

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Roselawn Centre
296 Fielden Ave, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T6

Members Present: B. Heaslip
T. Huffman
C. Brema
G. Hoyle
L. Brazeau
E. Beauregard, Councillor
M. Hili
A. Lessard
B. Schneider

Member(s) Absent: C. MacMillan
J. Piniak
J. van Dillen
M. Heaslip

Staff Present: M. Mason, Museum Curator
Tami Nail
S. Powell Baswick, Director of Museum and Culture

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. Disclosures of Interest

None to report.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Bonnie Schneider
Seconded by L. Brazeau

That the agenda dated February 18, 2025 be confirmed, as circulated or as amended.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

That the minutes from the previous meeting dated January 21, 2025, be confirmed as circulated or as amended.

Moved by G. Hoyle

Seconded by B. Heaslip

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Board Meeting Time

Stephanie provided the Museum, Heritage, and Culture Board's Procedural Policy Section 3 that states a majority vote is needed each meeting to change the time of the next meeting, unless a new permanent time is decided then would have to change the policy. Decided time shall remain the same for meetings.

Moved by C. Brema

Seconded by L. Brazeau

To accept the 2025 revised Procedural Policy to match eScribe's Order of Business.

Carried

6. Correspondence

None to report.

7. Council Report

Councilor Beauregard had nothing to report but was taking questions.

8. Curator's Report

Michelle reported that a new accessible door was installed at the Heritage Resource Centre. The accessible button to be installed soon.

Halley Engineering LTD received the contract for the William's House building condition assessment and structural framing. Photos and measurements of the gallery floor have been taken for the report.

Very proud of Meghan Chamberlain who participated on the city's polar plunge team in support of the Special Olympics. She carried a flag with the 50th Anniversary logo to kick off the advertising for the Museum's 50th anniversary.

Michelle V., Tami, Stephanie and Michelle M. received their Professional Leadership Development Certificates from the Brock-Goodman Group School of Business after completing the course in January.

Michelle also reported that the Archives' staff continue to plan for the Fall Speakers' Series. They also put together a digital presentation on Steele Street School in honour of this year's heritage week, and have resumed writing heritage property research reports for the Heritage Committee, whose next meeting will be Monday, February 24th. The Archives had several rental bookings made in the last month, and the facility is booked from February 19th to 23rd for Elections Ontario Advance Polls. Staff continue receive regular research requests.

9. Auxiliary Report

Nothing to report.

10. Friends of Roselawn Centre Liaison Report

Held a meeting on February 12th. The Friends of Roselawn Centre will have a members' appreciation event for the Beneath the Mansard Roof exhibit. They have moved to using social media in-lieu of the newsletter. Board member, Scott, is now taking care of the website. Lily Chamberlain has become a new director with the Friends of Roselawn Centre.

11. Committee Report

11.1 Finance Committee

Nothing to report.

11.2 Membership Committee

Claudia reported that we have received 2 more Life Members. The Membership drive letters are ready to be signed and will be mailed out soon.

11.3 Building and Property Committee

Brian reported that the committee is continuing to work in the basement at Roselawn to create more space for a workshop and storage. They have requested the engineering team working on the ramp project to look at soundproofing options between the mansion and theatre to enable us to use the mansion side during theatre performances.

The committee is continuing to collect information and prices on fencing material, including receiving the cost of the steel for the Lion's Club. They will measure the museum grounds to get estimates for other materials. The Williams' House and grounds are not designated, so a different material can be used.

11.4 Programme Committee

Tami reported that PD programming on February was well received and had 13 participants making Victorian Valentine.

a. 50th Anniversary Committee

Next meeting TBD.

11.5 Fundraising Committee

Claudia reported that the total raised from the 2024 Corporate Drive was \$11,160.

11.6 Policy Committee

Stephanie reported that a new policy will be brought forward to the committee each month to be reviewed.

Katelynn has edited 2 Collection policies : Collection Management, and Collection Development.

The goal is to have all the policies online by the end of 2025.

11.7 Accession Committee

Next meeting to be set shortly.

Stephanie, Michelle V., Michelle M., and Katelynn met to discuss the incoming large donation from the L.R. Wilson and how to house it. A list of needs was made and discussed to be able to properly store the growing collections.

Moved by B. Heaslip

Seconded by L. Brazeau

That the Board recommend an engineering assessment of the archives and design for an expansion that meets all need be completed in 2025.

Carried

11.8 Heritage Committee

Next meeting to be held on Monday, February 24 at 6:00pm at the L.R.Wilson Archives.

12. Confidential Items

None to report.

13. New Business

Councilor Beauregard requested that reports be included in agenda package going forward.

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:01pm.

Chair

Staff Liaison