

124th Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held virtually on Wednesday February 15, 2023, commencing at 4:30 pm.

Present: Mike Donachie (Chair), Megan Halliday, Devinder Luthra, Bruce Duncan, Don Millar, Louanne Henderson, Rebecca Griesmayer, Joe O'Neil, Doug Fleming, Tara Wittmann, Robin Armistead

Regrets:

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

GRIESMAYER and FLEMING

That the agenda **BE APPROVED**

CARRIED

2. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

None

3. **Approval of 123rd Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors**

FLEMING and DUNCAN

That the 123rd Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**

CARRIED

4. M. Donachie – **Chair's remarks**

- Thanked everyone for discussion via email about meeting dates and committee discussion

5. T. Wittmann – **Overview of Staff and Financial Reports**

- Eldon House staff working on creating content for exhibits, programs and special events
- Conservation projects – crystal chandelier was dismantled for cleaning and now spear removed from walls
- Amelia 225th birthday celebration to welcome busts back to Eldon House
- Grounds Coordinator position open
 - o Felt this “trial” year was a success
- Confirmed there was no concerns with audit
- Many Directors congratulated Staff with the reports and how positive they were

FLEMING and LUTHRA

That the Staff and Financial Reports **BE RECEIVED**

CARRIED

6. **T. Wittmann & M. Donachie** - Collective Bargaining with CUPE Update
 - Both T. Wittmann and M. Donachie commented on the conversation being positive
 - No future date set, but looking to resume negotiations in the beginning of March

7. **D. Millar** - Question regarding Granting
 - Winterio grants – brought up previously by D. Millar
 - o This grant rebranded and OLG sponsorship or fund grant
 - T. Wittmann – if any Directors hear of any grants, please feel free to pass them along
 - D. Luthra & B. Duncan suggested directions for potential granting opportunities

8. **AGM planning**
 - M. Donachie – suggestions on guest speakers?
 - D. Fleming – perhaps the Mayor
 - D. Millar – Counsellor David Ferreira or perhaps Children’s Museum if they have moved?
 - Board then agreed that perhaps this was a task for the Fundraising and Special Events Committee and suggested that it be deferred to them when the subcommittee is created

9. **Committee appointments**
 - Collections and Policy
 - o Past Director T. Regnier - Chair
 - Strategy and Innovation
 - o Past Director M. Spencer Golovchenko - Chair
 - o Past Director M. Majumdar to act in transitional role
 - Education
 - o L. Henderson – Chair
 - Garden
 - o D. Millar – chair
 - Marketing
 - o R. Griesmayer – Chair
 - Fundraising and Special Events
 - o R. Griesmayer – Chair
 - M. Donachie and R. Griesmayer to chat about combining Marketing and Fundraising & Special Events committees
 - M. Donachie to send out list of names to each Chair to assist with creating membership for each committee
 - T. Wittmann advised that Terms of Reference for each committee have not been reviewed in recent past
 - M. Donachie advised each committee to review the Terms of Reference at the first meeting

MILLAR and HENDERSON

That the Committee Appointments **BE APPROVED**

CARRIED

10. **Open forum:** encouraging reflections, especially from new Directors, about recent experiences on this Board. How's it going?
- Numerous Directors advised they were thrilled with the direction of the Board as well as leadership

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

LUTHRA

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Adjourned at 6:00 pm

NEXT MEETING

Online board meeting, Wednesday, March 15, 2023.