

## A.C.O. PORT HOPE BRANCH MEETING

Thursday March 6, 2014

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Caretaker's Cottage  
**Present:** Trish Doney, Charles Wickett, Patsy Beeson, Peter Kedwell, Phil Goldsmith, Jo Mathew, Peggy Bennett, Susan Carmichael  
**Regrets:** Ed Pamerter, Dennis Hogarth, Sebastian Hanna

**CALL TO ORDER:** Charles Wickett

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION:** to approve the Agenda with the following additions under Other Business

Heritage Conference

Advancing name of Peter John Stokes in the Heritage District

(Trish/Jo)

**CARRIED**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES of February 6, 2014**

**MOTION:** to adopt the minutes with the addition of Northumberland Today paper under Communications Report (Jo/ Peter) **CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter from Chamber of Commerce in response to Letter of Nov 5, 2012 from S. Hanna and ACO regarding the fish smell - They have taken measures in educating, enforcing and removing the dead fish to preservation the beauty of the Ganaraska River.
- Email from Rick Brooks – HPH extending an Invitation to the Heritage Workshop in Gravenhurst

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Charles Wickett**

- Pleased to welcome Matt Desbarbieux to the Board.
- Also pleased to advise that Peter Kedwell has taken charge of the "Social" portfolio with the departure of Judith from the Board.
- The AGM was highly successful and reports indicate enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to Trish, Susan and Judith for organizing and set up and a special "THANKYOU" to Phil Goldsmith and Tom Cruickshank for their insightful and "personal" presentation regarding Peter Stokes.
- The next meeting of a delegation from ACO with HPH has been rescheduled to April 24<sup>th</sup> which will enable all of our delegates to attend.
- Heritage Fund is very active – in conjunction with Downtown Task Force but we will elaborate as part of Committee Reports.
- As Trish mentioned at the AGM, I had a meeting with the Provincial Office (the Chair, the Treasurer and the bookkeeper) along with their lawyer and auditor. We agreed changes to procedures that should cause Peggy and Dennis much less work and pain and also provide a faster turnaround for their issuance of receipts. They agreed to send back tax receipts within

two weeks of their receipt which should generally mean donors and members should receive Tax receipts in about one month rather than the current three to six months. Prior to the meeting the lawyer set out the CRA requirements (all records have to be held at Central) which helped clear up some of my own misunderstanding of the requirements and then allowed us to develop and agree upon the optimal solution. I will forward his email to each of you after the meeting for your information if you wish.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Dennis Hogarth**

- No Report

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY-Susan Carmichael**

- No Report

##### **AUCTION – Joan Tooke**

- Auction going well – in conversation with Blue Mountain for software.
- Fiona Barrington will be handling Silent Auction
- Working with Sebastian for coverage on Website

##### **COMMUNICATIONS – Jo Mathew**

- No Report

##### **GARDEN TOUR – Mary Shaw-Rimmington**

- No report

##### **GOVERNANCE – Charles Wickett**

- No Report

##### **HERITAGE TRUST FUND – Charles Wickett**

- 4 applications have been received for Loans but 3 have been turned over to the Projects/Downtown Taskforce for review and recommendation as it involves grants as well as loans.
- 146 Walton St. –Piers Baker has requested a loan of \$20,000.
  - Term 5 years @ 2.79% interest – repayment in equal monthly instalments

**MOTION – To Grant the loan with the above terms (Susan/Trish) CARRIED**

##### **HOUSE TOUR – Blaise Gaetz/Anna Gray via Peggy Bennett**

- No Report

##### **MEMBERSHIP – Peggy Bennett**

- 71 attended the AGM on February 27<sup>th</sup>
- 13 new members in 2014
- 95 memberships have not renewed for 2014
- ACO Central has requested Port Hope's membership emails but it was suggested if they have info to share it will be sent from Port Hope

**NEWSLETTER/BUS TOUR/LECTURE SERIES– Patsy Beeson**

- Bus Tour – will likely be June 11 to Lindsay
- Lecture Series
  - Mar 12/14 – next presentation “Crimes and Misdemeanors” by Pat Bryan. Venue: At Library

**PIER GROUP – Phil Goldsmith**

- No report

**PROJECTS /DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE – Tom Cruickshank/Phil Carter via Phil Goldsmith**

- No Report

**PROPERTY/HPH – Ed Pamerter**

- No Report

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE –Peter Kedwell**

- Looking at new date for Xmas Party possibly Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> as Nov 27<sup>th</sup> which conflicts with other activities in the area – also checking out several options as a venue for the party.

**WEBSITE – Sebastian Hanna**

- Auction Tab will replace the Calendar Tab as it not being used

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Jo suggested a News Release be crafted on all the projects to date based on our commitment of \$250,000. to the Downtown Heritage District.
- Heritage Conference – May 23-25 in Cornwall – President to attend

**MOTION:** - To cover the costs of approximately \$600. for Charles to attend conference.

(Jo/Peggy) **CARRIED**

- Advance the name Peter John Stokes in the Heritage District – It was suggested a Plaque for the St. Lawrence Hotel ( which he was involved in the restoration)- Everyone to give some thought as well it will be discussed with HPH

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 8:45 pm

**NEXT MEETING – April 3, 2014**