

**117th Report of the**  
**ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting held in hybrid electronic and in-person format on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, commencing at 4:35 p.m.

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

Regrets: T. Regnier, R. Koudys

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**HENDERSON AND GRIESMAYER**

That the Agenda **BE APPROVED**.

**CARRIED**

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**3. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair acknowledged Past Chair M. Spencer Golovchenko as interim Secretary for the June board meeting, as T. Regnier was away on vacation.

**4. T. Wittmann – Presentation of Board Photographs**

The Curator Director presented a brief review of various photographs of the Board taken by photographer Ian McAlpine at the time of the May Annual General Meeting (AGM). The photos intended for use in the 2022 Annual Report were well-received and directors were invited to advise staff of any images they would like to receive, as keepsakes of the term.

**Approval of Use of Photos**

**SPENCER GOLOVCHENKO AND O'NEIL**

That a group photo of the Board and individual director headshots be uploaded to the Eldon House website, along with mini-biographies, as a means of informing the community of the museum's Board leadership.

**5. Approval of 116<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)**

**GREISMAYER AND O'NEIL**

That the revised 116<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Approval of the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes (attached)

### HENDERSON AND O'NEIL

That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**.

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

Additional information was shared based on questions asked:

- M. Spencer Golovchenko – inquired about the impact on staff of heightened vagrancy around the Eldon House property this summer. The Curator Director confirmed there is an increase in homeless people taking up residency near the museum, as well as vandalism.
- The Curator Director further noted staff monitoring and/or intervention have become an increasing part of the job. To this end, recently an over-dosed individual was found by staff and community service support through London Cares was required to manage the situation.
- As well, the closure of adjacent streets due to current bus rapid transit construction means there is more opportunity for vagrants to use the Eldon House grounds as an overnight habitat.
- The Curator Director confirmed that vagrancy is an organizational risk because the museum is losing business when people stay away due to the downtown homeless situation.

### O'NEIL AND GRIESMAYER

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

## CARRIED

## 8. Committee Reports

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

No report at this time.

### NEW BUSINESS

M. Spencer Golovchenko advised she made a new potential school bus funding contact at the Lawson Foundation – Miggsie Lawson Fund. She will be having a phone consultation with the Foundation's Program Director Karen Pischedda in a few weeks.

M. Donachie asked directors to consider the preferred format for meetings moving forward, as Covid restrictions continue to be lifted.

### ADJOURNMENT

### O'NEIL

Motion to adjourn.

## CARRIED

Adjourned at 5:50 PM

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 20, 2022