

**Mississauga Heritage Foundation
Virtual Annual General Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 24, 2021
6:30pm Registration 7:00pm Meeting**



1. Call to Order by Chair

(Douglas Hancock –President)

Douglas Hancock welcomed everyone to the 61st Annual General Meeting of the Mississauga Heritage Foundation, 3 proxies were received at the office, and with the number of members present, quorum was met. The meeting was called to order at 7:21pm.

Land Acknowledgement, Smudge and Moment of Silence

We acknowledge that the land on which we meet today is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We recognize the importance of this land and pay our respects to the Anishinaabe and other First Nations, Métis and Inuit past, present and future.

We stand with all the Indigenous community in sorrow, grieving for the children who never made it home, their families and survivors from Kamloops and Saskatchewan, and for all the children not yet found from Residential schools across Canada, their families and survivors. May we honour their lives and never forget their stories.

Faith Rivers, Director and Chair of the Indigenous Programs Committee presented a smudge ceremony, and a moments silence was held.

2. Appointment of the Secretary

(Douglas Hancock -President)

Motion #1 *Moved by Jenny Dale, and seconded by Michael Spaziani, that the Minutes of the Meeting be taken by Kelly Ralston. Carried*

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held August 6, 2020.

(Douglas Hancock- President)

Motion #2 *Moved by Barbara O'Neil and seconded by Jane Watt, that the Minutes of the MHF Members Annual General Meeting held August 6, 2020 be approved. Carried*

4. Presidents Remarks

(Douglas Hancock- President)

It's frankly almost unimaginable to think that we are now in the second year of the Pandemic. This is now our 2nd virtual meeting and, God willing, our last.

It would be an understatement to say that Canadian businesses have been tested over the course of the last fifteen months. That is certainly true for Heritage Mississauga. That said, I believe few organizations have pivoted as successfully and adroitly as Heritage Mississauga.

It is truly a credit to our team of dedicated staff and our committed members of the board that we have coped so remarkably well in these extraordinary times. Our outreach and social media have grown enormously. We have truly upped our game in terms of both the volume and more importantly, the quality, of our video productions. We continue to touch more and more people in the City of Mississauga notwithstanding the obvious challenges.

We look forward to seeing you back in person next year at our annual meeting and hopefully at a number of events in the not-too-distant future.

The President then summarized the accomplishments over the last year, accompanied by a slide presentation. The following is a summary of his comments:

Throughout the pandemic, we have stayed true to our mandate – to research, record and celebrate Mississauga’s heritage. We have continued to be Mississauga’s Heritage Source providing diverse content to the community, keeping everyone informed, engaged and entertained. We successfully pivoted; redesigning the work we do to a virtual model and introducing our program through the hashtag *ApartTogether*.

Weekly programs were introduced to keep our audience engaged and include: LIVE (communicating events and programs across the city and GTA), Wayback Wednesday’s article with partner Modern Mississauga Media, Ask A Historian and Saturday Matinee’s. Through our Social Media Network with daily posts, we have celebrated, connected the community, captured moments in time, cared for our seniors, those in isolation, and those impacted. A grant through the Community Foundation Emergency Relief Fund helped us to purchase the tools to produce our virtual program, we appreciate their support.

In addition to our programming, we completed the 2021-2023 strategic and business plans establishing realistic and attainable goals. We received an Ontario Trillium Foundation SEED grant for our Cultural Heritage project focused on commemorating the heritage our cultural community. Heritage Mississauga joined forces with Mississauga’s Legend’s Row. Supported by a grant from the City of Mississauga we will work together to continue to honour legends on Mississauga’s Walk of Fame.

Two important research projects were initiated; Second World War and Business of the Credit River that will continue into 2021 producing comics, interpretative panels, videos and booklets.

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, reached a broader audience, and ensured that we were able to celebrate the unique and diverse heritage of our community.

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

- 2020 Summer Students: Heather Boden, Kimberly Boden, John Eigl, Ange Turchet
- 2020 Interns: Ivan Kovacevic, Omar Sherif, Maxwell Thornton
- Volunteers: Kathy Baker, Yvonne Carraro, Richard Collins, Maria da Silva, Imran Hasan, Kathleen Jay, Nicole Mair, Nick Moreau, Judy Selics, Lisa Small, 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 Charity 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 one of our long-standing members of the Board of Directors, Andrew Forbes. Our thanks to our Treasurer for his volunteer service.

Andrew Forbes has been with the organization for 12 years. He has guided, supported and been an active member of our Executive as one of our Treasurer’s. He has supported the organization in many ways, through his sponsorship, donations, and as a member of Thompson’s Company 2nd Regiment of York. We look forward to continuing to work with Andrew as a program volunteer for the organization and wish him the best as he pursues other opportunities.

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 Michael Spaziani that the auditor's Report for 2020 be approved and adopted. Carried.*

6. Appointment of Auditor

(Rob Clause, Treasurer)

Motion #4 *Moved by Greg Carraro and seconded by Luz del Rosario that Fared Sheik & Co 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 Debbie Bruce and seconded by Michael Parsons 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)

Members received with their meeting invitation a slate of officers and biographies for the 2021-2022 year. The Nominating Committee is made up of Greg Carraro, Andrew Forbes, Rob Clause, Katharine Ashford-Smith, Jayme Gaspar and myself. Three candidates have presented their name for nomination tonight. 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: **Greg Carraro, Rob Clause Frank Giannone**. In their 2nd and 3rd year of their 3-year terms are: **Katharine Ashford- Smith, Luz del Rosario, Jake Dheer, Michael Parsons, Michael Spaziani, and myself Douglas Hancock**

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: Barbara O'Neil and Seconded by: Michael Spaziani 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: Luz del Rosario, seconded by Debbie Bruce that the MHF's 61st Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Carried*

Douglas Hancock thanked the members and guests present for their attendance at the meeting and asked Director Faith Rivers to introduce the guest speaker for the evening, Chief Stacey Laforme of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Chief (Giima) Laforme gave an inspiring presentation. He spoke about the loss felt across the Nation for the children of Residential Schools, reflected on the importance of working together to reach reconciliation and to be accountable. He encouraged us to accept opportunities to take action and how vital education and understanding is to our future. He presented several of his poems from his book "Living in the Tall Grass". The presentation is available on Heritage Mississauga's YouTube channel for viewing.