

TOWN OF YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 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 7:03 p.m. by President Kevin Both.

Number of members present: 22 (total attendance 26)

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

- Agenda and Speaker Biographies
- 2020 Draft AGM Minutes
- 2020 Draft Financials
- 2021 Draft Bylaws

Introduction: Kevin Both (President) performs a Zoom introduction on how to use the platform, how motions and seconds will be made with the raise hand feature, and how to vote using polls.

Welcome: Kevin Both (President)

- Kevin makes the Land Acknowledgement.
- Members are welcomed to the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Town of York Historical Society.

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

- The attention of the membership is directed to the 2020 Draft AGM Minutes which were emailed to participants prior to the meeting and posted to the society website. A link is posted in the chat.
- Katie makes a call for questions on the 2020 Draft AGM Minutes. No questions are posed.
- Katie calls for a motion to approve the 2020 Draft AGM Minutes.
- Seconded by: Annie Smith.
- Membership poll: approved.
- Motion carries.

Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements: Alex Zisman (Treasurer)

- The attention of the membership is directed to the 2020 Draft Financial Statements which were emailed to participants prior to the meeting and posted to the society website. A link is posted in the chat.

- Alex introduces Auditor David Clarke of Hogg, Shain and Scheck to summarize the financial statements for the membership.
 - o David provides a comparison between the 2020 and 2019 statements.
- Alex makes a call for questions on the financial statements. No questions are posed.
- Alex calls for a motion to approve the 2020 Draft Financial Statements.
- Seconded by: Rose Shikatani.
- Membership poll: approved.
- Motion carries.
- Alex calls for a motion to appoint Hogg, Shain and Scheck as auditor for the Town of York Historical Society for 2021.
- Seconded by: Danielle Jewinski.
- Membership poll: approved.
- Motion carries.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws: Kevin Both (President)

- The attention of the membership is directed to the Town of York Historical Society Bylaws which were emailed to participants prior to the meeting and posted to the society website. A link is posted in the chat.
- Kevin calls for a motion to change the names of the roles of President and Vice President to Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, in the bylaws of the Town of York Historical Society.
- Seconded by: Rolande Smith.
- Membership poll: 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: Corinna Prior - Term expires May 2022
 - o Secretary: Katherine Dennis - Term expires May 2022
 - o Treasurer: Alex Zisman – Term expires May 2022
 - o Members at Large:
 - Ruth Cameron – Term expires May 2023
 - Thomas Granofsky – Term expires May 2023
 - John Jones - Term expires May 2022
 - Maureen Somerville - Appointed February 2021
 - Annie Smith - Appointed April 2021
 - Danielle Jewinski - Appointed April 2021

- 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 term is expiring and three directors were appointed during the year. Therefore, four seats are up for election.
- John notes that any new nominations were asked to be submitted prior to this evening and none came in.
- The Director whose term is expiring and all three appointed Directors have indicated that they would like to continue their work with the Board. Therefore, four nominees are up for election tonight.
- Maureen, Annie, and Danielle read their biographies or have their biographies read on their behalf.
- As there are fewer than four nominations, the slate is declared acclaimed.

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

- Kevin introduces newly refurbished Educational Programming developed by our Young Canada Works student, Sydney Rodrigues, which will allow us to interact in person and remotely with school groups.
- Some Committee Highlights from 2020 and 2021:
 - o Events Committee – fall speaker series and other events in the works
 - o Sponsorship Committee - a newly formed committee which is closely engaged with fundraising and linked with the events committee
 - o Lease Committee – a new lease was signed with a substantial increase
 - o Strategic Planning Committee – working on a new vision for the society and the post office to hopefully be able to be presented to the membership next year.
- Kevin makes a reminder that committee membership is open to the membership at large.
- A link for donations is posted.

Director's Report: Kat Akerfeldt (Director)

- Kat highlights some COVID measures undertaken from the past year including the closure of the museum portion of the post office, the removal of quills and inks, and the continued operation of the postal counter only as an essential business.
- Our Curator, Zoe Delguste-Cincotta, formed a Museum From Home program to continue community outreach during the museum closure.
- Kat further emphasizes the newly redeveloped Educational Programming and the signing of a new lease earlier mentioned by the President.
- A call for volunteers, members, and donations is made.

Business Meeting concludes at 7:38pm.