

107th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held via remote electronic format, Thursday, June 17, 2021, commencing at 4:34 p.m.

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

Regrets: L. Henderson

Guest: K. Gonyou, Heritage Planner, City of London

Note: Vice-Chair R. Griesmayer took over as Chair at 6:20pm with departure of M. Donachie due to a prior appointment.

1. Approval of the Agenda

GRIESMAYER AND KOUDYS

That the Agenda **BE AMENDED** to include an addition to #3 of approval of 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes.

CARRIED

GRIESMAYER AND KOUDYS

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED** as amended.

CARRIED

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

R. Koudys declares a conflict of interest with agenda item #5 Farhi Holdings Development.

3. Approval of 105th and 106th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

That the 105th and 106th Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED** with the regrets for M. Majumdar added to 106th Report.

CARRIED

Approval of 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes (attached)

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

That the 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes **BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

4. Overview of Staff and Financial Reports (attached)

GOLOVCHENKO AND REGNIER

That in recognition of current events in Canada and London, the Board support and endorse an Eldon House staff recommendation to join other London museums in deferring Canada Day celebrations for 2021, and instead, participate in a *Celebration of our Communities* event being organized by London Heritage Council on the August Civic Holiday weekend.

CARRIED

MAJUMDAR AND SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO

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

CARRIED

5. T. Wittmann – **Farhi Holdings – verbal update**

The Curator Director provided a summary of her notes on the meetings held related to the Farhi Holdings project. At the June 15th London City Council meeting, Councillors voted to support the staff recommendation for rezoning of the property with provisions, including some heritage aspects. There were comments and concerns raised during community presentations and from some Councillors during the meeting. The previously submitted Eldon House document containing concerns with the development proposal was part of the substantial package being reviewed.

6. M. Majumdar – **Heritage District Designation**

Amid recent concerns expressed by the collective heritage community regarding the Farhi Development, the Strategy and Innovation Committee raised an idea to commemorate the Ridout Street heritage corridor from the County Courthouse to Eldon House. This idea is viewed as a way to include heritage advocates in a positive way and increase knowledge of this significant area.

The Curator Director was informed by City Heritage Planner K. Gonyou that this historic streetscape is within the Downtown Heritage Conservation District, so marketing and promotion thorough commemorative signage is an easy way to tell stories of this streetscape within the existing District. R. Armistead supports the idea and advises the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) reviews and approves proposed text. She also notes there is opportunity to access funds to produce signage through the Culture Services budget. K. Gonyou confirmed preparation and promotion are possible but advised that any new installations would have to be deferred until the expected completion of all downtown rapid transit construction in 2023. Further discussions will continue on this proposed project at various Eldon House committees.

7. M. Majumdar – Interim Strategic Plan

A draft Interim Strategic Plan to carry the Board through to its new term in December 2022 was presented by M. Majumdar on behalf of the Strategy and Innovation Committee.

GREISMAYER AND KOUDYS

That the draft Interim Strategic Plan **BE RECEIVED**, with any comments or feedback to be submitted to the Strategy and Innovation Committee before its next meeting on July 6th.

CARRIED

8. Committee reports

Strategy and Innovation Committee (M. Majumdar)

The Committee Chair mentioned that establishing a Friends of Eldon House group is being deferred until its specific roles and responsibilities can be identified by the Committee.

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND MAJUMDAR

That the reports from the Strategy and Innovation Committee (verbal) and the Education Committee (attached) **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

KOUDYS

Motion to adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 6:33 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 15, 2021