

141st Report of the
ELDON HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting held virtually on Wednesday November 20th, 2024 commencing at 4:34 pm

Present: L. Henderson, M. Donachie, J. O'Neil, M. Halliday, T. Wittmann, B. McClure

Absent: D. Luthra

Board Meeting

1. Approval of the Agenda

HENDERSON and DONACHIE

That the agenda **BE APPROVED**

CARRIED

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

NIL

3. Approval of the 140th Report of the Eldon House Board of Directors

MCCLURE and DONACHIE

That the 140th Report of the Eldon House Board **BE APPROVED**

CARRIED

4. J. O'Neil – Acting Chair's Remarks

- London Historical Middlesex Committee is tonight at 7:30, the last one in the old courthouse

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

- Move to Victorian Christmas decorating next week
- Provided some grant information
- B. McClure – planning to publish the 190th exhibitions?
 - o T. Wittmann – yes, going well

HALLIDAY and DONACHIE

That the Staff Reports **BE RECEIVED**

CARRIED

6. M. Halliday – Letter to City Council Update – Necessary Motions

- a. Reduce the number of Directors from nine (9) to seven (7)

HALLIDAY and DONACHIE

CARRIED

- b. Remove the specialization criteria required for new appointees
 - B. McClure – disagree with this, long-term could be a negative impact – may be more specific on what criteria we want, but want to make sure that future directors have some investment and provide something to EH in some capacity
 - J. O’Neil – demonstrates knowledge of Eldon House

HALLIDAY and HENDERSON – that the wording in the bylaw be changed to explain that “preference will be given to applicants who have shown previous knowledge or involvement with Eldon House”

CARRIED

- c. Reduce the Director membership of standing committees from three (3) to one (1)

HALLIDAY and DONACHIE

CARRIED

- d. Reduce the number of meetings from eleven (11) to six (6) – meeting dates are to be confirmed at the January meeting each year but to include AGM and Christmas Social
 - J. O’Neil – maybe add in something to state that we can always call an emergency meeting should the need arise

HALLIDAY & MCCLURE

CARRIED

7. J. O’Neil – **Confirmation of Christmas Social date, time, and invitees**
 - December 11 – 6:00 start
 - Staff to assist in catering
 - Significant others, staff volunteers are more than welcome
 - T. Wittmann – a staff can put together an invite if that is helpful – ask for RSVP for catering
8. **Committee Reports**
 - L. Henderson – has not been an education committee meeting this year – going to try to resurrect the committee
 - o J. O’Neil – yes, please

NEW BUSINESS

- B. McClure motion to go in-camera at 5:10
 - o Seconded by M. Halliday
- L. Henderson motioned to move out of camera at 5:15

- Seconded by M. Donachie

ADJOURNMENT

MCCLURE at 5:23

NEXT MEETING

December 11, 2024, at 6:00 at O'Neil Funeral Home Reception Hall – invite to follow