

**112th Report of the**  
**ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting held via remote electronic format, Thursday, December 16, 2021, commencing at 4:35 p.m.

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

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**KOUDYS AND HENDERSON**

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED**.

**CARRIED**

**2. Chair's Remarks**

M. Donachie acknowledged that 2021 has been another tough year. With the recent fast-moving new Omicron variant, it was important to shift our December meeting back to a virtual setting. He is confident in this decision due to the current situation. It is disappointing that we are not having our holiday gathering in person. The Chair was impressed with the efforts of our staff during the past year and expressed the board's gratitude to them.

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

R. Koudys declares a disclosure of pecuniary interest in relation to the Farhi Development Project.

**4. Approval of 111<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)**

**SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER**

That the 111<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

**CARRIED**

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

**SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER**

That the following actions be taken:

- a. That the verbal updates below **BE RECEIVED**:
  - Today was last day of work for the Museum Assistant, B. Ricciardi. This was the first position of this type for Eldon House through the Canada Summer Jobs program and was a huge success.
  - The Curator Director is continuing discussion about potential return to work plan for D. Costello.

- The contract for B. Ardiel, Interim Program Coordinator has been extended to January 31, 2022.
- b. That as outlined in Appendix 1 of the December Staff and Financial Report, \$9250 from the Lucy Little Trust Fund **BE APPROVED** for the proposed 3 conservation projects (Plaster Bust Restoration; Exhibition Infrastructure Renewal, and Case Clock Conservation).
- c. That the Staff and Financial Reports as distributed **BE RECEIVED**.

## **CARRIED**

### **6. Committee reports**

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

As M. Majumdar was unable to attend, M. Spencer Golovchenko gave a report on behalf of the Committee Chair. The Strategy and Innovation Committee met on December 14<sup>th</sup>. As an update, the Committee is focusing on three major initiatives: 1) the Amelia Project, 2) Friends of Eldon House and 3) the Promenade Project, along historic Ridout Street between Eldon House and the Old Courthouse.

Regarding the Amelia Project, plans are being developed by the Curator Director to find opportunity for the community to create images of Amelia Harris, as very few exist in the historic record. London artist and Eldon House supporter, B. Parkinson, is excited to assist with this creative initiative.

The next public Zoom meeting of the Promenade Project Sub-committee is on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm with a Museum London representative and others in the heritage sector attending. All board members are invited to attend this and any future meetings. Landscape architect R. Koudys will attend as a strong supporter of the project.

Approaching the initiative as a multi-part process, representatives of the Indigenous community are the next group to bring to the Project. Eventually, the owner developers of the old Courthouse (York) and 451 Ridout properties (Farhi) will also be invited to the Promenade Project.

#### **SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND O'NEIL**

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

## **CARRIED**

### **7. M. Donachie – Board Meeting schedule update**

Board meetings will now be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning January 2022.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. Staff Recognition**

#### **HENDERSON AND KOUDYS**

That the financial bonus **BE APPROVED** for the three full time staff, T. Wittmann, N. Michienzi and B. Ardiel as the board wants to recognize their efforts in 2021 during extraordinary times of pandemic.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **KOUDYS**

Motion to adjourn.

### **CARRIED**

Adjourned at 5:40 PM

B. Ardiel gave a virtual tour of the festive season decorations at Eldon House sharing fun facts of Christmas traditions in various main floor rooms culminating in the dining room.

## **NEXT MEETING**

January 19, 2022 (Wednesday)