

87th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held, Thursday, September 19, 2019, commencing at 4:35 p.m. in the Eldon House Interpretive Centre, 421 Ridout St. N., London, Ontario.

Present: M. Tovey (Chair), J. O'Neil, M. Spencer Golovchenko (Acting Secretary), M. Donachie, R. Griesmayer, L. Henderson, T. Wittmann, N. Michienzi, R. Armistead

Regrets: T. Regnier, R. Koudys, M. Majumdar, K. Gonyou

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair asked that an agenda item dealing with a reconsideration of the July motion involving a paid admission model be addressed first, as director J. O'Neil is unable to remain for the full board meeting.

GRIESMAYER AND O'NEIL

That the revised Agenda **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

3. Approval of 86th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors

O'NEIL AND DONACHIE

That the 86th Report of the Eldon House Board with the following revised motion **BE APPROVED**.

That staff be directed to explore an admission charge pilot programme starting January 2, 2020.

CARRIED

4. Rescind July motion to explore admission charge

O'NEIL AND HENDERSON

Based on the outcome of staff exploration into the potential funding impact of a paid admission model, the previous Board motion to undertake a 2020 pilot programme **BE RESCINDED**.

CARRIED

Further to this pivotal matter, director M. Spencer Golovchenko - who was absent at the July meeting - expressed a procedural concern that this significant operational decision was actioned by the Board without it being a) listed as an item for discussion on the agenda or b) in the presence of Culture Manager R. Armistead, who serves as the City's staff resource to the Board.

5. Approval of combined reports, including staff reports, financial report and committee chairs reports

In underscoring a component of her written staff report, the Curator Director provided a verbal update on two security issues: a) the theft of artifacts by a patron during open museum hours; and b) the escalating presence of vagrant individuals on museum property after hours.

DONACHIE AND HENDERSON

That the Curator Director **BE ENCOURAGED** to continue working in partnership with Downtown Action Team stakeholders – in particular the City of London and City Planner John Fleming – regarding a growing number of onsite security challenges at Eldon House and report back to the Board.

CARRIED

DONACHIE AND GRIESMAYER

That the Staff Reports and Financial Report, as distributed, and the verbal Education Committee Report advising of the appointment of new Committee member Marianne Pflieger **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Chair advised that the Hiring Committee, comprised of M. Tovey, M. Spencer Golovchenko and T. Regnier, will conduct an annual review of the Curator Director sometime in October.
- b) Due to evening programming underway at the Eldon House Interpretive Centre on the evening of Thursday, October 17th, the October Board meeting will be moved to the O'Neil Funeral Home Reception Centre located at 566 York Street. The Centre comprises part of the funeral home property at 350 William Street and can be accessed either through the O'Neil driveway on William or directly from York, with plenty of free parking onsite.

ADJOURNMENT

HENDERSON

Motion to adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2019