

MINUTES
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

481 Ridout Street North
Interpretive Centre

Thursday, 4:30 PM
June 14, 2018

Present:

M. Spencer Golovchenko, M. Tovey, J. O'Neil, J. Jolliffe, T. Regnier, R. Koudys, B. Kent, M. Recker, A. Martin, R. Armistead, T. Wittmann, B. Keim

Guests: M. Baker, Curator, Elgin County Museum (guest speaker); G. Rodman, Interim Executive Director, London Heritage Council, P. Spencer

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION

1. Jennifer Jolliffe, as Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Approval of the Agenda

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND TOVEY

That the agenda **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

3. 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Eldon House Board of Directors

That the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting **BE ACCEPTED**.

KOUDYS AND KENT

CARRIED

4. Jennifer Jolliffe – **Comment from the Chair**

The Chair in her remarks commented on the life cycle renewal and how splendid Eldon House now looks. Unexpected events brought the board and staff closer together. In May 2017 we began work on our Strategic Plan. The Historical Interpreters have assumed new leadership in new programs with great success. A new staff model was initiated to help build our organization. Her role as Chair ends at this meeting. She wants to recognize the whole board that worked together through some challenging times. In particular, special thanks go to M. Spencer Golovchenko for her two terms on this board. Her presence, experience and advice have been an invaluable asset.

5. T. Wittmann – **Comments from the Curator/Director**

The Curator/Director reflected on 2017 and the 19 month duration of the life cycle renewal project where major renovations took place to make improvements to the site and help safeguard the building and its collection. During this time the museum was only closed for 2 days. A brief review of the highlights within the 30 page 2017 annual report, pointing out specifically the ‘by the numbers’ section and our community partners. Thanks were given to the Board, N. Michienzi for her work putting the annual report together and specifically to J. Jolliffe as Chair and as Acting Executive Director.

6. Table of Directors – Nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair

JOLLIFFE AND SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO

- a. That appointment of M. Tovey as Chair for remainder of term **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

TOVEY AND JOLLIFFE

- b. That appointment of J. O’Neil as Vice-Chair for remainder of term **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

KOUDYS AND SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO

- c. That appointment of R. Koudys as Treasurer for remainder of term **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

7. B. Keim – **Financial Report**

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That the 2017 Audited Financial Statement and Audit Findings Report prepared by KPMG **BE ACCEPTED.**

CARRIED

8. **Guest Speaker – M. Baker**

M. Spencer Golovchenko introduced our speaker.

M. Baker gave a brief summary of the Elgin County Museum from its establishment by the Women’s Institute in 1957 through the move into the Nurses Residence (4th Floor) at the Elgin County Buildings. Elgin County took over the management in 2005. He became the Curator 10 years ago. The main focus of his presentation was the building of the new 3000 square foot Elgin Heritage Centre funded through Cultural Spaces grant. The space is used as public presence of Museum with exhibits, school and public programming accommodated with flexible and moveable display units. Interesting to note that his research for Medieval Exhibit has found that their Talbot painting may have been painted by Eliza Harris, as mentioned in Charlotte Harris diary 1850.

9. **Other Business:**

None

10. **Adjournment**

RECKER

That the AGM **BE ADJOURNED** at 5:45PM with refreshments available to enjoy.

CARRIED