

MDHS



MERRICKVILLE  DISTRICT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Merrickville and District Historical Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
January 30, 2024
Merrickville Legion Branch 245**

Draft Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by Jane Graham, President at 7:06pm
2. Indigenous **Land Acknowledgement** read by Cheri Kemp-Long
3. **Adoption of Agenda**
The Merrickville and District Historical Society does hereby approve the agenda of the Annual General Meeting of January 30, 2024 as presented.
Moved by Ann Martin, Second by Chris Eyton
Carried
4. **Minutes of 2022 AGM February 7, 2023**
MDHS does hereby approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM on February 7, 2022 as presented.
Moved by Bob Long, Second by Nick Previsich
Carried
5. **Presidents Report** – Jane Graham
In addition to the posted report Jane added The Merrickville Library, Friends of the Rideau and many volunteers to the list of community Partners being Thanked. She also made a special presentation of Flowers to Ann Martin as a Thank You for her many years of hard work on the MDHS – she will no longer be on the board but will continue on

the Collections Committee and is now the Chair of the Municipal Museum Board so will still be involved.

MDHS does hereby accept the President's Report as presented by Jane Graham.

Moved by Peter Schmidt, Second by Michel Perron
Carried

6. Archives Report – Ann Martin

In addition to the posted report Ann highlighted the 500 HF McLean items and 400 Vreeland (1880-90's education) items recently being documented and catalogued into the PastPerfect system.

MDHS does hereby accept the Archives Report as submitted by Ann Martin.

Moved by Vicki Graham, Second by Michael Venables
Carried

7. Treasurers Report – Michael Perron

i) Financial statement – Nov 1, 2022 – Oct 31, 2023

Michel reviewed the posted income and balance sheet noting no liabilities at year end 2023.

MDHS does hereby accept Financial Report of 2022/23 as presented by Treasurer Michael Perron.

Moved by Bruce Kemp, Second by Chuck MacInnis
Carried

ii) Proposed new Budget for 2024

Michel reviewed the posted proposed budget for 2024 noting the reduction in revenue and expenses due to the Museum summer operations now being the responsibility of the Municipality. The Society will only manage itself and the collection. Funds required will depend on donations or other revenue generating activities.

MDHS does hereby accept the Budget for 2024, as recommended by the Board.

Moved by Bob Long, Second by Vicki Graham
Carried

iii) Change of date for year end to December 31.

Michel noted that the Board has discussed and recommends a change to the year end to better reflect operational and revenue arrangements.

MDHS does hereby accept the proposed change of Year End from October 31 to December 31, as recommended by the Board.

Moved by Chris Eyton, Second by Peter Schmidt

Carried

8. **Election of New Directors** – Nomination Committee Chris Eyton
Chris presented the slate of Directors and asked for any additional nominations from the floor, stating there is at least one vacant seat available. None were received.

MDHS does hereby accept the slate of Directors put forward by the Nominating Committee 2024 including the following:

Jane Graham, President
Christopher Eyton, 1st VP
Bob Long, 2nd VP
Cheri Kemp-Long, Secretary
Michel Perron, Treasurer
Yves Grandmaitre, Member at Large
Irene Chahley, Member at Large

Moved by Chuck Williamson,-Second by Chuck MacInnis
Carried

9. **New Business** –
 - i) Presentation by Laura Brown Breetvelt on proposed HF McLean/R Kipling monument.
Jane Graham outlined the activities that have taken place over the past couple of years regarding a bronze monument for Merrickville to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer, which also used Kipling's poem the Sons of Martha. This Legacy project is not going forward for a variety of reasons, although a Cairn that the Engineers wanted replicated is complete and will be placed likely in Merrickville near the water pump station on Main Street. The Committee that has been working on the project would like to move forward on a sculpture of just HF McLean and a commemorative positioning in the parkette near the Blockhouse and within sight of the Cairn. He spent 40 years in Merrickville and was engaged in interesting and substantial projects. We would like to welcome Laura Brown Breetvelt to tell us about her work on sculptures for other communities and her ideas for this project.

Laura presented some slides of various works she has done for other communities including Elliot Lake, Peterborough, Ottawa with information/educational detail at the sites, and answered questions from the membership about her process and ideas.

Comments included:

- visitors want to see and hear stories of the people and history brought to life.

- Educate about HF McLean
- Opportunity to profile McLean and Merrickville

MDHS does hereby support a proposal to move forward with a project in recognition of Harry McLean.

Moved by Michael Venables, Second by Vicki Graham
Carried

- ii) Open mike – ideas from the Members
- Include information about the HF McLean project in newsletter, Phoenix and website and encourage support/donations
 - Establish a fundraising committee
 - Sell merchandise/post cards to raise funds
 - Hold events for information sharing and fundraising
 - Sell patio stones with names engraved as a fundraiser – at the McLean sculpture landscaped site
 - Consider a lottery or Chase the Ace to raise specific project funds.

10. Adjournment

This Annual General Meeting of the Merrickville and District Historical Society does now adjourn at 8:31pm until the next regular meeting (at the call of the President subject to need).

Moved by Chuck MacInnis