



THE UPDATE

York Pioneer and Historical Society

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The 2024 Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday March 24th, 2024
Time: 1:30 pm to 3 pm
Location: Montgomery's Inn
Community Room
4709 Dundas Street West

<https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/history-art-culture/museums/montgomerys-inn/>

The York Pioneers will be conducting an in-person AGM this year and we have booked space at Montgomery's Inn!

Montgomery's Inn was built in the 1830s and has been preserved to showcase a good example of a Canadian inn of the period. The Inn will be open from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We hope you will come early and look around the Inn before the AGM. As with all Toronto museums, admission is now free!

There is parking at the Inn and in the area or take the subway to the Islington station and then the #37 bus northbound to Dundas, and use the stair access from Dundas, with some uneven surfaces.

Light refreshments will be available at the meeting.



Above: Montgomery's Inn. Photo: Bob Krawczyk, Architectural Conservancy Ontario

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REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2023 Nominating Committee members:

- From the current Board: Beth Alaksa, Brent Cunningham, Angus Palmer
- From the general membership: Robert Horwood, David Raymont

The Committee also hereby reports, proposing the following complete slate of candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors:

Officers:

Past President: Fred Robbins

President: Angus Palmer

Vice President: Brent Cunningham

Treasurer: Jennifer Horwood

Recording Secretary: Robert Horwood

Corresponding Secretary [Social media]: Bob Georgiou

Archivist: Erin Baxter

Committee Chairs:

Editorial: Bruce McCowan

Membership: Marilyn Horwood

Programme: Beth Alaksa

Publicity (newsletter): Brent Cunningham

Scadding Cabin: Kayoko Smith

Representative on the Board of Sharon Temple: Glenn Bonnetta

Members at Large: Sebastian Aguanno, Robert Murphy

Appointment, Canadian National Exhibition: Liam Peppiatt

In addition to the above slate of candidates, any member of the organization in good standing who wishes to stand for election to any Board position at the Annual General Meeting, must be nominated by another member, and that nomination must be seconded.

DRAFT BY-LAWS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Organizations must periodically update their by-laws/constitution and the York Pioneer and Historical Society is no exception to this rule.

Our By-laws were last adopted by the members 10 years ago, in 2013, and might have stood us in good stead for another 10 years or more, were it not for the province's passage of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

That Act requires non-profits to have by-laws passed which are compliant with the Act by October 2024, and to that end, the YPHS Board struck a committee composed of President Angus Palmer, and Scadding Cabin Chair, Kayoko Smith, to draft By-laws for the Board's consideration.

Working from a template developed by lawyers for use by non-profit corporations, the Committee drafted By-laws which retain the fundamental structure of the YPHS, while ensuring that the By-laws are compliant with the governing Act.

Following the drafting of the By-laws, the YPHS Board of Directors devoted an entire meeting to reviewing the draft, passing a number of amendments (while being careful to ensure that the amendments didn't contradict the Act.)

The draft By-laws, as amended, were approved unanimously by the Board of Directors, and will be presented to the members for ratification at the Annual General Meeting on March 24th.

We urge members to review the draft By-laws (included as a separate document with this edition of The Update), and hope that the By-laws will be approved by the members, and stand for many years to come.

MOTION SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2024 AGM

Bruce McCowan, Editor of The York Pioneer submitted the following motion to the Board of Directors at the January 14, 2024 BoD meeting:

Whereas:

- YPHS is a registered charity and the business of the charity must be public knowledge, and
- As public knowledge, the Annual Report should be publicly available to all Canadians on the YPHS web site free of charge, and
- The Annual Report should not be a "Members-Only" item the way it is now, being attached to the York Pioneer (YP) historical journal (which only goes to paid-up members and a few subscribing libraries), and
- The YP historical journal must be sent to members in the spring of the year, as stated on the YPHS web site -- having made this promise to members, we must not let the YP Journal be held back by Board Business of the previous year (as happened with the 2022 and 2023 YP issues), and
- Much of the "Year in Review" - e.g. event-related and new members -- has already been published in the YPHS quarterly "Update" newsletters -- why repeat much of it in the journal which costs a fair bit to print? And
- Can anyone find a historical / heritage society anywhere that includes their Annual Report (the business of their society) inside their annual Historical Journal?

Moved that the Annual Report / "Previous Year in Review" will be completely separated from the York Pioneer Journal subject to approval of the general membership at the March /24 Annual Meeting and that the general membership will be given advance notice of this motion in the next issue of the Update Newsletter.

The motion was seconded by Brent Cunningham, and carried by the Board.

Since the motion was carried, the general membership will be given the opportunity to submit their vote on the motion at the 2024 AGM.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

The 2023 Volume of “The York Pioneer” is about to go to press shortly.

Ensure that you receive your copy and secure your right to vote by renewing your membership in the York Pioneer and Historical Society today.

Individual membership is an affordable **\$30.00**, with students eligible to join for only **\$20.00**. Or sign-up your family for just **\$50.00**.

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Correction to the January 2024 edition of The Update

On Page 8 of the January 2024 edition of The Update, we reported a **\$100** donation submitted by **Bob Roden**. In fact, this **\$100** donation was made by **Bob & Susan Roden**. The York Pioneers regret the error and wishes to thank Bob & Susan for their generosity.

A Sincere Thank-You to our Book Donors

The York Pioneers wish to thank **Audrey Fox**, **John Marshall**, and **Liam Peppiatt** for their donations of books to the Adam Bunch event held on February 11, 2024. More details on this event in the next edition of The Update.

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