

115th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held in hybrid electronic and in-person format at Eldon House Interpretive Centre, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, commencing at 4:33 p.m.

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

HENDERSON AND SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

R. Koudys has an ongoing disclosure of pecuniary interest related to the Ridout Development Project at 435-451 Ridout Street.

3. Chair's Remarks

It is great to welcome everyone at the March board meeting as is being attended in a hybrid format with some board members at the Eldon House Interpretive Centre and others joining virtually. For the annual report, there is a plan to include a photograph of the board possibly taken in person, using Zoom headshots or using selfie photos. The process is being coordinated by N. Michienzi, as she is preparing the annual report.

4. Approval of 114th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)

SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND O'NEIL

That the 114th Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

CARRIED

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

Additional information was shared below:

- An ideal candidate has been found for the Grounds and Garden Coordinator position, with an offer being presented soon.
- As Covid restrictions continue to lift, the Eldon House plan is to continue to expect staff and visitors to wear masks indoors, as a precaution. This regulation will continue to be monitored.
- The HVAC system will be augmented by purchasing portable dehumidifiers and better sensors (thermostats) to use within Eldon House.

GRIESMAYER AND MAJUMDAR

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

CARRIED

6. Committee reports

Strategy and Innovation Committee (M. Majumdar)

After receiving input from the broad heritage group, the draft Promenade Project Mission and Vision statements were revised at a recent Strategy and Innovation Committee meeting and will be finalized at the upcoming Promenade meeting.

There are two meetings planned for April, the regular Committee meeting and Promenade Project meeting on April 7th, with an Indigenous community member invited to attend. No May meeting is scheduled.

The Curator Director continues to work on the Amelia Harris publication being developed.

HENDERSON AND KOUDYS

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

CARRIED

7. Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Workshop

As the Board's representative at a recent 6-hour/2-part Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Zoom Workshop hosted by Pillar Nonprofit Network and the London Heritage Council, M. Spencer Golovchenko presented an abridged summary of the content using PowerPoint and videos.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Updating Eldon House bylaw re membership diversity

As an outcome of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Workshop, M. Spencer Golovchenko noted a need to revise the existing Eldon House bylaw to reflect more diversity in its board membership. Without the Board currently having flexibility to appoint its own new directors, this matter limiting board composition must be directly addressed with City Council to revise the bylaw. And, as 2022 is a municipal election year, the bylaw could easily be adjusted ahead of the next round of City appointments to outside agencies/boards/committees - following the fall election.

9. Speaker at Eldon House AGM

M. Spencer Golovchenko suggested Julie Bevan, the new Executive Director of Museum London, as a potential speaker for the May Annual General Meeting. T. Wittmann will advise on speaker availability at the next meeting. Currently, it is still being determined if the AGM will be presented virtually or in person.

ADJOURNMENT

KOUDYS

Motion to adjourn.

CARRIED

Adjourned at 6:13 PM

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2022