

## **MINUTES**

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### **270th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **POTTON HERITAGE ASSOCIATION - PHA**

**WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020 - MAISON REILLY, 9:30 AM**

Presences: Carol Bishop (B.C.), Chantal Ethier (C.E.), Sandra Jewett (S.J.), Robert Joli (R.J.), Serge Normand (S.N.), Lorraine Rouillard (L.R.), Christian Smeesters (C.S.) and Janine Sourdif (S.J.).

Guest: Thierry Roger.

#### **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

S.J. opens the meeting at 9.40 am.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Carried with additions, on motion by S.J. seconded by L.R.

#### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

Adopted with corrections as proposed by C.S. and seconded by S.N.

#### **4. MEETING PHA/ GBMP**

The Board decides to proceed as follows: S.J. will facilitate the meeting and Hans Walser will speak to explain the vision of the GBMP.

The directors will then give their views in a round table discussion.

#### **5. RELATED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

S.N. moved that C.S. be appointed Secretary-Treasurer to take over from the current Secretary C.E., who is leaving her position on April 5th. Thierry Roger, currently webmaster for the PHA, could lend a hand with certain tasks related to the secretariat.

The Board agreed.

C.S. wants to take the time to reflect on this proposal.

## **6. 10.30 A.M.: PHA/ GBMP MEETING**

The members of the PHA Board, as well as Hans Walser, Edith Smeesters and Jacqueline Robitaille of the GBMP are present.

### **6.1 Welcome by Sandra and Hans**

- S.J. welcomed the members of the GBMP and asked Hans to give an update on the restoration of the round barn.
- Hans reminded us of the context: Mayor Jacques Marcoux asked the PHA and GBMP to propose a collaborative structure and action plan for heritage management, taken in a broad sense (not just the round barn). In this way, the mayor hopes to convince the Municipal Council to accept the municipality's commitment to take charge of Potton's heritage.
- Hans also gave an update on the restoration project, mentioning the Municipality's commitments to Canadian Heritage (safeguarding a heritage building and safe access, etc.) and the discussions surrounding the architect's report that will have an impact on the reopening and use of the barn (capacity, emergency exits, etc.). The GBMP wishes to open the barn to the public in the summer of 2020 for a maximum of 60 people per floor, according to current safety standards.

### **6.2 Purpose of the meeting**

- Establish a partnership between the PHA and the GBMP in the area of asset management. The terms of this partnership remain to be specified.

### **6.3 Draft partnership**

- Hans clarified that there is no question of a merger between the two groups. He suggested an outline of a partnership, listing some respective areas of activity of the PHA and the GBMP (see Annex 1).
- On the other hand, the GBMP has started to work on a draft programme for the Heritage Interpretation Centre. Among other things, there are plans for the release of Louise Abbott's video; the Potton tourism exhibition; the butter making exhibition.

- Roundtable discussion: All the directors of the PHA Board agreed to partner with the GBMP. It will be necessary to see on what basis and on what projects the two organizations can collaborate, based, among other things, on each organization's action plan.

#### 6.4 Question period

- At this point in the meeting, the participants asked their questions.

#### 6.5 Confirmation of the partnership: drafting an action plan for the next two years

- Hans Walsler reminded that we have until the end of January to submit a joint action plan to the mayor. According to Hans, the next step would be to flesh out the content of this new partnership, taking into account the available resources. It will be necessary to draw up a list of the tasks and responsibilities of each organisation and then examine how their actions can be coordinated or complemented. A year of transition will be needed to set up a new heritage management structure with the Municipality.
- Sandra would like to involve the CCPP (Potton Cultural and Heritage Committee), of which she is president, in this process. However, Hans is postponing this collaboration.
- Sandra added that the PHA is at a turning point in its history: the organisation is facing the departure of four directors, two of whom are members of the executive. On the other hand, the future involvement of the Township's Council is uncertain. Nevertheless, it is in the interest of both organisations to work together on heritage issues.
- Serge notes that, through their actions over the last few years (restoration of the barn, website, etc.), the PHA and GBMP are now playing "in the big league" and that they need to develop collaboration with players outside the canton (universities, museums, etc.). In short, a "regional" vision of heritage is needed.
- Sandra and Lorraine believe that the role of the PHA and the GBMP must first be made better known by the local population, for whom heritage boils down to the round barn and who wonder why so much money was spent on this old building.
- Jacqueline suggested that the work should continue in a small committee and that the PHA should delegate three people duly mandated to work with the three GBMP members present at the PHA meeting.

The suggestion was accepted by all participants.

The first meeting of this select committee, consisting of three PHA delegates and three GBMP delegates, is scheduled for Wednesday 29 January.

6.6 Closure of the meeting

Sandra thanked the members of the GBMP for their participation.

**7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE PHA**

In preparation for the meeting on 29 January next, the Council decides to continue its reflection at a meeting to be held on Friday 24 January 2020 at 9:30 am. Among other things, it will decide on the choice of persons delegated by the Board of Directors to take part in this select committee.

**8. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

S.J. closes the meeting at 12.35 p.m.

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