

114th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held via remote electronic format, Wednesday, February 16, 2022, commencing at 4:38 p.m.

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

Regrets: R. Griesmayer

1. Approval of the Agenda

HENDERSON AND HALLIDAY

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

2. Chair's Remarks

M. Donachie congratulated B. Ardiel for becoming the new full time Program Coordinator at Eldon House on behalf of the Eldon House board.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Approval of 113th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND MAJUMDAR

That the 113th Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

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

Additional information was shared below:

- Beginning March 1 loosening restrictions include the end of usage of the vaccine passport. The capacity within Eldon House will increase, but still be at a reduced level to maintain physical distancing, as space is tight in some areas within the museum. This will allow us to increase capacity from 30 to 45, though this is a normally a quiet time of year.
- Volunteers are planting seedlings in the greenhouse so plants will be ready for the spring plant sale and use in the gardens
- Following her annual performance review, the Curator Director's goals for the upcoming year were reviewed and highlights include: plans to add another 10 interpretative panels on the grounds to tell the narrative, starting at the Eldon House gate; continuing to catalogue plants on the property; and continue furthering the goal to document the life of matriarch Amelia Harris as a potential Person of Historical Significance.

- A new Amelia Harris online exhibit is going live next week in honour of her upcoming birthday on February 17.

KOUDYS AND MAJUMDAR

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

CARRIED

6. Committee reports

Strategy and Innovation Committee (M. Majumdar)

Following the 2nd Promenade meeting with the heritage community and Museum London, the Committee met to discuss input into the Promenade Project draft Vision and Mission. Once edited, an updated draft will be shared with the larger group, along with minutes from the last full Promenade meeting held on January 11.

The next step is to expand the group to include an Indigenous representative, then landowners York and Farhi, plus other interested community members.

A separate goal of the Committee is to produce the publication on Amelia Harris later this year. The Curator Director will continue to work on this draft document, once access to the Harris papers at Western University Archives and Special Collections opens up this spring/summer.

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND KOUDYS

That the verbal report from the Strategy and Innovation 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.

MAJUMDAR AND HALLIDAY

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 has offered to present an abridged version of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression workshop at either the March or April board meeting. This agenda item will be coordinated with the Board Chair. In addition to this recent workshop, R. Armistead advised that the London Heritage Council also plans to offer Indigenous training for museums in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

KOUDYS

Motion to adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 5:58PM

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2022