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## MINUTES

### Burk's Falls & District Historical Society Armour Council Chambers, Burk's Falls Monday, March 22, 2021

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President  
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President  
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer  
Charlene Watt - Secretary  
Lisa Morrison (via teleconference)  
Delynne Patterson  
Judy Ransome  
Mike Quinton (via teleconference)

Guest: John Theriault, Clerk/Treasurer for Armour Township

The Members present constituted a quorum.

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.  
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

#### **Welcome:**

Diane welcomed Members and Guest, John Theriault.

#### **Delegation:**

None

#### **Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

Acceptance and adoption of the December 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Judy Ransome, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Jarv Osborne. Main bank account balance was \$11,097.74 on February 28, 2021. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**



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### **Committee Reports:**

*Membership Committee:* No report available.

### **General Business:**

#### Heritage Day 2021:

John Theriault and Charlene Watt addressed Members to advise that the Township of Armour will not be contributing to the event for 2021. With COVID-19 restrictions and the coloured control levels, even at the GREEN CONTROL, we will only be permitted 100 people to gather outside. Deposits from 2020 are still outstanding. The Archives of Ontario will not be permitting traveling exhibits at this time. A virtual exhibit is an option but is time consuming and challenging to organize. Charlene Watt will inform the Fire Department Chiefs that the Firefighter Challenge will be delayed for another year and also circulate the Heritage Day cancellation on Facebook and the Society's website.

#### Shelving:

Members were presented two quotes for glass shelving from Sonnet Windows and Doors and passed a resolution supporting the recommendation of the President. Members passed a second resolution approving the reimbursement to the President for shelving units that were purchased to store historical newspapers.

#### Young Canada Works:

John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer for Armour Township has applied for the Young Canada Works and a response is expected next month as to whether we will receive the grant for 2021.

#### Farm House Repairs:

The eavestrough will be installed this year at the Watt Century Farm House and paid for by the Township of Armour.

#### Blinds:

Diane Brandt advised that the blinds that were approved to purchase in December 2020 will be installed on Easter Monday.

#### School House Repairs:

Delynne Patterson advised that the window will be fixed at the schoolhouse. It was broken last season by a bird.



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### **Correspondence:**

Mike Quinton discussed correspondence.

1. A donation of a school house chalk board was discussed. Mike will forward the email offering the artifact to Diane Brandt. Diane will look into it and advise Members.
2. An inquiry was received about the history of doctors in the area from 1940 – 1949. Mike obtained information from Members and will respond to the inquiry.

### **New Business:**

Delynne Patterson inquired about fundraising by the Historical Society. Suggestions were discussed in attempts to find a fundraiser that would be successful. Delynne will look into some of the options that were discussed and report back to Members.

Members discussed the option of implementing a records search fee, at this time, Members felt it would be best to enclose a message to email responses advising that donations would be appreciated. The Historical Society does not receive a lot of inquiries at this time, usually about one per month and the research responses would not be a money maker. Mike Quinton currently handles all of the email inquiries and stated that he feels that our job is to encourage people to reach out to us and the email inquiry gives us an opportunity to invite a person out to a heritage site to research the information on their own, giving people a reason to visit. Members are also volunteers, so the information that is provided does not cost the Historical Society anything, but a request for a donation in a response email would be a good idea.

Diane Brandt will participate in an Ontario By Bike webinar on April 15, 2021. Delynne Patterson obtained information from Diane on the program and will take the details to her Council to get the schoolhouse included on the route. There are requirements such as access to chilled water, washrooms and a bike rack in order to enrol in the program.

Diane Brandt addressed the Executive Members and asked if they would remain in the positions that they now hold for another year due to being unable to have an AGM. The Executives agreed and will remain for 2021: Diane Brandt, President; Nieves Guijarro, Vice-President; Jarv Osborne, Treasurer; and Charlene Watt, Secretary.

### **Resolutions:**

Members reviewed quotes from Sonnet Windows and Doors that provided prices on artifact preservation supplies, a quote from the Almaguin Highland Chamber of Commerce for advertising in the 2021 Community Guide & Directory, discussed the hiring of the mature person for the 2021 operating season and the reimbursement to Diane Brandt, President for shelving units and passed resolutions:



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Resolution:

That the Quote from the President regarding glass shelving for display case at the Watt Century Farm House be received and that Members approve the quote from Sonnet Windows and Doors for three (3) single glass 33" x 9 1/2", 6mm clear tempered ground edged shelving for a total price of \$191.03 including HST. **Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Mike Quinton. Carried**

Resolution:

That we reimburse Diane Brandt, President for two (2) Husky 5-Shelf Steel Units, 78" H x 60" W x 24" D, purchased at Home Depot, to be used for the storage of the newspapers, at a cost of \$195.00 x 2 plus \$50.70 HST for a total cost of \$440.70. **Moved by Mike Quinton, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**

Resolution:

That the Quote from the Almaguin Highland Chamber of Commerce Community Guide & Directory for ¼ page advertisement for the price of \$319.00 + HST in the 2021 magazine. **Moved by Judy Ransome, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried**

Resolution:

That the Members of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society agree to rehire Kendra Kellas for the 2021 operating season at a cost of \$15.00 per hour and not exceeding a budget of \$5,000. **Moved by Nieves Guijarro, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held at the call of the President. There being no further business, **Delynne Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.**

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Recorded by  
Charlene Watt, Secretary

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Approved by  
Diane Brandt, President