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MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING Burk's Falls & District Historical Society Armour Township Council Chambers, Burk's Falls Friday, July 4, 2025

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President

Jarv Osborne - Vice President

Jenny Hall - Treasurer

Charlene Watt – Deputy Treasurer/Secretary

Barry Burton Kirk Du Guid Lorne Main Peter Hall Nancy Kyte Krista Trulsen Mike Quinton

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:59 p.m. Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Delegation: None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Committee Reports: None

Correspondence: None



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General Business:

Members discussed the resolution that was passed during the regular monthly meeting in June, 2025, providing Krista Trulsen with a budget of \$500 + HST to organize an award ceremony for the presentation of the King Charles 111 Coronation Medals. During discussion, it was noted that recent developments necessitated a reconsideration of the previously approved Award Ceremony for founding members Betty Caldwell and Lorne Main. Specifically, key organizers became unavailable due to scheduling conflicts, significantly impacting the feasibility of hosting the event as planned and concerns were raised regarding the timing, scope, and necessity of the ceremony in its current format, highlighting a lack of broad consensus within the Society. It was further noted that a member who had initially approached Members about the nominations led the Society into believing it was a group initiative, not a personal ambition to serve personal interests. Members were discouraged to learn that the award ceremony is no longer a Historical Society event. Despite prior discussions that the nomination for the King Charles 111 Coronation Medals was to be submitted on behalf of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society, the member became insistent that her individual name be recognized as the nominator. This shift created confusion regarding the nature of the nomination and raised concerns about misrepresentation of the Society's role in the process. The resulting breakdown in coordination and alignment contributed to the broader challenges facing the event. Given the time-sensitive nature of both the event planning and the broader organizational commitments, a special emergency meeting was called to address these matters promptly and to determine an appropriate course of action to reassess the situation.

Resolution #2025-07-04-1

Resolution to Rescind a Previously Adopted Motion – Award Ceremony Budget

Whereas, on June 16, 2025, a motion was adopted, during the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society's regular monthly meeting, to set a budget of up to **\$500 + HST** for hosting an Award Ceremony to recognize founding members Betty Caldwell and Lorne Main, which included funding for Legion rental, snacks, refreshments, and flowers; and

Whereas, the circumstances surrounding the planned event have changed, including but not limited to:

Limited availability or withdrawal of key organizers affecting the feasibility of the event;



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Lack of consensus or emerging concerns from members regarding the scale, format, or timing of the event;

Be It Resolved That the previous motion — "Motion to set a budget of up to \$500 + HST for hosting the Award Ceremony to recognize founding members Betty Caldwell and Lorne Main to secure the Legion rental, snacks, refreshments and flowers. Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Barry Burton. Carried." is hereby rescinded in full, effective immediately.

Be It Further Resolved That the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society remain committed to appropriately recognizing the contributions of Betty Caldwell and Lorne Main and will explore alternative methods of recognition that are meaningful and supported by the membership.

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Krista Trulsen, the nominator for the King Charles 111 Coronation Medals, with the request that any reference to the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society be removed from all promotional materials, including but not limited to event flyers and announcements, to reflect the Society's withdrawal from formal involvement in the event.

Moved by Nancy Kyte, Seconded by Mike Quinton. Carried

New Business:

Members questioned Krista Trulsen on expenses for the award ceremony and were advised that alternate volunteers were already arranged and invitations with an RSVP request were sent to dignitaries. It is not an award ceremony that is being promoted through social media to the public. Members emphasized the importance of recognizing the founding members during the event, noting that the exclusion of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society from the award ceremony by the nominating member could negatively impact and question the Society's reputation within the community. Motion to approve a donation of \$100 to Krista Trulsen for the purchase of refreshments for the King Coronation III Medals Ceremony: Moved by Mike Quinton, Seconded by Barry Burton. Carried

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 21, 2025 at Fell Homes. The	ere being no further
business, Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m.	

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Deputy-Treasurer/Secretary
Diane Brandt, President