

**TOWN OF YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference**

Opening: The Business Meeting of the AGM of the **TOWN OF YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Kevin Both.

Number of members present: 39

AGM package made available prior to the AGM at TownofYork.com:

- Agenda and Speaker Biographies
- 2019 Draft AGM Minutes
- 2019 Financials
- 2020 Draft Bylaws

Introduction: Zoé Delguste-Cincotta (Curator) performs a Zoom introduction on how to use the platform, how motions and seconds will be made using the chat function, and how to vote using polls.

Welcome: Kevin Both (President)

- Kevin makes the Land Acknowledgement.
- Members are welcomed to the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Town of York Historical Society.
- Katie Dennis (Secretary) is introduced.

Minutes of the Last General Meeting: Katie Dennis (Secretary)

- The attention of the membership is directed to the 2019 Draft AGM Minutes which were emailed to participants prior to the meeting and posted to the society website.
- Katie makes a call for questions on the 2019 Draft Minutes. No questions are posed.
- Katie calls for a motion to approve the 2019 Draft AGM Minutes.
- Seconded by: Alex Zisman.
- Membership poll: 100% approved.
- Motion carries.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws: Katie Dennis (Secretary)

- The attention of the membership is directed to the 2020 Draft Bylaws which were posted to the society website alongside the 2015 Bylaws.

- Katie introduces Kat Akerfeldt (Director) to explain the proposed bylaw changes.
 - o Kat highlights the addition of definitions of key terms, the addition of board election procedures, the amendment of board roles, and other minor language clarifications throughout the document.
- Kat makes a call for questions on the proposed bylaw changes. No questions are posed.
- Katie calls for a motion to approve the 2020 Draft Bylaws.
- Seconded by: Anthony Colvin.
- Membership poll: 100% approved.
- Motion carries.
- John Jones (Board Member) is introduced.

Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements: John Jones (in the absence of a Treasurer)

- The attention of the membership is directed to the 2019 Draft Financial Statements which were emailed to participants prior to the meeting and posted to the society website.
- John introduces Auditor David Clarke of Hogg, Shain and Scheck to summarize the financial statements for the membership.
 - o David draws particular attention to the Emphasis of Matter section which outlines the restating of post office box revenue in order to place revenues in the accounting period to which they belong.
 - o David provides a comparison between the 2019 and 2018 statements.
- John makes a call for questions on the financial statements. No questions are posed.
- John calls for a motion to approve the 2019 Draft Financial Statements.
- Seconded by: Craig Akerfeldt.
- Membership poll: 100% approved.
- Motion carries.

Nominations for the Board of Directors: John Jones (in absence of the Vice President)

- John introduces the current board of directors executive and members at large.
 - o President: Kevin Both - Term expires May 2021
 - o Vice President: Martin Rainbow - Term expires May 2020
 - o Secretary: Katherine Dennis - Term expires May 2022
 - o Members at Large:
 - Ruth Cameron - Appointed April 2020
 - Anthony Colvin - Term expires May 2021
 - Thomas Granofsky - Appointed October 2020
 - John Jones - Term expires May 2022
 - Corinna Prior - Term expires May 2022
 - Alexander Zisman - Appointed March 2020

- John states that the board of directors shall consist of up to 10 members. Directors appointed during the year must be elected at the next Annual General Meeting.
- John announces that one seat is currently vacant, one term is expiring and three directors were appointed during the year. Therefore, five seats are up for election.
- John makes a call for nominations to the board. None are made.
- John thanks outgoing Directors Geoffrey Milos, Luisa Giacometti, Valerie Bayers, Shirley Farrar, Martin Rainbow, and Anthony Colvin.
- Biographies of appointed members are read.
- As there are fewer than five nominations, the slate is declared acclaimed.

- John calls for a motion to appoint Hogg, Shain and Scheck as auditor for the Town of York Historical Society for 2020.
- Seconded by: Kevin Both.
- Membership poll: 100% approved.
- Motion carries.

President's Report and Committee Reports: Kevin Both (President)

- Committee Highlights from 2019 and 2020:
 - o Collections Committee: in the process of a deaccessioning project
 - o Events Committee: developing unique member events and virtual events such as workshops and speakers
 - o Lease Committee: signed a 2021 lease agreement
 - o Budget Committee: engaged in daily COVID efforts and tracking
 - o Strategic Planning Committee: the current plan ends in 2021 so this committee will be busy in the year to come
- Kevin makes a reminder that committee membership is open to the membership at large.

Director's Report: Kat Akerfeldt (Director)

- Staff projects from 2019 and 2020 are highlighted including work by the summer 2019 digitization assistant and the summer 2020 fundraising assistant.
- Since the last Annual General Meeting the society has developed a virtual museum and online shop and increased accessibility (better lighting and an automatic rear door).
- A call for volunteers, members, and donations is made.

Business Meeting concludes at 7:48pm.