

**Mississauga Heritage Foundation
Virtual Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 31, 2023
Streetsville Village Hall
7:00pm**



1. Call to Order by Chair

(Douglas Hancock –President)

Douglas Hancock welcomed everyone to the 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Mississauga Heritage Foundation, 2 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 7:05 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 Michael Buchert, and seconded by Jake Dheer, that the Minutes of the Meeting be taken by Melissa Toste. Carried*

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held May 18, 2022.

(Douglas Hancock- President)

Motion #2 *Moved by Ron Duquette and seconded by Irene Urbaniak, that the Minutes of the MHF Members Annual General Meeting held May 18, 2022 be approved. Carried*

4. Presidents Remarks

(Douglas Hancock- President)

Like last year's Annual Meeting, we have returned to an in-person gathering, with an online option. It is truly wonderful to re-connect with you, our members, our supporters, our community.

Heritage Mississauga now connects with its community in many ways – Constant Contact, Facebook, Twitter (my favourite), Instagram, YouTube and online gatherings. Live events have returned including last years highly successful *The Credits*. Earlier this year, we presented the 10th edition of *Legends Row* inducting Jim Tovey, Michael "Pinball" Clemons and for the first time ever, a group Trillium Health Partners.

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 thanks to Executive Director Jayme Gaspar, Historian Matthew Wilkinson, Outreach Coordinator Meghan Mackintosh, Collections and Resource Centre Coordinator Justine Lyn and Social Media & Communications Coordinator Melissa Toste for their hard work and dedication to the organization. Our Board is drawn from a wide cross-section of the business world, and is dedicated to ensuring Heritage Mississauga fulfills its mandate.

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

Throughout this past year, 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 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, and connected with a broad audience.

We expanded our Indigenous programming beginning with a Sunrise Equinox Ceremony in March, hosted a four-part webinar series with guests, Kim Muskratt, Kim Sault, Kim Wheatley and Diane Smoke-Thomas in April, throughout the year recognized National Day for Truth & Recognition, Treaties Recognition Week, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls, Red Dress Day, Orange Shirt Day and celebrated with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation at Canada Pavilion, Carassauga and at Celebration Square as the City of Mississauga held their first Indigenous Peoples Day Event.

We completed the Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilience grant which provided us with funding to hire two staff members, redesign our website, take our collection online, supplied much needed equipment and software, and upgrades to our community space in the Hall and our office equipment. Funds also supported two 4-part webinar series: *Black History Matters* welcoming Lezlie Harper, Kathy Grant, Rosemary Sadlier and Dr. Bryan Walls and a second series *Placemaking* welcomed Michael Spaziani, Frank Giannone, Matthew Marsili and Ben Philips. We produced four films: *The Story of the East India Company* and *The Story of the Natnat family and Edal's Kitchen. A Tamil Experience – Black July 1983* and a new video in our history series - *The Stonehookers of Port Credit*.

Our 1812 re-enactment Company hosted drill days, a battle event at Streetsville Memorial Park in July, as well as supporting a park opening in Ward 5 at Fairwinds Park. They represented our community at the Battle of Fort Erie and Queenston Heights re-enactment weekends and supported Remembrance Day ceremonies in the community laying wreaths honouring 1812 Veterans.

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:

- Our 2022 Summer Students: Heather Boden, Gordane Calloo, Kayla Choi, Karim Ebrahim, Taysia Laforme and Melissa Toste
- 2022 Interns: Emily Owen, Wafiya Thoba, 8 Students from Centennial College's Museums and Cultural Management internship program "Storyworks"
- Volunteers: Kathy Baker, Fred Blair, Debbie Bruce, Yvonne Carraro, Joshua Carasco, Richard Collins, Maria da Silva, Elaine Eigl, John Eigl, Rebecca Flemister, Tom Fournier, Winnie Fung, Bryan Ho, Nicole Mair, Nick Moreau, Ross Noel, Judy Selics, Lisa Small, Robert Stanczky, Amanda Templeton, Kim Thomas, Victoria Toste, Robert Paul Weber, The Haunted Mississauga Spirit Team, Thompson's Company 2nd Regiment of York, Exhibit Partners: Orlinski Museum, Robert Stanczky, Stan Skrzyszewski and John Hammill
- 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.

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 Michael Buchert that the auditor's Report for 2022 be approved and adopted. Carried.*

6. Appointment of Auditor

(Rob Clause, Treasurer)

Motion #4 *Moved by Michael Spaziani and seconded by Irene Urbaniak 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 Greg Carraro and seconded by Jane Watt 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 2023-2024 year. The Nominating Committee is made up of Greg Carraro, Rob Clause, Michael Buchert, Jayme Gaspar and myself. Four 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**, Ward 9 Councillor **Martin Reid** and Ward 11 Councillor **Brad Butt**.

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 Parsons** and **Douglas Hancock**
In their 2nd and 3rd year of their 3-year terms are: **Michael Buchert, Lavina Dixit, Ron Duquette, Greg Carraro, Rob Clause, Frank Giannone** and **Michael Spaziani**.

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: Diane Kalenchuk and Seconded by: Sara Hoffland that the Board of Directors as listed and proposed be approved as the 2023-2024 Board of Directors Carried.*

9. New Business

(Douglas Hancock)

No new business was presented.

10. Adjournment

(Douglas Hancock)

Motion #7 *Moved by: Ron Duquette, seconded by Michael Buchert that the MHF's 63rd 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 authors Bryan Ho and Nicole Mair, who presented on their latest project with Heritage Mississauga a new book *Mississauga Confidential*.

At the end of the meeting one name was drawn from our members to 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.