



FRIENDS OF AUCHMAR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2019

AGENDA: 1) Call to Order and Welcome. 2) A.G.M. Reports. 3) Chair's Annual Report. - Diane Dent. 4) Friends of Auchmar Constitution. 5) Introduction of the Board of Directors. 5) Introduction of Key Note Speaker. 6) Key Note Address: My Life in Heritage. 7) Introduction of Carrie Brooks-Joiner, and John Summers, Department of Tourism and Culture. 8) Thank you to Key Note Speaker. 9) Closing Commentary. 10) Adjournment.

- 1) Call to Order and Welcome. Diane Dent called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.
- 2) A.G.M. Business Reports.
John Kajaste gave a synopsis of the Minutes of the 2018 F.O.A. Annual General Meeting. The Secretary's Report was moved by John Kajaste, seconded by Norris Podetz and accepted by the membership.
John Buchanan gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was moved by John Buchanan, seconded by Carol Paimo and accepted by the membership.
Pat Saunders gave the Membership Report which was moved by Pat Saunders, seconded by Terry Geissler and accepted by the membership.
- 3) Chair's Annual Report. Diane Dent gave the Chair's Annual Report highlighting the activities of the F.O.A. and F.O.A. Board which included acting as Host at Auchmar for Doors Open Hamilton, the development of new partnerships and Auchmar The War Years during which the film Auchmar, The War Story was shown. The Report of the Chair was moved by Diane Dent, seconded by Norris Podetz and accepted by the membership.

- 4) Friends of Auchmar Constitution Amendment.
John Kajaste gave overview of the Amendment which was accepted by the membership at a Special Members Meeting on June 23, 2018.
- 5) Introduction of the Board of Directors.
Cristina Geissler introduced the current Board of Directors.
- 6) Introduction of Key Note Speaker.
Richard Allan introduced Ian Kerr- Wilson, who until recently worked in the Culture and Heritage Department of the City of Hamilton as Manager, Heritage Resource Management, and is currently retired, to a warm reception from the audience.
- 7) Key Note Address: My Life in Heritage.
Ian Kerr-Wilson gave an engaging and informative talk about his life journey in this field and turned a focused lens upon Auchmar Estate. Auchmar with its rich cultural history is unique and he noted that Auchmar like other family estates which have been readapted for use in today's world, would require or meet specific uses. A brief Question and Answer session followed the presentation.
- 8) Introduction of Carrie Brooks-Joiner and John Summers.
Diane Dent introduced both to the membership and invited them each to speak about their roles.
- 9) Thank You to Key Note Speaker.
Diane Dent thanked Ian Kerr-Wilson on behalf of the Friends of Auchmar. A cake was brought out to celebrate Mr. Kerr-Wilson's recent retirement.
- 10) Closing Commentary.
Diane Dent gave the closing remarks, took some questions from the floor and invited all to remain and enjoy the evening.
- 11) Adjournment.
Diane Dent adjourned meeting at 6:40 p.m.