

# MDHS



MERRICKVILLE  DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Merrickville and District Historical Society  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
January 21, 2025, 7pm, Merrickville Legion Branch 245  
223 Main St W Merrickville**

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order by Jane Graham, Chair at 7:10pm and Cheri Kemp-Long, Secretary read the MDHS Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

In attendance were the following members:

Louis Birta  
Graeme Bonham-Carter  
Gwendy Hall  
Irene Chahley  
Richard Chahley  
Cindi Delcorde  
Karen Finstad  
Rod Fournier  
William Galbraith  
Judy Hyland  
Vicki Graham  
Jane Graham  
Yves Grandmaitre  
Dick Hegan  
Brian Hendrick  
Patricia McAinsh  
Jim Hunter  
Cheri Kemp-Long  
Kate Lillemark-Galbraith  
Bob Long

Chuck MacInnis  
Sally MacInnis  
Ann Martin  
Charles Merredew  
Paul Meunier  
Jeff Murray  
Christine Nigelsky  
Michel Perron  
Tanya Prinsep  
Larry Quartus  
Donna Ross  
Omar Simonyi  
Jim Skelding  
Peter Szmidt  
Louise Tallman

2. Adoption of Agenda  
The Merrickville and District Historical Society does hereby approve the agenda of the Annual General Meeting of January 21, 2025 as presented Moved by – Chuck MacInnis, Seconded by – Peter Szmidt. Carried
3. Minutes of Previous AGM January 30, 2024  
Jane reminded members that the previous Minutes had been posted and asked for a motion to accept.  
MDHS does hereby approve the minutes of the previous AGM on January 21, 2024 as presented. Moved by – Charles Merredew, Seconded by – Yves Grandmaitre. Carried
4. Minutes of General Meeting November 5, 2024  
Jane reminded members that the previous Minutes had been posted and asked for a motion to accept.  
MDHS does hereby approve the minutes of the General Meeting on December 5, 2024 as presented. Moved by – Sally MacInnis, Seconded by – Gwendy Hall . Carried
5. Report from the Chair – Jane Graham  
Jane presented the report as posted with the AGM package on the website as well as some additional notes on new project ideas that the Board has been considering such as genealogy information and documentation that we have access to with the help of a new Board member Cindi Delcorde who is studying that topic through a university program in Scotland; 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for MDHS in 2025 – ideas welcome. She also mentioned that we continue to work

with the Ontario Historical Society and the Friends of the Rideau and will be participating with the community groups cooperative planning.

MDHS does hereby accept the Chair's Report as presented. Moved by – Tanya Prinsep Seconded by – Sally MacInnis. Carried

6. Collection Committee Archives Report provided by Nancy Warr and posted with AGM documents on the website. Jane added that the Committee is doing lots of great work with the items and information and now that there is a new furnace – doing it in a warmer environment.

MDHS does hereby accept the Collections Committee Archives Report as submitted by Nancy Warr. Moved by - Judy Hyland Seconded by – Donna Ross. Carried

7. Treasurers Report – Michel Perron

- i) Financial statement – Nov 1, 2023 – Oct 31, 2024, including Ottawa Community Foundation

Michel noted that the biggest difference between 2023 and 2024 was the funding support and associated expenses for the summer student staffing of the Blockhouse which is now in the hands of the Village. Also that insurance costs have gone up as it was determined that the Collection in Burritts Rapids storage was not covered, and now is. We have moved some funds into GIC's to earn interest and have established a separate account for the McLean sculpture project donations. Some early donations were used for some small costs but all donations are now kept as donations only.

MDHS does hereby accept Financial Report for November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024 as presented by Treasurer Michael Perron.

Moved by – Vicki Graham Seconded by – Brian Hendrick Carried

- ii) Financial statement – Nov 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024

Michel noted that the statements presented are only for the two months November and December of 2024 to complete the transfer of our year end from October 31 to December 31 as agreed by the membership. The information is still Preliminary as we are still waiting on some final details but only of limited values. Biggest item is the in and out of the Burritts Rapids storage cost with the Village and an additional large donation to the Harry McLean fund and some refunds for the fundraising dinner that was cancelled in the spring.

MDHS does hereby accept Financial Report for November 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 as presented by Treasurer Michael Perron.

Moved by – Tanya Prinsep Seconded by – Chris Nigelsky .Carried

iii) Proposed Budget for 2025 presented by Jane Graham and Michel Perron

The budget presented used the actuals from the 2024 year, our first without the Blockhouse student funds and expenses, and our work in progress with the Village to manage the processes. The biggest item is the storage of the Collection at the Burritts Rapids site and the sharing of donations at the Blockhouse. MDHS and Village have agreed to the Village only providing \$600 for the Storage and some additional sharing of donations. There will be a need for MDHS to consider funding opportunities for special projects as well as general operations going forward to ensure coverage of the potential shortfall.

MDHS does hereby accept the Budget for 2025, as presented by the Executive Committee. Moved by – Karen Finstad Seconded by – Cindi Delcorde. Carried

8. Election of New Directors – Nomination Committee Chair Bob Long  
Bob advised Board members will be elected for 2 year terms according to the new Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw #1 with half of the board standing for re-election each year. In order to launch this new arrangement for 2025, half will be elected for 1 year terms and half for 2 year terms. The board must have at least 5 members and no more than 10.

The following people have agreed to let their name stand for election of the board of directors of the Society in 2025:

1 year term – Jane Graham, Bob Long, Cheri Kemp-Long, Michel Perron

2 year term – Yves Grandmaitre, Irene Chahley, Tanya Prinsep, Cindi Delcorde

Motion presented by the Nominating Committee, Moved by Bob Long, Seconded by Yves Grandmaitre

Bob asked for any interested members from the members present. None came forward.

MDHS does hereby accept the results of the nominations as the Directors for 2025. Moved by Vicki Graham, Seconded by Chuck MacInnis. Carried.

9. Special Presentation by Storyteller Johanna Kuyvenhoven, “Tales of Big Pants Harry” was changed last minute due to the Johanna having an accident. We wish her well. Instead, Ross Anderson has agreed to bring us a presentation on the Restoration and Replication Project 2021-2025, the process to bring a replica Sons of Martha Cairn to our village and its relationship to Harry McLean and the engineers Iron Ring Ceremony.

The presentation was well received and Ross was thanked by the members in attendance.

10. The meeting was Adjourned at 9:15pm by Bob Long.