

113th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held via remote electronic format, Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 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, T. Wittmann, B. Ardiel, R. Armistead (late arrival)

Regrets: R. Koudys

1. Approval of the Agenda

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND HALLIDAY

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

2. Chair's Remarks

Happy New Year to everyone! Welcome to our first Wednesday board meeting.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Approval of 112th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)
SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

That the 112th Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

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

Additional information was shared below:

- With Covid restrictions loosening, plans are underway to reopen the museum as early as next week
- In answer to a question posed by M. Majumdar, there are approximately 25,000 artifacts within Eldon House and many more years of cataloguing and photographic documentation to be done.
- Moving ahead, the Curator Director's monthly report for each board meeting will be expanded to include added information on either an artifact or diary extract to provide an element of learning about Eldon House and the Harris Family.

HENDERSON AND HALLIDAY

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

CARRIED

6. Committee reports

Strategy and Innovation Committee (M. Majumdar)

The Committee Chair provided an update on the January 11th Promenade Project meeting with the heritage community. Museum London is also now represented by its Curator of Regional History A. Lloydlangston. Both the Curator Director and Heritage Planner K. Gonyou shared information on similar projects, including potential for interpretative signage on the small municipal island of land across from the 451 Ridout Street properties.

The Draft Vision and Mission were reviewed, and comments and suggestions were made to help refine the plan and expand its scope, so a phased approach to this longer term endeavour is needed. Also, an overview of both the Downtown Loop construction along Ridout Street North and the City's Rapid Transit project was provided by City of London representative Ted Koza.

A local indigenous representative will be invited to become involved and attend the next Promenade Committee meeting.

The summary of comments and feedback, plus any follow-up after the meeting, will be distributed with the revised Vision and Mission.

Education Committee (L. Henderson)

The Committee met January 4th via Zoom with majority of the information being captured in the Interim Program Coordinator's report. The next meeting is planned for April.

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND GRIESMAYER

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

CARRIED

7. In Camera Item(s)

One matter pertaining to personnel matters, including information regarding identifiable individual(s) with respect to employment related matters, advice or recommendations, including communications necessary for that purpose.

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND MAJUMDAR

That it **BE APPROVED** for the board meeting to go In-Camera.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

8. Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Workshop

M. Spencer Golovchenko attended the first 3-hour evening Zoom session of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Workshop hosted by Pillar Nonprofit Network and the London Heritage Council on January 13th. There were members of many local museum boards and the London Heritage Council Board who attended. The workshop content was found to be very informative

and worthwhile. M. Spencer Golovchenko offered to present a summary of the two-part workshop to the board at a future meeting. She also expressed appreciation to Culture Manager R. Armistead for providing funds to the London Heritage Council to offer this timely and important content to museum boards.

ADJOURNMENT

HENDERSON

Motion to adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 6:17 PM

NEXT MEETING

February 16, 2022