

Brant Historical Society
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
On Zoom
September 29, 2020
Brant Museum and Archives
56 Charlotte St, Brantford

Meeting Minutes

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

Regrets: Colleen Armstrong

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7 pm

1) Approval of Agenda:

Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by M. Marion, that the agenda be approved with no additions or deletions. Carried unanimously.

2) Minutes of the September 7, 2020 board of directors meeting:

Due to technical difficulties, the draft minutes of the previous meeting were not available for distribution. They will be presented at the next meeting.

3) Treasurer's Report:

Due to technical difficulties, the financial documents for the past month were not available for the meeting. They will be presented at the next meeting along with the most recent ones.

T. Philp gave a presentation of a consultant's report on area museums to a city council committee, which was carried live on You Tube. He took board members through statements by the consultant that he considered were erroneous. Philp said that while the museum is not yet in a financially viable position, its actual position was nowhere near what the consultant or the report stated.

He said the museum has \$61,919.48 in the bank but about \$50,000 is earmarked for the Crystal Cottage move. It will likely be necessary to ask for money from the endowment fund.

Motion: Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by M. Marion, that the President be directed to request \$50,000 from the endowment fund. Carried unanimously.

Crystal Cottage update: T. Philp said the corporation effecting the transfer of the building is ready to move it. The contractor hired to build the foundation "can have a shovel in the ground in a month," he said.

Brantford Expositor Archives: T. Philp reported The Expositor has closed its Brantford office but continues to publish. The newspaper's management has asked if the BHS wants to take its archive files. The Museum has accepted the archives.

The next board meeting will be on October 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.