

**THE TOWN OF YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE REDWOOD THEATRE
1300 Gerrard St. East, Toronto
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

President Kevin Both called the business meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. before an assembled 29 members and Toronto's First Post Office staff.

Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting

Secretary Valerie Bayers called for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous AGM, which had been distributed to the room. Martin Rainbow so moved, seconded by Shirley Farrar. There were no changes or discussion, and a vote was taken on the motion. *Carried.*

Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for 2018

Treasurer Shirley Farrar introduced David Clarke from Hogg, Shain and Scheck to field any questions about the audited financial statements for 2018. There were no questions from the floor. Kevin Both moved acceptance of the financial statements, seconded by Martin Rainbow. *Carried.* Shirley then moved that Hogg, Shain and Scheck be appointed auditor for the Town of York Historical Society for 2019. Martin Rainbow seconded. *Carried.*

Nomination of Directors

Vice-President Martin Rainbow read the list of the current Board of Directors and their terms. He noted that Geoffrey Milos was up for re-election, that Katherine Dennis and Corinna Prior had been appointed during the year and would now stand for election, and that Luisa Giacometti and John Jones had put themselves forward for election. He asked the candidates to stand and be acknowledged, read brief biographies for each of the candidates, then asked for any other nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming, and Martin declared the slate acclaimed.

President's Report

Kevin Both introduced himself to the assembled and described his history with Toronto's First Post Office. He thanked staff and the rest of the board of directors. Kevin reported that the board had formed five committees to address Strategic Planning, Finances, Collections, Membership, and the 2020 Lease Renewal. Kevin reported that the volunteer program has grown to over 20 regular and one-time volunteers, and we would be hiring a student over the summer to help digitize the collection. Kevin finished by telling the membership that 2019-2020 would especially focus on the lease renewal and the development of a new strategic plan, and he invited the membership to get involved and share their feedback.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Kat Akerfeldt thanked the Board of Directors for their service, and welcomed the two new members. She thanked the membership for their participation throughout the year, and encouraged them to fill out a survey that would help direct the new strategic plan. She also thanked the staff of Toronto's First Post Office.

The business meeting concluded at 8:05pm.