

Cabbagetown Preservation Association
Annual General Meeting
May 26, 2022
Zoom

Present:

CPA Executive: Daniel Bloch, CJ Cogswell, Sarah Currie, Gilles Huot, Mary Martin, Gale Moore (Chair), David Pretlove, George Rust-D'Eye, Virginia Van Vliet, Steven Yeates

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Jordan Allison, Jane Anderson, Linda Beatty, Max Beck, Steve Boddy, Adam Bunch Yuri Buborov, Judy Clarke, Helen Coltrinari, Linda Gail, Sally Gibson, Barbara Hall, Malcolm Jackson, Monica Kuhn, Gillian Marwick, Diana Massey, Allison Morehead, David Shephard. Rosie Shephard, Mary-Jo Stevenson, Nik Tumonus, Kate Walhout, Patricia Kelsey

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Welcome and declaration of a quorum: Gale Moore welcomed everyone to the 2021-2022 Annual General meeting. A quorum was declared.

3. Agenda: Motion: Moved by George Rust-D'Eye, seconded by Barbara Hall, that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. Carried.

3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM: Motion: Moved by Gilles Huot, seconded by CJ Cogswell, that the Minutes of the 2020-2021 AGM held on May 31, 2021 be approved as circulated. Carried.

4. Treasurer's Report: Mary Martin presented the annual Financial Report for May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022. Mary reported that, this was our second year under COVID restrictions, our income was limited to an HST refund, memberships and interest. Since we continued to fund the various awards, we are operating at a small deficit. However, we still have a good reserve fund and received a generous bequest this year. Motion: Moved by Mary Martin, seconded by David Pretlove, that the Financial Report to April 30, 2022 be received. Carried.

5. Chair's Report:

- **Board Membership Changes:** Rosie Shephard left the Board for graduate studies at McGill University, although she continues to do the watercolours for two of the CPA Awards. If anyone knows of another young person who would be interested in serving on the CPA Board, please have them contact us.

The Board was pleased to welcome CJ Cogswell from Portsmouth, NH where he was involved in working on various community boards, including those involved in heritage preservation.

- **Bequest:** The CPA was deeply honoured to receive a very generous request from the estate of the late artist and poet Barbara Mercer. We are moving forward carefully on determining how best to use this gift. After speaking to those who knew her best, it was determined the funds should be directed to our education and communications programmes, both to continue existing work and develop new programmes.
- **Heritage:** Through our membership in various local, provincial and national associations, we have been tracking the changing understanding of what constitutes heritage today. Increasingly there is a focus beyond the built environment. We have worked collaboratively with other local associations to hold various levels of government responsible for their failures to support heritage issues, such as the threatened demolition of the foundry buildings in the West Don lands despite their being listed by the Heritage Trust. We hope to have a project for next year's National Heritage Week in February.
- **Community Engagement:** We met our commitment to respond to 100% of all the requests we received in our mailbox, referring the issue to the HDC, or to others as appropriate.
- **Events:**
 - **Hidden Gardens & Private Spaces:** We are delighted to have the tour back on this year on June 5th and tickets are selling well.
 - **Tour of Homes:** We hope to welcome this programme back in the autumn of 2023.
 - **Cabbagetown Walks:** Since COVID cancelled our walking tour season, four self-guided scavenger hunts were developed for the area which have been well received. They can be downloaded from our website.
 - **Cabbagetown Talks:** We hope to begin these again this year, perhaps with help from students receiving an award from the proposed CPA Student Experience Programme.
- **Cabbagetown People:** Two new biographies were posted on the CPA website; one for artist Rita Letendre and the other for stage designer Murray Laufer. Some new plaques will be installed in 2022-2023 and restorative work has been done on some older ones.
- **Media:**
 - **CPA Newsletter:** Steve Yeates continues as editor and designer of the Newsletter which, because of COVID, once again appeared only in an electronic format. We now have a complete archive going back more than 30 years on the CPA website.
 - **Social media:** Our Social Media Committee continues to explore new avenues to reach our members. Our Facebook page, run by Gilles Huot, has 849 followers while the CPA's Instagram site, curated by Steve has 550 followers. We also have a few YouTube videos and plan for more.

- **Administrative activities:**

- **Welcome Package:** It is hope to have a welcome letter ready for distribution by this autumn directing all new residents to the wealth of information on our website about living in a Heritage District. .
- **Membership:** We continue to work to attract new members. The electronic renewal system has proved effective in reminding existing members to renew.

Gale thanked the Board for all their hard work during the past year. The complete Chair's Report is posted on the CPA website. Any questions can be emailed to Gale Moore.

Motion: Moved by Gale Moore, seconded by Sally Gibson, that the Chair's Report be received. Carried.

6. Approval of the Slate of Officers:

For anyone interested in joining the Board the revised constitution clearly outlines the nominating process and the number of directors.

Motion: Moved by Mary Martin, seconded by Barbara Hall, that the following slate of officers be elected for the 2022-2023 Board for the appropriate terms:

- Three years (ending 2025):) Mary Martin, Virginia Van Vliet, Daniel Bloch, CJ Cogswell
- Two years: (ending 2024): David Pretlove, Gale Moore, George Rust-D'Eye
- One year (ending 2023): Gilles Huot, Stephen Yeates, Sarah Currie

Carried.

7. Adjournment: Motion: Moved by Gale Moore, seconded by Mary Martin, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

8. Presentation of the Peggy Kurtin Awards:

Begun in 1991 and named to honour of Peggy Kurtin, a former CPA Chair who was a early advocate for architectural preservation in Cabbagetown, the aims of the awards are:

- To recognize efforts to maintain the historic context of Cabbagetown
- To encourage individual homeowners to support the quality of our community's streetscapes
- To bring public awareness to the efforts of homeowners and architects to enhance the architectural integrity of Cabbagetown

2022 Nominees & Winner of the Award for Excellence in Restoration

352 Wellesley Street East

Owners: Tom McGillis and Ken Percy

Stucco was replaced with new brick and the modern windows were replaced with wooden double hung ones.

103 Amelia Street

Owner: Paul Flanagan

Contractor: Daniel Arellano, Arcana Restoration

Restoration of brick work facade using English tuckpointing with traditional materials and methods.

49 Spruce Street

Owners: Vladislav and Nikolajs Tumonous

Contractors: Bowman Masonry Restoration

Masonry was restored/replaced. Wood work was restored/repainted including replacing missing pieces of decorative spun millwork. Door, transom and porch reconstructed based on the details at 53 Spruce.

100 Winchester

Owner: Virginia Hamara

Replacement of door and front/side windows in correct heritage style. Replacement of vinyl siding on dormer with shaker casing.

Winner:

237 Seaton Street

Owners: Jordan Allison and Justin Smith

This house was built in the 1850's by William Carlisle who did many other houses in the area. The entire façade was restored, including removing many layers of paint.

Windows were replaced with wood painted units modelled to the original window profiles. Aluminum eaves troughs and down spouts replaced with copper ones and the original stained glass was restored. Much of the millwork was also restored/replaced and repainted. Jordan said he and Justin moved to Cabbagetown in 2015 because of the strong community support for heritage and they were pleased to see recognition of the work being done on restoration in Cabbagetown South West.

Award for Façade Improvement

385 Carlton Street East

Owners: Allison Marchead and Derek Water

Architect: Patricia Milne

Carpentry: Josef Miezaja

Removed a recent addition of curved brick porch and stairs, replacing them with a wooden ones replicating those of adjacent properties. Worked with HCD and Heritage Toronto on research and design. This was a labour of love over many years.

Steve Yeates congratulated all the winners and thanked Monica Kuhn for her help with judging.

9. Speaker Presentation:

Adam Bunch is the author of [The Toronto Book of the Dead](#) and [The Toronto Book of Love](#) and the host of the Canadiana documentary series on YouTube. He has also just recently started a web newsletter. He can be reached at adambunch.com.

Adam spoke about how the Cemetery Beautiful Movement changed burial practices in the 19th century and then told the stories of a number of the famous people buried in the Necropolis and St. James' Cemetery including:

- William Lyon Mackenzie – rebel leader and Toronto's first mayor
- Wilson Ruffin Abbott- a successful Black businessman and politician in Victorian Toronto
- Dr. Anderson Ruffin Abbott – first Black Canadian doctor
- Samuel Lount and Peter Matthews –the only two men hanged for the Rebellion of Upper Canada
- Robert Baldwin and his wife Augusta Elizabeth – one of Toronto's most passionate, and bizarre, love stories
- Sherriff William Jarvis – enemy of Mackenzie

He also told a number of stories about Toronto deaths in general, including the haunting of the Gibraltar Point Lighthouse, the suicide of Lucy Maud Montgomery and the Indigenous burials at Tabor Hill ossuary.

Gilles thanked Adam for his talk that was both fascinating and amusing.