

**Mississauga Heritage Foundation
Annual General Meeting
Virtual Meeting
Thursday August 6, 2020
11:00am
Minutes**



1. Call to Order by Chair

(Douglas Hancock –President)

Douglas Hancock welcomed everyone to the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Mississauga Heritage Foundation virtual meeting. 4 proxies were received at the office, and with the number of members present, quorum was met. The meeting was called to order at 11:15am.

2. Appointment of the Secretary

(Douglas Hancock -President)

Motion #1 *Moved by Luz del Rosario, and seconded by Leslie Silvestri (Art Gallery Mississauga), 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 13, 2019

(Douglas Hancock- President)

Motion #2 *Moved by Michael Spaziani and seconded by Rob Clause, that the Minutes of the MHF Members Annual General Meeting held May 13, 2019 be approved. Carried*

4. Presidents Remarks

(Douglas Hancock- President)

The President summarized the accomplishments of 2019 and provided a 2020 update, accompanied by a slide presentation. The following is a summary of his comments:

2019 was an outstanding year for the organization. We were involved in 239 events and programs in the community, reaching 57,756, working with 474 partners and volunteers. We celebrated the 40th anniversary of the "Mississauga Miracle" with our partners the Museums of Mississauga. Along with two exhibitions, we produced a comic book and 2 videos in honour of the anniversary. Over 300 guests joined us at The Grange for an open house on the anniversary date –November 10th. We appreciated the support of Mayor Bonnie Crombie and former Mayor Hazel McCallion who participated in the event.

The Board launched two new funding sources in 2019, joining the RAMA Charity Gaming program and hosting two online auctions. Our 7th annual *The Credits* was an outstanding sold out success, with a new format where all nominees were recognized, and, with the support of a SEED grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation we launched a very successful Cultural Oral History project.

2020 marks the 60th anniversary of Heritage Mississauga and plans included monthly celebrations focused on this remarkable journey. We began in February with our Black History month celebrations, launching a new comic *Legend of Cedar Park* and an educational booklet detailing the history of the Black community in Mississauga. This project has been generously funded by the Community Foundation of Mississauga.

Anniversary plans quickly changed when COVID-19 was detected and by mid-March Heritage Mississauga along with all businesses, schools and our Municipality closed to try to stop the infection from spreading. We quickly made significant changes to the way we interact with our audience and found new ways to provide resources to the community. Our staff developed a very successful digital program to take our content and resources online. Through our #Apart Together program and a weekly series including: *Ask A Historian*, *Way Back Wednesday's* with partner Modern Mississauga, *Then and Now*, and *Saturday Matinees*, we continue to provide opportunities to learn about our heritage and participate in its 2020 story. We appreciate the efforts of staff members Kelly Ralston, Matthew Wilkinson and Meghan Mackintosh for developing the digital heritage program and taking us virtual. We also published our Cultural Heritage Guide, which is available online or in print copy outside The Grange.

The Board of Directors and Staff have also been working on the next three year strategic plan, a difficult process with the uncertainty of the times, but we look forward to continue supporting the community, researching, recording and celebrating our shared heritage.

Douglas expressed his thanks to fellow Directors and Heritage Mississauga Staff for their support during the last year, as we changed the way we work, reaching a broader audience and ensured that we are able to celebrate the unique and diverse heritage of our community.

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

- 2019 Summer Students: Heather Boden, Hayden Ling, Angela Turchet
- Volunteers: Kathy Baker, Yvonne Carraro, Richard Collins, Maria da Silva, Imran Hasan, Kathleen Jay, Nick Moreau, 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, RAMA C Gaming, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Event Sponsors, Member donations and support.

With our Thanks

(Douglas Hancock, President)

This is last official engagement for two long-standing members of the Board of Directors, Barbara O'Neil and Winnie Fung. Our thanks to these Directors for their volunteer service to the organization.

Barbara O'Neil has been with the organization for 19 years, serving in many roles on the Executive including 11 as President. She has been with us through our challenges and successes and we appreciate her support. A Lifetime Member of the organization we look forward to keeping in touch as she begins her retirement journey.

Winnie Fung has been a member of the Board for 8 years, supporting our Cultural Heritage program and the success of our awards program *The Credits*. Although she is stepping down from the Board she will be continuing as a volunteer on our *The Credits* committee and we appreciate her continued support.

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

5. Audited Financial Statements

(Rob Clause, Treasurer)

Rob Clause reviewed the audited financial statements via Zoom share.

Motion #3 *Moved by Rob Clause and seconded by Jake Dheer that the auditor's Report for 2019 be approved and adopted. Carried.*

6. Appointment of Auditor

(Rob Clause, Treasurer)

Motion #4 *Moved by Luz del Rosario and seconded by Sara Hoffland that WJ Professional Corporation 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

(Douglas Hancock, President)

Motion #5 *Moved by Barbara O'Neil 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*

8. Election of Directors

(Douglas Hancock, President)

When members arrived they were given a card that indicates the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 year. The Nominating Committee is made up of Barbara O'Neil, Greg Carraro, Andrew Forbes, Rob Clause, Katharine Ashford-

Smith, Jayme Gaspar and myself. 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. Douglas 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 Credit First Nation: (Cultural Committee Chair) **Faith Rivers**.

In the 1st year of their 3 year term are: **Luz del Rosario, Jake Dheer, Michael Spaziani and myself Douglas Hancock**. In their 2nd and 3rd year of their 3 year terms are: **Katharine Ashford- Smith, Greg Carraro, Rob Clause, Andrew Forbes, Frank Giannone and Michael Parsons**

Douglas 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: Ron Duquette and Seconded by: Andrew Forbes that the Board of Directors as listed and proposed be approved as the 2020-2021 Board of Directors Carried.*

9. New Business

(Douglas Hancock)

No new business was presented.

10. Adjournment

(Douglas Hancock)

Motion #7 *Moved by: Jake Dheer, seconded by Michael Spaziani that the MHF's 60th Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Carried*

Douglas Hancock thanked the members and guests present for their attendance at the meeting and invited them to watch a short video trailer of our 60 years supporting the community of Mississauga. The video is available on the Heritage Mississauga Blog.