

**128<sup>th</sup> Report of the**  
**ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting held in-person on Wednesday July 19, 2023 commencing at 4:40 pm

Present: Mike Donachie (Chair), Megan Halliday, Louanne Henderson, Don Millar, Doug Fleming, Robin Armistead

Regrets: Joe O'Neil, Devinder Luthra, Bruce Duncan

**Board Meeting**

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**FLEMING and MILLAR**

That the agenda **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

**2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

Nil

**3. Approval of 127<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors (attached)**

**HALLIDAY and FLEMING**

That the 127<sup>th</sup> Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

**4. M. Donachie - Chair's Remarks**

- Thanks for having an in-person meeting outside and thanks for staff for setting up and everything

**CARRIED**

**5. T. Wittmann - Overview of Staff and Finance Reports**

- Momentum with visitors while engaging with grounds largely, but house and special events
- Time of action for busy season
- Continue to vet security incidents (Drug use and homelessness)
  - o Good use of staff resources get diverted to this
  - o Liaise with security and emergency services
  - o No significant interior issues so far – mostly exterior, encampments, drug paraphernalia and overnight use
- Some financial concerns still exist, but hoping the multi year budget work will address some shortfalls that we feel
- D. Millar
  - o Asked questions about the Lemon-yellow garden party

- Inquired about the Strawberry tea
- Conversations around increasing attendance of programs and including partnerships and Counsel involvement
- T. Wittmann brought up the need to have an increase of the operating budget in order to better assist with programming
  - Information provided by R. Armistead as to how to request an increase from the City
    - Decision made by M. Donachie to leave this conversation until early September when we have more information regarding budget discussions from the City

**HENDERSON and MILLAR**

That the Staff Reports **BE RECEIVED**

**CARRIED**

**6. Committee Reports**

Nil

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**HALLIDAY**

**Adjourned at 5:40 pm**

**NEXT MEETING**

Online board meeting September 20, 2023.