

110th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held via remote electronic format, Thursday, October 21, 2021, commencing at 5:02 p.m.

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

Regrets: R. Koudys, M. Majumdar

1. Approval of the Agenda

O'NEIL AND HENDERSON

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED** with correction under agenda item #5 to Appendix: 2022 Program Plan.

CARRIED

2. Chair's Remarks

None

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Approval of 109th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND O'NEIL

That the 109th Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

5. Overview of Staff and Financial Reports (attached)

Additional information provided as follows:

- 565 people have engaged with the Eldon House site since board last met
- Two historical interpreters, K. Baker and S. Butlin have decided to retire and will be working until early November. These part-time roles will be posted quickly so can be filled promptly, with new staff trained and ready for the busy Christmas season.
- Program Coordinator requests any comments or additional feedback by November 20 on the draft 2022 Programming Plan distributed today
- Christmas Tea this year will be a 'to go' box rather than on site in the interpretative centre

The Board extends warm appreciation to K. Baker and S. Butlin for their long term staff contributions and service as historical interpreters at Eldon House.

R. Armistead, Culture Manager provided information the London Heritage Council has announced a multiculturalism theme for the 2022 Heritage Fair, as it is the 50th anniversary of multiculturalism in Canada next year.

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

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

CARRIED

6. M. Majumdar and M. Spencer Golovchenko

Update on Ridout Heritage Streetscape October 5th meeting

M. Spencer Golovchenko gave a report on behalf of the Strategy and Innovation Committee. The meeting with heritage stakeholders began with M. Donachie giving attendees an overview of the activity and action by the Eldon House Board related to the Farhi Ridout Development Project. M. Majumdar made brief presentation on the potential Promenade heritage interpretation proposal along Ridout Street. The meeting was productive with good input received from heritage group representatives who attended. Eldon House has re-established connections with local heritage groups and advocates. This meeting is a good first step in this process. The next step is to discuss this idea with Museum London and organize a meeting for more in-depth information sharing.

The draft notes of the heritage meeting prepared by N. Michienzi are provided for comments. The board members who attended on October 5th agreed they captured the details of the discussion and information shared. The notes will be distributed to all those who were on the invitation roster.

7. **Committee reports**

Collections and Policy Committee (T. Regnier)

REGNIER AND O'NEIL

That the draft policies 6. Education and Interpretation, 7. Collections Management, and 9. Physical Plant **BE APPROVED** as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

8. M. Spencer Golovchenko – **Orientation of new board member M. Halliday**

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

That the appointment of M. Halliday to the Strategy and Innovation Committee **BE ACCEPTED**.

9. M. Donachie – Potential change to monthly board meeting date

Board member R. Koudys has a conflict with another regular monthly meeting so is requesting possible change to our regular monthly board meeting date. After some discussion of options, M. Donachie will send out an email after this meeting suggesting potential new dates for monthly meeting to get feedback from board members.

10. M. Donachie – Reinstating onsite board meetings

The Chair suggested that for November the board still meet online, as not enough has changed in terms of Covid protocols. However, the board plans to gather in December at Eldon House for a brief meeting and possible Christmas social.

ADJOURNMENT

HALLIDAY

Motion to adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 6:29 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 18, 2021.