

TRENT UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

MINUTES OF THE 63rd GENERAL MEETING

25 October 2023

Peterborough Museum and Archives at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Cheryl Anderson, John Breukelaar, Gina Collins, Julie Crook, Alena Heitlinger, Paul Healy, Doug MacIsaac, John Marsh, Janice Matthews, Janice Millard, David Morrison, Michael Peterman, Tony Storey, Betty Tomlinson, Paul Wilson

Regrets: Dale Standen

Guests: Abby Richards

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Gina Collins. This was then followed by the First Nations Land Acknowledgement written by the City of Peterborough and read by Susan Neale.
2. Welcome and Co-Chair's remarks: Gina Collins welcomed members to the Peterborough Museum and Archives. She reminded everyone to watch for the latest edition of the [TUARP Times](#) and thanked Tony Storey for all his work on this publication.
3. Election of members of the TUARP Executive: Janice nominated Molly Blyth as the faculty co-Chair and this was seconded by Gina Collins. All voted in favour of the motion.
4. Welcome to Abby Richards, Alumni Engagement and Services Coordinator: Abby brought the regrets of Naomi Handley, the new Director of Alumni Engagement and Services saying that she was unable to attend our meeting but looked forward to seeing us at a later time. Abby directed us to the upcoming [events page](#) noting that all TUARP members are welcome to attend any event. Especially noted was a [group tour to Croatia](#) available to Trent Alumni and TUARP members.
5. Introduction of new members who retired between May 2 and Oct. 1, 2023: Staff: Pat Butler, General Maintenance Worker, Doug MacIsaac, Caretaker, Cheryl Anderson, Accounts Payable Advisor, Finance, Inge Lovell, Electronic Portfolios & Licensing Associate, Bata Library, Royce Parker, Mechanical Technician, Facilities Management, Cynthia Bennett-Awe, International Programs & Services Manager, International Office
Faculty – Kirsten Woodend, Dean, Trent/Fleming School of Nursing, Joanne Findon, English, Anne Sidnell, School of Education, Barbara Znamirovski, Librarian, Teresa Decicco, Psychology, Paul Elliott, School of Education, Mak Parnis, Chemistry
6. Observances for those who died between Oct. 2, 2022 and May 1, 2023: Staff: A. Sally Young, Vice President of Administration, Ada Meecham, Coordinator of Counselling, Herbert Sheppard, Pool Operator and Maintenance Supervisor
Faculty: Stuart Robson, History
7. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2023 were approved by a motion of John Marsh, seconded by Julie Crook.
8. Business arising: There was no business arising.
9. Financial report: John Casserly submitted a financial statement. Our net worth is \$2,090.82
Members are reminded TUARP annual fees of \$10 are due at the October session. Payment may be made by bank transfer; just add TUARP@Trentu.ca to your bank's e-transfer site.
10. Pension matters: Gina reported that OPSEU members have received a letter from the university asking for consent to proceed with the UPP. If the person did not reply to the letter it is presumed they consented to proceeding with [UPP](#).

11. Community Announcements: Gina reported that the next [Peterborough Regional Science Fair](#) will be held Monday April 8, 2024.
12. Any Other Business: Tony reported that there will be a Christmas get-together with the date and location TBA. Gina reported that the next May meeting will be held on the same day as the Heart of Trent event. Again, location and exact date TBA.
13. Break at 10:30 for refreshments
14. Guest Speaker: Susan Neale, Director of the [Peterborough Museum and Archives](#).

Janice introduced Susan who is an alum of Trent. She has held positions at a number of institutions including Lang Pioneer Village and Scugog Shores Museum. She also worked in an archaeological capacity on research related to the Arctic. But her most recent positions were as a faculty member at Fleming College in their Museum Management and Curatorship program and, since 2000, Museum Director of the Peterborough Museum and Archives (PMA).

As well as holding Peterborough related material, the PMA is a Category A institution which means it can hold objects of national cultural importance and is visited by around 35,000 people annually. Susan is proud of the PMA and its staff and calls them “small but mighty”.

Susan outlined a number of highlights related to the PMA. The 2004 flood in the City of Peterborough greatly affected the PMA. Tens of thousands of historical photographs from the Roy Studio Collection had been stored in the lower level of the Peterborough Library which was flooded. The damaged photos were brought to the PMA for initial assessment and Susan ensured that a professional company was brought in to undertake the work to stabilize and repair these photos. As a consequence a risk assessment model for historical items was developed for the PMA and this document is a model for others.

The other ongoing matter re the PMA Susan has been undertaking is the renewal of the PMA facilities. This has been ongoing since 2010 and has been done in stages with completion by 2017. The most significant change was the construction of the new onsite storage and conservation building which holds over 45,000 objects as well as the expansion of the Archives which now holds 3,000 linear feet of documents and over one-half million photographs.

Susan and staff then took members on a “behind the scenes” tour of the storage and conservation building. All members expressed amazement at the volume and variety of objects in storage. After visiting the building they then moved back to the main building to look at the current exhibit related to footwear donated to the Prince of Wales in 1860 which had been stored in the Royal Collection and loaned to the PMA.

16. Adjournment: Members were free to go home after they had visited the building and exhibit.

Respectfully submitted

Janice Millard, Secretary