

**102<sup>nd</sup> Report of the**  
**ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting held via remote electronic format, Thursday, January 21, 2021 commencing at 4:35 p.m.

Present: M. Donachie (Chair), M. Spencer Golovchenko, T. Regnier, R. Griesmayer, L. Henderson, J. O'Neil, R. Koudys, M. Majumdar, R. Armistead, T. Wittmann, B. Ardiel

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER**

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED** with the addition under item #8 of a report for the Strategy and Innovation Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

R. Koudys declares conflict of interest with agenda item #7 Farhi Holdings Development.

**3. Remarks – M. Donachie, Chair**

Welcome to 2021! The Chair commented that the two documents (letter by Board Chair and direction to City Clerk January 13) on upcoming Eldon House by-law change for executive composition were distributed for board information. No further update from City Clerk on plans for filling the vacancy of 9<sup>th</sup> board member position. In acknowledgement of extra Covid-related business taking place at City Hall, M. Spencer Golovchenko suggested the board be proactive in proposing prospective candidates to the City Clerk, especially those with expertise in strategy or innovation. Names of potential candidates should be forwarded to the Chair.

**4. Approval of 101st Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)**

**SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND O'NEIL**

That the 101<sup>st</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED** with correction to #8 Education Committee report text in third line to 'translated into French'.

**CARRIED**

**5. Overview of Staff and Financial Reports (attached)**

The following update by Curator Director T. Wittmann was given:

- The Memory Lane Program grant amendments have recently received formal approval from Service Canada for reallocation of funds to engage and interact with seniors in a virtual format.
- Will know on Feb 1 if the Eldon House budget will be reduced after recent discussion of amended transfer payments occurred at City Council.
- Final 2020 financial figures will be reported at next board meeting.

## **KOUDYS AND O'NEIL**

That the Staff and Financial Reports as distributed **BE RECEIVED**.

### **CARRIED**

6. T. Wittmann – **Grounds and Garden Coordinator role** – recommendation (see pages 6 and 7 of staff reports)

## **SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND KOUDYS**

That a recommendation by the Curator Director to retain the union position for Grounds and Garden Coordinator but suspend hiring for this calendar year **BE APPROVED**. During Covid, the existing services of current grounds maintenance contractor will continue, with a focus on their areas of expertise.

### **CARRIED**

7. T. Wittmann/M. Donachie – **Farhi Holdings Development** (attached)

That the following items be actioned:

## **SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER**

- a. That it **BE REQUESTED** for board members to send M. Donachie their thoughts, opinions or ideas related to creating a document for possible requests to support Eldon House and its needs and goals from Farhi Holdings related to the Ridout Development Project.

### **CARRIED**

## **GRIESMAYER AND SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO**

- b. That the architects Tillmann Ruth Robinson Consultant Responses to the report, *Potential Heritage Impacts to Eldon House for Development at 435-451 Ridout St. North* submitted by the Eldon House board to the City of London **BE RECEIVED**.

### **CARRIED**

Note: R. Koudys abstained from voting on above motions.

## **8. Committee reports**

### Strategy and Innovation Committee (M. Majumdar)

The Strategy and Innovation Committee met recently and discussed two projects: National Historic site designation under person category with focus on Amelia Harris and establishing a Friends of Eldon House group. There were ideas presented on ways to improve the visibility and awareness of Amelia in the broader community through celebration of her birthday, building a standard narrative on her life and creating a permanent exhibit. N. Michienzi is gathering substantial

information on other Friends groups and this will be shared at the next committee meeting. For this quarter, the goal is to complete a two-page summary on Amelia Harris. The Chair sees the relationship with other committees as collaborative, so they can use ideas from creative 'blue sky' thinking from the Strategy and Innovation Committee at their committees, where actual work is completed.

Marketing Committee Chair R. Griesmayer agreed to include an agenda item at the next Marketing meeting for M. Majumdar and the Strategy and Innovation Committee to discuss ideas on how to promote Amelia Harris.

#### **HENDERSON AND GRIESMAYER**

That the verbal report for Strategy and Innovation Committee **BE RECEIVED.**

**CARRIED**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

M. Spencer Golovchenko reminded members that any potential candidate suggestions for the Eldon House 9<sup>th</sup> board member position be sent to M. Donachie.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**O'NEIL**

Motion to adjourn.

**CARRIED**

Adjourned at 6:38 PM.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, February 18, 2021