

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting held in person at the Eldon House Interpretive Centre on Wednesday May 17, 2023 commencing at 4:40 pm

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

Guests: Dr. Michelle Hamilton, Professor of Public History at Western University, Kyle Gonyou

Regrets:

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#### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

##### **FLEMING and LUTHRA**

That the agenda **BE APPROVED**

#### **CARRIED**

#### **2. M. Donachie – Chair's Remarks**

The Chair extended his thanks to Staff for arranging this and setting up as well as his thanks you all volunteers and retiring and incoming directors and guest speaker Dr. Hamilton.

#### **3. T. Wittmann – Remarks from the Curator/Director Presentation of the 2022 Annual Report**

Welcomed new exhibitions, increased staff and capacity. Core values remain despite looking a little different. Thanks to strategic plan we moved forward with momentum and met goals. Board was active and present. Thank you to volunteers who remained with us over COVID and City of London staff and members of heritage community and trades who want to maintain historic fabric. Thank you to citizens of City of London as so many continued to engage in programs or visit us.

New section of report highlights actions museum took to ensure safety of staff, volunteers and visitors while remaining accessible during COVID-19. This year launched 9 new exhibits both onsite and online. Worked closely with City of London to ensure Eldon House remained open during construction and conservation remained a focus. Grounds had improvements thanks to volunteers and staff.

##### **LUTHRA and HENDERSON**

That the 2022 Annual Report **BE RECEIVED**

#### **CARRIED**

4. **Formal Approval of KPMG for auditors for 2023**

**O'NEIL and MILLER.**

That the approval of KPMG as auditors for 2023 **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

5. **M. Donachie – Election of Executive**

Chair – Mike Donachie  
Vice Chair – **Don Millar**  
Treasurer – Joe O'Neil  
Secretary – Megan Halliday

D. Luthra nominated D. Millar as Vice Chair – J. O'Neil seconded  
Motion amended to accept executive slate to include Don Millar as Vice Chair

**LUTHRA and FLEMING.**

That the election of the Executive Slate **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

6. **Dr. Michelle Hamilton – Professor of Public History at Western University**  
**Topic: SoHO Neighbourhood Project**

Public historian interested in contemporary issues with heritage sites and museums. Ongoing project for a few years working with students with this year being focused on physical outdoor interpretive signage with history of neighbourhood and hospital so new tenants understand history of site.

**ADJOURNMENT**

O'Neil

Motion to adjourn

**CARRIED**

Adjourned at 6:13pm

Light refreshment for attendees

**NEXT MEETING**

Online Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 2023.