

**Mississauga Heritage Foundation
Virtual Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 18, 2022
Small Arms Inspection Building
7:00pm**



1. Call to Order by Chair

(Douglas Hancock –President)

Douglas Hancock welcomed everyone to the 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Mississauga Heritage Foundation, 3 proxies were received at the office, and with the number of members present and on zoom, quorum was met. The meeting was called to order at 7:22 pm.

Land Acknowledgement

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.

2. Appointment of the Secretary

(Douglas Hancock -President)

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

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held June 24, 2021.

(Douglas Hancock- President)

Motion #2 *Moved by Ron Duquette and seconded by Rob Clause, that the Minutes of the MHF Members Annual General Meeting held June 24, 2021 be approved. Carried*

4. Presidents Remarks

(Douglas Hancock- President)

As promised at last year's Annual Meeting, held virtually, we have returned to an in-person gathering, albeit with an online option.

It is truly wonderful to re-connect with you, our members, our supporters, our community.

Throughout the last two plus years, Heritage Mississauga has connected with its community in many ways – Constant Contact, Facebook, Twitter (my favourite), Instagram, YouTube and online gatherings. There is no going back. Live events will return including *The Credits*, but there is no going back either.

Heritage Mississauga, thanks to its members, sponsors and the Community at large, has never been more fiscally sound. We have become the benchmark for which other organizations are measured by.

Our staff is second to none. Our Board is drawn from a wide cross-section of the business world, and is dedicated to ensuring Heritage Mississauga fulfills its mandate.

In a Post-Pandemic world (an admittedly controversial turn of phrase), you can be certain that Heritage Mississauga will continue down the path it blazed over the last two years, but mindful of its successes before 2020 – to build an even greater organization – as the source for heritage in Mississauga.

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 presenting diverse content to the community, keeping everyone informed, engaged and entertained.

We continued our weekly programs including, 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.

We expanded our Indigenous programming in 2021 beginning with a monthly Anishinaabemowin language lesson focused on the monthly moons that included traditional teaching about the moons. In the fall we participated in the unveiling of "Spirit" a tree carving at Fram + Slokker, the first installation in the Indigenous Art Trail as well as hosted our first webinar series *Indigenous Conversations* with guest speakers Giima LaForme, Carolyn King and Darlene LaForme.

We launched our podcast channel *Heritage Bytes* presenting a new series *Mississauga Confidential*. We held the first induction in 2 years to *Legend's Row* and hosted our second virtual *The Credits*. We completed our Second World War and Stone Hooking projects producing new videos, comics and educational booklets as well as a series of Interpretative signs in J.J. Plaus park dedicated to life on the Credit River.

In addition to our programming, we completed our Ontario Trillium Foundation SEED grant, securing over 82 interviews with our cultural community and we received an Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities grant which is supporting a rebuild of our website, bringing our collection online, developing a walking tour app and we have hired a fulltime Resource Centre Assistant.

Douglas expressed his thanks to fellow Directors and Heritage Mississauga Staff for their support during the last year, as we continued to provide heritage content and programming to 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, Charlotte Chen, John Eigl, Omar Sharkawy
- 2020 Interns: Omar Sharkawy, Maxwell Thorton, Wafiya Thoba
- Volunteers: Kathy Baker, Debbie Bruce, Yvonne Carraro, Richard Collins, Maria da Silva, Imran Hasan, Bryan Ho, Nicole Mair, Nick Moreau, Mark Peapell, Judy Selics, Lisa Small, Amanda Templeton, 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, Katharine Ashford-Smith. Our thanks to our Secretary for her volunteer service.

Katharine Ashford-Smith joined us in 2018 and quickly took on the role of our Board Secretary. She has been a great source of guidance and support during the pandemic and a valuable member of the Executive and Board. We wish Katharine good luck as she pursues volunteer opportunities in her new community.

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.

Motion #3 *Moved by Rob Clause and seconded by Judy Selics that the auditor's Report for 2021 be approved and adopted. Carried.*

6. Appointment of Auditor

(Rob Clause, Treasurer)

Motion #4 *Moved by Michael Parsons and seconded by Jake Dheer that Fareed 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 Jake Dheer and seconded by Patti Jannetta Baker 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 2022-2023 year. The Nominating Committee is made up of Greg Carraro, 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: **Michael Buchert, Lavina Dixit, Ron Duquette**. In their 2nd and 3rd year of their 3-year terms are: **Greg Carraro, Rob Clause, Frank Giannone, 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: Kathleen Jay and Seconded by: Gabriella Bank that the Board of Directors as listed and proposed be approved as the 2022-2023 Board of Directors Carried.*

9. New Business

(Douglas Hancock)

No new business was presented.

10. Adjournment

(Douglas Hancock)

Motion #7 *Moved by: Michael Parsons, seconded by Ron Duquette that the MHF's 62nd Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Carried*

Douglas Hancock thanked the members and guests present for their attendance at the meeting and after a brief break introduced our guest speakers Brian Sutherland of ARGO Development who presented on the Lakeview Village development and then Jesse de Jager from Credit Valley Conservation who presented on the Jim Tovey Conservation Area development.

At the end of the meeting two names were drawn from our members to each receive a gift from FRAM + Slokker for a weeks stay at *Torre Fiore* in Southern Italy. We appreciate the support of Frank Giannone and FRAM + Slokker to help us build our membership with this gift.