



FRIENDS OF AUCHMAR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2020

AGENDA: 1) Call to Order, Welcome and Protocol. 2) A.G.M. Reports. 3) Chair's Annual Report – Diane Dent. 4) Friends of Auchmar Board Election. 5) Introduction of Key Note Speakers. 6) Key Note Addresses. 7) Thank you to Key Note Speakers. 8) Thank You to Councillor John Paul Danko. 9) Closing Commentary and Adjournment.

1) Call to Order, Welcome and Protocol. Diane Dent called the meeting to order and welcomed all who joined in via Zoom. Richard Allen explained briefly the protocol for the meeting since it is being conducted on a virtual platform.

2) A.G.M. Business Reports.

John Kajaste gave the highlight and synopsis of the Minutes of the 2019 F.O.A. Annual General Meeting. The Secretary's Report was moved by John Kajaste, seconded by Robin McKee and accepted by the membership.

John Buchanan gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was moved by John Buchanan, seconded by Terry Geissler, and accepted by the membership.

Pat Saunders gave the Membership Report which was moved by Pat Saunders, seconded by Richard Allen and accepted by the membership.

3) Chair's Annual Report: Diane Dent presented the Chair's Annual Report highlighting the activities of the F.O.A. and F.O.A. which included acting as a Host at Auchmar for Doors Open Hamilton; an overview of the successful The War Years at Auchmar; and development of the City of Hamilton Auchmar Business Plan. The Report of the Chair was moved by Diane Dent, seconded by Patricia Baker, and accepted by the membership.

4) Friends of Auchmar Board Election.

John Kajaste explained that the Election of the 2020 Board of Directors is postponed due to COVID 19 Protocols set in place by the Government of Ontario and City of Hamilton. When the election is called, the membership will receive notice and the process will be followed. That Board will sit for a pro rated term (eg: 12 months, 18 months).

The current F.O.A. Board will continue to sit and conduct the business of the Friends of Auchmar.

5) Introduction of Key Note Speakers.

Robin McKee, Vice Chair of the Friends of Auchmar introduced the Key Note Speakers” Mr. John Summers, Manager, Heritage Resource Management, City of Hamilton, Carolyn Samko, Senior Project Manager, Heritage Facilities & Capital Planning, City of Hamilton, and Carol Priamo, Heritage Consultant and Artist.

6) KeyNote Address: The Auchmar Gatehouse and Positioning Auchmar Estate for the Future.

Carol Priamo presented a photographic retrospective of the Auchmar Gatehouse which included archival photos from the Hamilton Public Library, images of renovation undertaken by previous owners and recent photos of the interior taken by Robin McKee.

John Summers and Carolyn Samko presented a hypothetical study of the costs involved with the restoration, conservation, relocation, relevant studies required and heritage assessment. John Summers spoke about positioning Auchmar for the future. A brief question and session followed the presentations.

7) Thank You to Key Note Speakers.

Diane Dent called on Ward 8 Councillor, John Paul Danko to thank the speakers and to say a few words of his own.

8) Thank You to Councillor John Paul Danko.

On behalf of the Friends of Auchmar, Richard Allen thanked the councillor for his participation and sponsorship.

9) Closing Comments and Adjournment

Diane Dent gave the closing commentary. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.