



FRIENDS OF AUCHMAR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2016

AGENDA: 1) Call to Order and Welcome 2) A.G.M. Business Reports 3) Nomination Committee Report 4) Other Reports 5) Master of Ceremonies Introduction 6) Auchmar Estate Restoration Update 7) Royal Hamilton Light Infantry 13th Battalion Auchmar Trust Presentation 8) Presentation Thank You 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.
Diane Dent gave the Chair's Annual Report highlighting the activities of the F.O.A. and the F.O.A. Board.
The Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Reports will be made available and posted on the F.O.A. website. (NOTE: Treasurer's Report will be emailed to members only).
- 3) Nomination Committee Report.
Bill King gave the Nomination Committee Report and presented the slate of directors for the F.O.A. Executive for 2016-18.
The following is the slate of directors: Diane Dent, President, Chair; Robin McKee, Vice President, John Kajaste, Secretary, John Buchanan, Treasurer, Pat Saunders, Membership Co-ordinator, Bob Gill, Member At Large, Webmaster, Richard Allen, Member at Large.
The slate of directors was acclaimed by the membership and became the Executive of the Friends of Auchmar for 2016-2018.
- 4) Other Announcements.
Brief announcements about the Auchmar Newsletter, Auchmar Book Publication, and the Ontario History Society were given by John Kajaste, Bill King, and Daniel Dishaw respectively.

McMaster Public History Practicum. Gary Spero and Jeremy Coleman spoke about their experience to date in the practicum.

- 5) Master of Ceremonies Introduction. Diane Dent introduced Jeff Feswick of Historia Restoration as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.
- 6) Auchmar Estate Restoration Update: Carolyn Samko, Senior Project Manager, Heritage Facilities.
Carolyn Samko spoke about the overall work completed at Auchmar, with an emphasis upon the work completed in the years 2015 and 2016. Also, she spoke about the restoration work for the upcoming year 2017. She noted that Auchmar Estate has been used as a set location for the productions, Paranormal Witness and The Murdoch Mysteries.
- 7) The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry 13th Battalion Auchmar Trust Presentation.
Diane Dent introduced Sergeant Brian Buckle and Second Lieutenant Richard Moll who presented the details of R.H.L.I. 13th Battalion Auchmar Trust proposal. A discussion with questions followed the presentation.
- 8) Thank You to the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.
On behalf of the Friends of Auchmar, Norris Podetz thanked the presenters and presented to them an ink drawing of the Auchmar Estate as a thank you gift.
- 9) Closing Commentary and Remarks, Terry Whitehead, Councillor, Ward 8.
Diane Dent introduced Councillor Terry Whitehead whose closing remarks reflected the huge impression the R.H.L.I. proposal made on City Council, and the decision to keep Auchmar Estate in city ownership, a growing personal appreciation of built and cultural heritage, and a thank you to the activism of the Friends of Auchmar
- 10) Adjournment: Jeff Feswick and Diane Dent thanked all for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.