

Brant Historical Society  
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting  
On Zoom  
July 21, 2020  
Brant Museum and Archives  
[57 Charlotte St., Brantford](#)

Meeting Minutes

Present on Zoom: Tim Philp (President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Willy Hilgendag (Treasurer), Doug Summerhayes and Denise Methot.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by D. Methot, seconded by M. Marion that the agenda be approved with no additions or deletions. Carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of the Jan. 28, 2020 meeting:

Moved by M. Marion, seconded by D. Methot that the minutes be approved. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The board reviewed the financial documents provided treasurer W. Hilgendag. Attention was drawn to the fact the most recent balance in current account stands at \$43,639. That amount is about \$60,000 less than at the same point a year ago. T. Philp said he would prefer to find ways of putting the finances on a more sustainable footing without always dipping into the endowment fund.

Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by D. Methot that the treasurer's report be approved. Carried unanimously.

President's Report:

T. Philp reported that the Brant Museum has reopened on a limited basis, observing COVID-19 restrictions; and no adverse incidents have been reported. However, Myrtleville House has been kept closed. Nathan Etherington and Lillia are operating the two. People can come in by appointment, subject to COVID protocols.

T. Philp reported that a \$50,000 grant has been received from the City of Brantford, and a \$25,000 grant has been received from Brant County.

All the legal considerations for the transfer of the Crystal Cottage have been completed and arrangements are proceeding for the facility's physical move to the vacant lot beside the museum. Builder Mike Quattrociocchi has been chosen as contractor. T. Philp said that

because he had been ill in recent months he brought in Colleen Armstrong because she has plenty of professional experience in managing buildings and construction projects. The board will soon engage in discussion about what to do about the property. The options range from selling it to leasing.

Telephone and security bills are high. Philp said he has called security to see if less expensive alternatives are available. The faulty air conditioning has not been replaced yet. He discussed the possibility of sending a letter to membership explaining the financial situation.

The society has not been able to hold an annual general meeting yet due to COVID restrictions. One will be arranged as soon as it is feasible.

Philp announced that board member Jean Kendall recently sent a letter of resignation. He asked for a motion for a letter of acceptance.

Moved by D. Methot, seconded by M. Marion that the board accepts the resignation of J. Kendall with regret and thanks her for her service.

Corporate Sponsorship Report:

D. Methot said no activity has taken place due to COVID restrictions. She said the committee is waiting for Stage 4 reopening and relaxation of restrictions when committees can be approached.

Next Meeting: A virtual meeting scheduled for Aug. 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.