

**Mississauga Heritage Foundation
Annual General Meeting
Vic Johnston Community Centre
Monday May 13, 2019
Minutes**



1. Call to Order by Chair

(Barbara O'Neil –President)

Barbara O'Neil welcomed everyone to the 59th Annual General Meeting of the Mississauga Heritage Foundation at the Vic Johnston Community Centre. 2 proxies were received at the office, and with the number of members present, quorum was met. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Appointment of the Secretary

(Barbara O'Neil -President)

Motion #1 *Moved by Greg Carraro, and seconded by Andrew Forbes, that the Minutes of the Meeting be taken by Kelly Ralston. Carried*

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held May 16, 2018

(Barbara O'Neil- President)

Motion #2 *Moved by Michael Spaziani and seconded by Judy Selics, that the Minutes of the MHF Members Annual General Meeting held May 16, 2018 be approved. Carried*

4. Presidents Remarks

(Barbara O'Neil- President)

The President reflected on the evolution of Heritage Mississauga during her time on the Board, accompanied by a slide presentation. A summary of her comments is provided here:

Over the past 18 years it has been my honour to serve on the Board of Heritage Mississauga. For some of this time, I've held the positions of Board Secretary, Vice President, and for the past 11 years I've been your President.

A lot has changed at Heritage Mississauga over the past two decades, beginning with the use of the "**Heritage Mississauga**" name, rather than the more formal "Mississauga Heritage Foundation". This change marked a shift to a more energetic, forward-thinking approach to Researching, Recording & Celebrating Mississauga's Legacy and Modern Heritage.

Our Vision as Mississauga's Heritage Source is now reflected in a broad range of programs, the result of implementing a **3-year strategic planning cycle** approximately 15 years ago. This process has allowed us to deliver a large number of programs, with a small staff. It has enabled us to identify and adapt to local changes and shifting priorities. It has helped us to stay on budget and to rebuild our contingency fund.

Of the steps your Board and Staff have taken during my tenure to position Heritage Mississauga for continued success, there are 10 that I believe have been most important.

1. **Recruitment of our Executive Director:** Jayme Gaspar has inspired a team of very hard-working, like-minded employees whose collective efforts have earned us City-wide respect. Thank you to Jayme Gaspar, Matthew Wilkinson, Meaghan Mackintosh and Kelly Ralston for your terrific work!

2. **Move to The Grange:** we now have a beautiful heritage space to engage with residents and visitors more fully. With a research centre, 2 exhibit areas and affordable space to rent with local groups, we have established new partnerships by literally opening our doors to the community.

3. **Manjiidowin:** In 2005, we hosted an Aboriginal gathering along the Mississauga waterfront. In June 2010, we did it again, collaborating with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Credit River Métis Council, and Peel Aboriginal Network to provide events, demonstrations, displays, crafts and food for 10,000 participants.

4. **Credit Board Representation:** Post-Manjiidowin, we asked the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to appoint a band representative as Director on our board. We have been fortunate to have 3 individuals in this role over the past 8 years to develop and deliver a range of programs, including Stacey Laforme, Clynt King and current Director and Board Secretary Faith Rivers.

5. **Board Diversification:** Part of our evolving vision for Heritage Mississauga has been to diversify our Board to fully reflect our multicultural City and to provide professional expertise on a multitude of professional areas. We are a hands-on Board that functions in an unusually collaborative, collegial way that yields results.

6. **Thompson's Company:** our 1812 re-enactment militia is a highly visible means of celebrating our local history. Through Thompson's Company, we have connected with many other re-enactment and heritage groups in and beyond Ontario. Recreating history, like tracing your ancestry via our workshops, is definitely on-trend!

7. **The Credits:** hundreds of attendees attend our annual evening of celebration, *the Credits*. Heritage Mississauga makes a unique contribution in honoring our local volunteer Heritage Heroes at this event.

8. **Cultural Diversity Program:** In 2019 we will complete our Cultural Diversity Program, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The program documented the range of diversity in our City, constructed new relationships, and celebrated this diversity via a series of vignettes, videos, newsletters, booklets, a Cultural Guide, events and more.

9. **Stretch Goals:** our long-term goals are Sustainable Funding, Legend Building and Community Focal Points. We're piloting several fund-raising projects this year. We're managing a writers' program to create fictional stories inspired by our legendary citizens. We plan to partner with government, businesses and other organizations to build innovative local public spaces which will incorporate geographically specific heritage stories in their design, function and/or use of art.

10. **Expanded Mandate:** Heritage Mississauga has evolved from its early days of save-this-building advocacy and hosting small-scale events. Each year we expand our reach, fulfilling a significant role as researchers, as a primary partner in development of aboriginal and other programming, and as host of one of Mississauga's largest annual dinners.

Effective June's board meeting, I will become Past President and one of my very capable board colleagues will be your new President. Whoever takes on this position will certainly share my love for heritage and have my support. My sincere thanks to all our staff, volunteers and my fellow directors for *their* support and for this wonderful opportunity to contribute to our City.

The President concluded her remarks by acknowledging with appreciation and sincere thanks:

- Councillor Dave Cook
- 2018 Summer Students: Heather Boden, Natasha Dixon, Hayden Ling, Angela Turchet
- Program Developer Jenny Walker
- Volunteers: Kathy Baker, Yvonne Carraro, Richard Collins, Judy Selics, Haunted Mississauga Spirit Team, Thompson's Company 2nd Regiment of York
- Our Donors and funders: City of Mississauga Culture Division, The Ontario Trillium Foundation, Community Foundation of Mississauga Pendle Fund, Community Foundation of Mississauga Hazel McCallion Fund, Canada Summer Jobs, Member donations and support.

Barbara then asked Treasurer, Rob Clause, to speak to the Audited Financial Statements.

5. Audited Financial Statements

(Rob Clause, Treasurer)

Motion #3 *Moved by Rob Clause and seconded by Barbara O'Neil that the auditor's Report for 2018 be approved and adopted. Carried.*

6. Appointment of Auditor

(Rob Clause, Treasurer)

Motion #4 Moved by Douglas Hancock and seconded by Jessica Singh that McClurkin Ahier & Company are hereby appointed auditors for the Mississauga Heritage Foundation Inc. until the next Annual Meeting or until a successor is appointed. Carried

7. Ratification of the Actions of the Directors

(Barbara O'Neil, President)

Motion #5 Moved by Michael Parsons and seconded by Michael Spaziani that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Mississauga Heritage Foundation Incorporated since the last Annual General Meeting be approved. Carried

Barbara then asked Board Lawyer, Douglas Hancock, to speak to proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

8. Constitution & By-Laws

(Douglas Hancock, Board Lawyer)

Each member received in their membership renewal package a document titled. "**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MISSISSAUGA HERITAGE FOUNDATION INC., May 13, 2019**

In this document four amendments were recommended by the Board of Directors for the MHF Constitution and By-Laws. They were that:

Amendment 1, Article 2, the Constitution and By-laws currently lists the Mission which has been modified to read, "the Mission of the Foundation is Research, record and **celebrate** Mississauga's heritage".

Amendment 2, Article 8, move the following statement from Article 8 to Article 9 with the noted changes to Board attendance:

Remove from Article 8:

"In 2004, the following statistics will be provided, on a voluntary basis, along with the biography of each candidate standing for re-election. From 2005 onward, provision of these statistics will be mandatory:

- Number of board meetings attended (out of total meetings)
- Number of MHF functions attended
- Description of committee work
- Resident/non-resident of Mississauga"

Add with noted change to Article 9:

"In 2004, the following statistics will be provided, on a voluntary basis, along with the biography of each candidate standing for re-election. From 2005 onward, provision of these statistics will be mandatory:

- Number of board meetings attended (**Directors must attend a minimum of eight (8) out of eleven (11) meetings**).
- Number of MHF functions attended
- Description of committee work
- Resident/non-resident of Mississauga"

Amendment 3, Article 9 the following will be removed:

"If a Director misses two Board meetings within a twelve month period, without giving notice, report or regrets, he/she will receive a letter of warning, after which a third absence at a Board meeting shall result in removal from the Board, subject to a vote by the Board."

Amendment 4, Article 19, an addition is added to read:

"Each office shall be held, other than the Treasurer, for a maximum of two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms by the same person. No restrictions shall apply to the Treasurer.

Motion #6 Moved by: Greg Carraro and seconded by Stephen Dasko, that the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws be approved as written. carried

9. Election of Directors

(Barbara O'Neil)

When members arrived they were given a card that indicates the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year. The Nominating Committee is made up of Barbara O'Neil, Greg Carraro, Andrew Forbes, Rob Clause, Faith Rivers, and Jayme Gaspar. Four candidates have presented their name for nomination tonight. Members also received biographies of all members of the Board. Mississauga Heritage Foundation has a slate of officers comprised of no less than six (6) and no more than twelve (12) members. Barbara introduced the members who are on the Board.

Appointed by Council of the City of Mississauga: Ward 1 Councillor **Stephen Dasko** and Ward 7 **Councillor Dipika Damerla**.

Appointed by the Band Council of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation: (Cultural Committee Chair) **Faith Rivers**.

In the 1st year of their 3 year term is: **Rob Clause, Greg Carraro, Michael Parsons and Katharine Ashford-Smith**

In their 2nd and 3rd year of their 3 year terms are: **Andrew Forbes, Winnie Fung, Douglas Hancock, Jessica Singh, Jake Dheer, Michael Spaziani, Luz del Rosario and Barbara O'Neil**.

Barbara asked the membership if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations were presented and the nominations were then closed.

Motion #6 Moved by: Jane Watt and Seconded by: Yvonne Carraro that the Board of Directors as listed and proposed be approved as the 2019-2020 Board of Directors Carried.

9. New Business

(Barbara O'Neil)

No new business was presented.

10. Adjournment

(Barbara O'Neil)

Barbara O'Neil thanked the members present for their attendance at the meeting and invited them to enjoy some refreshments prior to our presentation: *Mississauga Dreaming: Utopia or Dystopia* by Councillor George Carlson and Michael Spaziani.

Motion #7 Moved by: Kathleen Jay, seconded by Faith Rivers that the MHF's 59th Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Carried

Presentation by Greg Carraro

Prior to introducing the guest speakers for the evening, Vice President Greg Carraro accompanied by a photo slide show, made a presentation to outgoing President Barbara O'Neil. On behalf of the Board, Staff and Members, Greg thanked Barbara for her dedicated 18 years of service to the organization and 11 years as its President. Greg presented Barbara with a bouquet of flowers and a Lifetime Membership with the organization.

Mississauga Dreaming: Utopia or Dystopia

Heritage Mississauga Vice President Greg Carraro welcomed Councillor George Carlson and renowned architect Michael Spaziani as guest speakers' for this year's AGM. The presentation focused on an historical journey of Streetville experienced by a local politician and a long-time resident, exploring the dreams and nightmares of urban planning.