

## **WEST TORONTO JUNCTION HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES**

### **General Meeting**

**October 7, 2021 by Zoom**

**Present:** Christopher Sears (Chair), Richard Lundeen, David Bridge, Dave Muir, Hope Humphrey, Cassandra Pollack, David Miller and 31 other participants (total 38 during presentation).

**Purpose of the Meeting:** to hear our guest speaker and to hold a business meeting.

### **Presentation Section**

**Welcome and check for Quorum.** Christopher Sears welcomed participants, confirmed quorum and initiated the meeting at 7:00 pm. He requested participants to keep their microphones muted and to use the Zoom chat function to ask questions.

**Land Acknowledgement** – David Bridge

**Introduction of the guest speaker, David Miller** – Christopher Sears gave a brief summary of David Miller’s career, including his time as City Councillor for our part of the City, then as Mayor of Toronto and currently as North American director for the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group.

**Evening's Presentation by David Miller** – In response to questions posed by Christopher Sears, David Miller spoke of his early years in Toronto, his education, years as a partner with Aird and Bayliss and as a candidate for public office. He was elected as Metro Councillor in 1994 and then, after the provincial government amalgamated Toronto and surrounding municipalities, David was elected as Toronto Councillor in 1997 and 2000. In 2003, he was elected Mayor of Toronto after campaigning to “clean up Toronto” and was re-elected in 2006. David Miller spoke of the issues and his motivations in running for office and during the time he was Mayor (until 2010) and in his subsequent career. Finally, he spoke of his recent book, “Solved: How the World’s Great Cities are Fixing the Climate Crisis.”

Following questions from participants, Christopher Sears thanked the speaker and announced a five-minute break before the business meeting would begin.

### **Business Meeting**

Christopher Sears called the business meeting to order at 8:38 pm with 24 participants online. He confirmed quorum.

Richard Lundeen summarized the minutes of the June 3, 2021 general meeting, which had been available for review on the website. As there were no questions or revisions, Richard moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Hope Humphrey. Carried

Christopher Sears presented the Treasurer's Report. The current bank balance is \$19,386.60, with outstanding cheques and payments due totaling \$1858.10. Sale of 63 t-shirts has generated revenue of \$1575.00. Christopher moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Madeleine McDowell. Carried.

David Bridge summarized the Membership Report that Adrian Schincariol had presented to the September 28 Executive Committee meeting, with 127 annual paid members, 36 life members and a total membership of 163. David moved acceptance of the Membership Report, seconded by Gib Goodfellow. Carried.

Hope Humphrey presented the Nominating Committee report, stressing that some Executive positions remain to be filled for the Annual General Meeting on November 4th. A meeting is to be scheduled soon with Velvet Wilson, a recent candidate for the Treasurer position.

Cassandra Pollack provided an update on The Leader and Recorder, noting that Issue 2 has been printed and distributed and that the content for Issue 3 is already in hand. The plan is to make 2022 Issue 1 the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue.

Dave Muir spoke about speakers arranged for the first half of 2022 but some openings remain. Diana Fancher offered to arrange an architect to speak on restoration development.

Madeleine McDowell spoke about the proposed listing for the ABC Lumber Building on Weston Road, currently before the Toronto Historical Board.

Gib Goodfellow moved adjournment at 9:05 pm. Carried.

Minutes prepared by VP Richard Lundeen