Matters in November.

- **Communications/Marketing**
 - L. Svenningson and B. Bickle discussing e-blast process. Getting some feedback via MailChimp.
 - Discussed using some archived video content e.g., from previous house tours.
 - Compliments to L. Antonik for her excellent design work.
- **Education - Katherine McHarg/Jenny Wadds**
 - Tour on Saturday has two people registered so far; discussion of recent heat wave as possible cause. Using Eventbrite for registrations. Radio advertisements have been a positive.
 - Two lectures being offered on October 29, 2023: Robin Long (The River Runs Through It), and Phil Goldsmith (Reimagining the File Factory). Tickets \$20 at Capitol Theatre. Revenue (beyond fee to Capitol) goes to Friends of the Library. Room at Capitol for an ACO display if desired.
 - Question raised of the potential of making an effective connection between ACO and the historical society for Northumberland County.
- **HPH –Marie Jones**
 - See report issued prior to meeting.
 - Designation reports being produced include one for Port Hope Cemetery (possibly by end of September).
 - Question of how the ACO could help HPH advance a recent initiative to designate a portion of Lakeshore Road as a Heritage Cultural Landscape.
- **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - Central ACO Planning Committee meeting next week – and report of Grants Committee coming up for discussion. B. Bowden attending. Will advocate for coverage of some key interior elements as well as exterior, but with latitude exercised at local level. (For example, a stronger case exists if area is accessible to public).
 - Repair Café – October 21, 2023, St. John’s Church – ACO will not have a booth, but is willing to advertise the event online.
 - Lion’s Club, PH Makers Market, November 4 and 5. Will cross-promote on social media.
 - House Tour: Looking for volunteers. Hope to sell 1,000 tickets.
 - S. Layard attended OLT meeting re: Penryn; went for full day today, and continues tomorrow.

MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:06 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 5, 2023

Minutes recorded by Janet Eby