**132st Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTors**

Meeting held in person on Wednesday January 17, 2024 commencing at 4:35 pm

Present: M. Donachie, M. Halliday, L. Henderson, B. McClure, D. Millar, B. Duncan, D. Luthra, D. Fleming, T. Wittmann, R. Armistead

Regrets: J. O’Neil

**Board Meeting**

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

**HENDERSON and LUTHRA**

That the agenda **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

1. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

Nil

1. **Approval of 131st Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors**

**MILLAR and MCCLURE**

That the 131st Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**

**CARRIED**

1. M. Donachie - **Chair’s Remarks**
* Welcome to the year
* Come to multi-year budget later in meeting
1. T. Wittmann - **Overview of Staff and Finance Reports**
* 190th year
* 59% increase in 2023 from 2022 – almost up to pre-pandemic numbers – almost 12,000
* Conservation, exhibitions, grants and new public and education programs
* Finance and construction/conservation projects
* L. Henderson inquired about various artifacts going behind glass, upkeep to house and planning for 190th anniversary – T. Wittmann answered questions
* B. McClure inquired about research project with Huron College – T. Wittmann answered questions
* D. Fleming and M. Donachie asked questions of T. Wittmann about potential partnership with UK museum who found Eldon House related artifacts – conversations ongoing

**LUTHRA and HENDERSON**

That the Staff Reports **BE RECEIVED**

1. M. Donachie – **Multi-year Budget Update**
* M. Donachie thanked everyone for their work
* D. Millar seconded and thanked everyone for enthusiasm
* Conversations continued about how to move forward
1. **Committee Reports**
* Nil
1. **Meeting Format and Logistics**
* Discussions around potentially making meetings hybrid but concerns about this outlined
* Conversation to continue – as for right now, will continue with in-person meetings

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Nil

 **ADJOURNMENT**

D. Millar vote adjourn

 **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday February 21, 2024 in person