

*The Kingston Historical Society*

Annual General Meeting

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The Kingston Historical Society is very grateful to the following individuals who have contributed to the Society's endeavours through their generous donations in 2018.

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### *The Kingston Historical Society Sponsors' List 2018*

The Kingston Historical Society very much appreciates the financial support of the following organizations which have contributed to the Society's endeavours through their generous sponsorships in 2018.

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*The Kingston Historical Society*

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
7:30 p.m.

The Seniors Centre  
Kingston, Ontario

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order: W. Everett
2. Period of Remembrance: W. Everett
3. Approval of the agenda: W. Everett
4. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018: W. Everett
5. Business arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018: W. Everett
6. President's remarks: W. Everett
7. Reports from Officers, Council and Committees---2018: W. Everett
  - a) The President's Report
  - b) The Secretary's Report
  - c) The Awards Committee Report
  - d) The Editor's Report: *Historic Kingston*
  - e) The Editor's Report: *Limelight*
  - f) The Membership Report
  - g) The Murney Tower National Historic Site Committee Report
  - h) The Program Report
  - i) The Publications Report
  - j) The Sir John A. Macdonald June 6 Graveside Ceremony Committee Report
  - k) The Web Site Committee Report
8. The Treasurer's Report and presentation of Financial Statements: P. Ginn
9. Ratification of business conducted by Council during the operating year 2018: P. Ginn
10. Endorsement of the General & Murney Tower budgets for 2019  
as approved by Council: P. Ginn
11. Appointment of Secker, Ross, Perry: P. Ginn
12. Appointment of non-Council member to review financial records for 2019: P. Ginn
13. Constitutional amendment, Part B, By-laws, Section VIII, Committees, 2: W. Everett
14. Constitutional amendment, Part B, By-laws, Section VIII, Committees, 3: W. Everett
15. Nomination and election of Officers and Council: T. Renaud

16. New business: W. Everett
17. Closing remarks: W. Everett
18. Adjournment: W. Everett

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
7:30 p.m.

The Seniors Centre  
Kingston, Ontario

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Marcus Letourneau.

**2. Period of Remembrance:**

A brief period of remembrance was held in honour of Katherine Ferguson, Randall Levi, William F. E. Morley, Margaret Noakes, Ruth Stanley, Joyce Waddell Townsend, and Dorothy Geiger.

**3. Approval of the agenda:** M. Letourneau

**Motion to approve the agenda:**

**Moved:** Peter Ginn

**Seconded:** Suzanne Pritchard

**Carried**

**4. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017:** M. Letourneau

**Motion to approve the minutes of the 2017 AGM:**

**Moved:** Alan MacLachlan

**Seconded:** Tabitha Renaud

**Carried**

**5. Business arising from the Annual General Meeting 2017:** M. Letourneau

No business arising.

**6. Approval of the minutes of the Special General Meeting 2017:** M. Letourneau

**Motion to approve the minutes of the Special General Meeting 2017:**

**Moved:** Graeme Watson

**Seconded:** Paul Van Nest

**Carried**

**7. Business arising from the minutes of the Special General Meeting 2017:** M. Letourneau  
No business arising.

**8. President's remarks:** M. Letourneau

Marcus thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. He also thanked Lou Grimshaw for serving as President over the past year.

**9. Reports from Officers, Council and Committees:**

a) The President's Report	M. Letourneau
b) The Secretary's Report	D. Richardson
c) The Awards Committee Report	J. Brites
d) The Editor's Report: <i>Historic Kingston</i>	V. Letourneau
e) The Editor's Report: <i>Limelight</i>	B. Andrews
f) The Membership Committee Report	P. Van Nest
g) The Murney Tower National Historic Site Committee Report	G. Watson
h) The Program Committee Report	M. Shaw
i) The Publications Committee Report	J. Whiteley
j) The Sir John A. Macdonald June 6 Graveside Ceremony	A. MacLachlan
k) The Strategic Planning Committee Report	M. Letourneau
l) The Web Site Committee Report	P. Gower

\*Peter Gower expressed thanks to Betty Andrews for her work on *Limelight* and reminded members that receiving their copy via e-mail saves the Society a considerable amount of money.

\*Tabitha thanked Graeme and Danielle for all their work in making the Murney Tower such a success.

**Motion to approve the committee reports:**

**Moved:** Graeme Watson

**Seconded:** Shirley Gibson-Langille

**Carried**

**10. The Treasurer's report:** M. Letourneau

**Motion to approve the 2017 the treasurer's report and the financial statements prepared by Secker, Ross and Perry:**

**Moved:** Peter Ginn

**Seconded:** Alan MacLachlan

**Carried**

**11. Ratification of the business conducted by Council during the operating year 2017:** M. Letourneau

**Motion to ratify the business conducted by Council during the operating year 2017:**

**Moved:** Peter Ginn

**Seconded:** Graeme Watson

**Carried**

**12. Appointment of Secker, Ross, Perry:** M. Letourneau

**Motion to retain Secker, Ross and Perry to prepare the Society's 2018 financial statements:**

**Moved:** Peter Ginn

**Seconded:** Stephen Laughren

**Carried**

**13. Appointment of non-Council member to review financial records for 2018:** M.

Letourneau

**Motion to appoint John Whiteley to review the financial records of the Society for 2018, per By-law XI, Financial, Section 3:**

**Moved:** Peter Ginn

**Seconded:** Anne Richardson

**Carried**

**14. Nomination and election of Officers and Council:** L. Grimshaw

Proposed slate of Council for 2018-19

Executive Officers (all to be re-elected)

President	Warren Everett
Vice-President	
Secretary	Don Richardson
Treasurer	Peter Ginn
Past President	Dr. M. Letourneau

Elected Councillors ( 7)

Joe Brites  
Alan MacLachlan  
Dr. Duncan McDowall  
Tabitha Renaud  
Anne Richardson  
Marc Shaw  
Paul Van Nest

The names appearing above are people who have agreed to serve on the Kingston Historical Society Council for the 2018-2019 year.

Appointed Councillors: 4 are to be appointed by Council at its March meeting comprising:

Chair, Murney Tower Museum Committee

Editor, *Historic Kingston*  
Editor, *Limelight* newsletter  
Webmaster

Nomination Committee for 2019 (Under By-Law VIII.2)

One (1) member at large elected by the AGM

**Motion to elect Susan Everett as the member-at-large on the Nomination Committee:**

**Moved:** Alan MacLachlan

**Seconded:** Warren Everett

**Carried**

**Motion to approve the slate of officers for 2018-2019 as submitted by Lou Grimshaw:**

**Moved:** Lou Grimshaw

**Seconded:** Anne Richardson

**Carried**

15. **New business:** W. Everett

No new business

16. **Closing remarks:** W. Everett

Warren thanked members for their confidence in him. He expressed thanks to Marcus for his hard work over the past year. Warren stated that he will do his best to move the Society forward and encouraged members to help the Society grow.

17. **Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:03:**

**Moved:** Alan MacLachlan

**Carried**

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES---2018**

### **a) The President's Report---2018**

When I received the call about a year ago to accept the office of President of the Society, I was not sure if I had the time or commitment to take on the role because of the many other demands on my time. However, looking back over the last year I'm glad I said yes! It has been a rewarding year reconnecting with the Society and all the folks whose support makes it a success. So, it looks like my commitment to a one year to bridge the gap has turned into another year!

This year has been marked by a series of great achievements! These successes are due entirely to our volunteers who work quietly and diligently to make our Society a success. We wrestled with the issue of the Sir John A dinner. Was it time to forgo the dinner to accede to current trends? We decided that it was not, but through consultations with our members, it became apparent that we needed a new approach and that is the Heritage Dinner. The inaugural dinner will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. I trust I will see many of you there!

While we had some issues with *Historic Kingston* in the past, they were for the most part sorted out this year and 2019 should see us caught up. The Murney Tower Museum continues to flourish and with new grants has some new exciting concepts and displays for the coming year. We enjoyed many admirable speakers at our regular meetings. I believe it is important to underscore the importance of these meetings. It is through these presentations that we connect with the wider population of the city. In a manner of speaking this is our store-front on Kingston. It is the best way to bring in new members. I encourage all of you to bring your friends and neighbours to the meetings. Moreover, if you have a suggestion for a speaker please let me know.

Looking back over the past year, it has been a pleasure to work on your behalf as President. This past year has brought many challenges, but as a team we have met them. However, the biggest challenge ahead of us remains membership. Without a robust membership, the Society will be facing an uncertain future. I cannot stress the importance of this. So I leave this as a challenge to all of you. Bring in a new member!

Respectfully submitted by  
Warren Everett, President

### **b) The Secretary's Report---2018**

During the past year, I prepared the agendas for all the meetings listed below. In addition, I recorded the minutes for regular meetings of Council and then distributed approved minutes to



members of Council. My duties also included preparing the agenda for the annual general meeting, and recording those minutes. In preparation for the annual general meeting, I edited and assembled reports from members of Council, the minutes of the annual general meeting of 2018, and updated the lists of donors, sponsors, awards recipients and past presidents for the AGM document. When requested, I provided documentation for grant applications. On occasion, I corresponded through email or standard post with members of the public on behalf of the Society. In addition to these tasks, I undertook a revision of the constitution for format, content, style, punctuation and grammar, and an examination of any by-laws with a view to their revision. As a result, I chaired a committee which included Betty Andrews and Alan MacLachlan. The committee made two recommendations for constitutional amendments which were endorsed by Council. Pursuant to the constitution, these amendments form a part of this AGM package for discussion and ratification by the members. The following lists the Council meetings as well as the AGM for which minutes were taken, and the number of attendees:

Feb. 8, 2018-10	AGM, Feb.17, 2018-29
March 8, 2018-11	April 12, 2018-12
May10, 2018-10	June 7, 2018-10, 2017
Sept.13, 2018-9	Oct.11, 2018-11
Nov.8, 2018-10	Jan.10, 2019-10

Respectfully submitted by  
Don Richardson, Secretary

### c) **The Awards Committee Report---2018**

On December 5<sup>th</sup> the Historical Society held its 25th annual awards night in recognition of three individuals who have contributed to the preservation and interpretation of local history. This year's recipients were Professor Laura Murray, Archivist Paul Banfield and *Whig Standard* Columnist Susanna McLeod.

**Paul Banfield:** Queen's University Archivist Paul Banfield was recognized for his contributions to the acquisition, management, preservation, and access to local Kingston history. As a Master's graduate from Queen's University's Department of History, he began his archival career in Kingston, in 1984, with the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph. He joined Queen's University Archives 4 years later, and became the acting University Archivist in 2004, before being confirmed to the position 2 years later. Under his leadership, the Archives have been a welcoming environment for all. Academics and local citizens alike are given access to a vast trove including documents, photos, drawings, and sound and moving images, in a myriad of both paper and electronic formats.

In addition to his work at Queen's University, Paul has served, or serves, as Archivist for the Anglican Diocese of Ontario and the Frontenac Heritage Foundation among others. He has also served as President of the National Association of Canadian Archivists, and the provincial

Archives Association of Ontario. Under his guidance, Queen's University Archives is widely regarded as one of the best university archives in Canada.

**Susanna McLeod:** Susanna McLeod has been with the *Whig Standard* for close to 23 years and over the past decade has written a bi-weekly column, often focusing on an historical aspect of the Kingston area. Her topics and themes are broad in scope but she has a particular interest in Kingston up to the mid 19th century, and is drawn especially to stories of our region's shipbuilding and mining history. A decade ago, finding herself repeatedly drawn to the stories of Kingston's past, she took the initiative and approached her *Whig Standard* Editor with the idea of writing a regular local history column. Two months later, he agreed and the past 10 years have resulted in close to 300 Susanna McLeod columns. A native of Kingston, Susanna McLeod has also contributed to a number of other publications. Her writing has appeared in the *Globe and Mail*, Canadian History on Suite 101.com, in various anthologies and in the *Canadian Encyclopedia*.

**Laura Murray:** Professor Laura Murray's work as Director of the Swamp Ward and Inner Harbour History Project is part of a new approach in how Kingston history has traditionally been examined and experienced. Focusing mostly on the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the project blends archival research, and an oral history of the two neighbourhoods thanks in large part to interviews with close to 100 former and current residents. Historical walks and a self-guided tour created as a Google App have shined a light on where people with stories to tell grew up, raised their families, went to school, started small businesses and worked. Six podcast episodes were created which cover stories such as "What's in a Name?", "The Inner Harbour, Then & Now" and "World War II in the Swamp Ward."

In June 2018, the project created "Facing The Street", a series of historical photographs displayed at the Elm Café, and *in situ* on the streets of the ward. Co-curated with photographer Chris Miner, most of the images used in the displays were from family collections and had never been seen by the broader public. Interest in the Swamp Ward and Inner Harbour history has reached beyond Kingston with Dr. Murray having been invited to speak at Western University (London, Ont.), Concordia University, in Berlin and New York. The work of the project is ongoing through a well-crafted Swamp Ward and Inner Harbour website and a Facebook page which are regularly updated with new stories and images.

Thanks are extended to Alan MacLachlan, Anne Richardson and Marc Shaw, committee members, for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted by  
Joe Brites, Chair, Awards Committee

#### **d) The Editor's Report, *Historic Kingston*---2018**

Council asked Peter Gower to take over the editorship of *Historic Kingston* in September, and to eliminate the backlog thus members have received copies of the 2015 and 2016 presentations, and

the special *Dinner and Graveside Commemoration Speeches* edition in the past few months, and should receive the volumes with the 2017 and 2018 presentations in the next few months. Then there will be a pause! We have been hand-delivering many of these copies (saving \$5 on each delivery) and I thank those who have helped in this. A very big thank you is also due to Betty Andrews, who is a proof-reader extraordinaire!!

The Kingston and Frontenac Public Library now has a searchable index to articles, authors, names and subjects up to Volume 60 at <https://indexes.digitalkingston.ca/> .

Respectfully submitted by  
Peter Gower, Editor, *Historic Kingston*

**e) The Editor’s Report, *Limelight*---2018**

*Limelight* is the newsletter of the Kingston Historical Society, published each month except June, July and August. Allan Graphics is the printer; the rates are reasonable and the quality is excellent.

As of December 2018, 70 copies of *Limelight* are printed each month, 50 of which are mailed to the members and 17 are mailed to sponsors and institutions choosing to receive a hard copy.

82 copies are sent to members who agree to receive *Limelight* by email including 19 to sponsors and institutional members.

Each issue contains information about the Kingston Historical Society, a message from the President, the report by the Program Chair on the monthly meeting, a Murney Tower column, and the ads of the sponsors. Columns featured periodically are on local museums, other historical societies, historic buildings and individuals of interest to members.

*Limelight* is posted by webmaster Peter Gower to the KHS web site which is:

<http://www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca>

Membership chair Paul Van Nest prepares the labels for mailing as well as sending the website link to those who receive *Limelight* by email.

Respectfully submitted by  
Betty Andrews, Editor, *Limelight*

**f) The Membership Report---2018**

<b>Type of Membership</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Individuals	70	70
Families (x2)	78	94
Students	2	3
Life Members	15	16
Institutions	10	12
Sponsors	12	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>203</b>

Members lost = 35 (includes deceased and conversions from family to individual memberships)

Members deceased in 2018:

Beatrice Corbett and Dr. J. Keith Johnson

New Members = 16

There has been a decline in membership over the last three years of 5% from 2016 to 2017 and of 10% from 2017 to 2018. This is clearly a cause for concern and increases the pressure on our budget.

Your membership chair really appreciates those members who pay their dues promptly just before or just after 1 January. It is a substantial job picking up those who have not paid their dues after February and contacting them to see if they intend to continue to support the society. Please pay promptly.

Respectfully submitted by  
Paul Van Nest, Chair, Membership

### **g) The Murney Tower National Historic Site Committee Report---2018**

2018 saw many positive changes at your museum, both inside and out.

Outside: Very visible is the Parks Canada masonry project. Parks Canada and the Murney Tower committee have an outstanding partnership. With limited funds available, Parks Canada decided to invest the majority of a recent federal grant to the restoration of Murney Tower, as it is the only Martello Tower currently open to the public. Not only are the exterior walls and dry ditch being repointed, in some cases the hand-carved stones have to be replaced. The work is progressing and the tower should be open for the 2019 season.

Inside: Thanks to a Heritage Grant from the City of Kingston, the exhibit renewal continues. The grant enabled us to hire a contract curator, Danielle Marshall, and she has been working on exhibits and collection management. During the latter half of May, staff installed new gun-platform display banners designed by the curator. Throughout the season, visitors often commented on how informative and aesthetically pleasing the banners are. New displays similar to these banners are being developed for the barracks and basement levels of the Tower.

On June 6th, two interpreters, Nicole Mulder and Yanny Zhang, attended the Graveside Ceremony to commemorate Sir John A. Macdonald's passing.

On July 1st, Canada celebrated its 151st birthday. Murney Tower celebrated the day with free maple cookies, rub-on tattoos, balloons, and chalk drawings around the exterior sidewalk.

On July 12th, the director met with Dave Wreggitt to scan the tower and create a virtual tour of the space. New camera technology will provide a whole new avenue to pursue accessibility for the tower. Dave visited on several occasions throughout the month of July to continue his scans to develop an interactive platform for guests to explore the tower virtually. This addition will improve accessibility for visitors who are not able to enter the museum or find it challenging to navigate in its interior.

With the introduction of a curator, the tower has undergone significant improvements to ensure better care for artifacts, greater accessibility of information, and better tactics for attracting guests.

In Murney Tower's venture to provide information with greater accessibility, new banners were installed on the gun platform to allow guests to explore the Tower effectively without use of a guide. These banners have been extremely well received and are frequently complemented by visitors both English and French alike. In addition to these new banners, the staff have contributed to the overhaul of the tower brand and have reproduced previous signage both in and on displays to match the tower's rebranding. This has been essential in efforts to provide a new attractive image to attract guests.

In line with efforts to ensure greater accessibility and satisfaction throughout the museum, each interpreter undertook individual projects. Nicole created a children's colouring and activity book with more than 15 original illustrations of museum artifacts and features. The book is to be sold in the Tower gift shop starting in the 2019 season. It will also be made available as an optional \$1.00 per child add-on item for kids' tours. To provide interpreters with guidance when posting content on the Tower social media accounts, Nicole generated an official social media plan for the 2018 season and 2018-2019 offseason, which clearly defines the Tower's target audiences and goals. Yanny assisted with the creation of original content and follower engagement. Nicole also assisted the Curator with the exhibition renewal of the barracks level by researching, creating text, and creating a draft layout of a potential new display panel on worldwide Martello Towers and Tower Building Materials.

Yanny also introduced a self-guided Mandarin tour script for visitors, along with implementing Mandarin translations to existing signs. Yanny applied her knowledge as a concurrent education student to create an educational program that will bring Murney Tower Museum into classrooms as well. Additionally, interpreters collaborated for the large undertaking of the tower inventory of 400+ items, with the entire contents of the tower being catalogued and photographed.

Interpreters also worked with the curator in the Heritage Room, the museum's off-site storage at the Queen's University Archives. Over the summer, they have helped with the management of the collection through the organization and wrapping of artifacts, which will work to ensure the proper preservation of the museum's off-site collections.

The year closed out with the award of the largest Heritage Grant yet to the tower, enabling the work on the collection and exhibits to continue in 2019.

I would like to thank the committee for their support, and as a reminder, all Society members have free admission. It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair of the Museum Committee.

#### Museum Committee

Graeme Watson, Chair  
Warren Everett, Ex officio Member  
Peter Ginn, Treasurer

#### Museum Staff

Danielle Marshall, Curator  
Nicole Mulder, Chief Interpreter  
Yanny Zhang, Interpreter  
Adam Falconer, Interpreter

Charmaine Martel, Volunteer  
Violet Tang, Volunteer

Respectfully submitted by  
Graeme Watson, Chair, Murney Tower Committee

#### **h) The Program Report---2018**

The Society's regular monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month (January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November), and feature a dynamic guest speaker illuminating some area of historical interest. Meetings are typically held at the Kingston Seniors' Centre, located at 56 Francis Street, although our September meeting was held at the Royal Military College, where the Senior Staff Mess provided a lovely and appropriate backdrop for that month's presentation. On the same evening, we were treated to a guided tour of the commandant's house. Members and guests are encouraged to attend our meetings but, for those who cannot, the talks will be available in the upcoming volume of *Historic Kingston*. We are in the process of establishing a Program Committee, which will brainstorm and select interesting topics and speakers. If you are interested in joining such a committee, please inform any member of Council. And if you are interested in presenting to the Society in the future, or have an idea for a talk, please let us know!

The following talks were delivered in 2018:

January 13, Mayor Bryan Paterson (at the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner) "Sir John A. and Local Politics"

January 17, Paul Van Nest, "The Impact of the United States on Canada's Confederation"

February 21, Jean Rae Baxter, "Freedom Bound: The Story of the Black Loyalists"

March 21, Rick Neilson, "The Story of Joseph George"

April 18, Bruce Cossar, "Kingston During the American Civil War"

May 16, Walter Lewis, "The Ives Family of Kingston"

September 19, Bob Banks, Sue Bazely and Lena Beliveau, "Reassessing the Age and Origin of Two Royal Navy Buildings on Point Frederick"

October 17, Carolyn Aylesworth, Katherine Cartwright, Jenean Sargeant and Annabelle Twiddy, "Women Hockey Pioneers in Kingston"

November 21, Peter Gower, "The Kingston Legacy of George Taylor Richardson"

A fascinating program, covering a wide range of topics, is likewise planned for 2019 and beyond. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted by  
Marc Shaw, Chair, Program

#### **i) The Publications Report---2018**

We continue to stock back copies of *Historic Kingston*, and the *Indexes*. We also have copies of *Favourite Son*, *A Troublesome Berth*, *An illustrated Guide to the Monuments and Markers in the Kingston Area*, and *The City of Kingston Portrait Collection*. There are just a few copies

of *Sideshow or Main Event* and *Grenville Park*: with these, first come, first served. We had a successful half-price sale during our 125<sup>th</sup> year. Now prices are back to normal. Books can either be ordered through [peter.gower@sympatico.ca](mailto:peter.gower@sympatico.ca), or bought at the monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted by  
Peter Gower, Chair, Publications

#### **j) The Sir John A. Macdonald June 6 Graveside Ceremony Committee Report---2018**

Unlike last year, we were able to hold our Commemorative Service in the Cataraqi Cemetery at Sir John's graveside. With the sun, a timely zephyr and approximately 175 people in attendance the annual KHS 6 June Commemorative Service commenced. Our new Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Donald Richardson, orchestrated the event in English and French with adroitness, alacrity, and most importantly attention to detail. After the opening remarks by Mr. Richardson, Ms. Donna Ivey led us in the singing of our national anthem, O Canada. The Reverend Andrew Johnston of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church gave a First Nations opening prayer followed by a Bible reading. Our KHS President, Warren Everett, brought words of welcome and then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Patrice Dutil, professor of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University. Dr. Dutil's talk was titled: "Macdonald 'at rest': What it meant and what it means." . His emphasis was on Macdonald's work ethic which has been given high standards then employed by such succeeding Prime Ministers as Laurier, Borden, and Mackenzie King, reveals again the complex character of Macdonald. Following this was the traditional laying of fourteen wreaths by representative of our three levels of government and organizations affiliated with Sir John. The lament was played by the Fort Henry Guard piper concluding with the last Post and Reveille in conjunction with the bugler from Fort Henry. The benediction was given by The Reverend Andrew Johnston and the service ended with the attendees who rose and joined Ms. Ivey in the singing of God Save the Queen.

Following the commemoration, the gathering retired to the Cataraqi Cemetery outdoor chapel for refreshments and conviviality. Special thanks go to Sgt. Marc LaPorte of the R.C.M.P, the staff of Bellevue House, the Fort Henry Guard, and the Cataraqi cemetery staff, all of whom made this graveside ceremony one of colour, pageantry and tradition. Without the advice and assistance of Dr. Brian Osborne, Peter Radley and Patricia McGuinness this annual service would not have been as successful as it was. Also, the success of this event was the result of the assiduous and dedicated combined efforts of our committee which includes: Eva Barnes, Mark Bennett, Craig Boals, Barbara Bonner, Bob Lemmon, Alex McLean, George Muggleton, Peter Radley and Don Richardson.

Respectfully submitted by  
Alan MacLachlan, Committee Chair

### **k) The Web Site Committee Report---2018**

The new website [www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca) has been well received and has been reasonably easy to maintain. Copies of *Limelight* are uploaded as soon as they are available, and back copies are there also. We have a presence on Facebook, and you can receive reminders and news items infrequently by liking us at <https://www.facebook.com/KHSOntario>.

Respectfully submitted by  
Peter Gower, Webmaster

### **The Treasurer's Report---2018**

The General Fund operating finances, which includes all but the Murney Tower accounts, ended 2018 in a surplus.

While membership revenues continue to decline, the decline was offset by several generous donations and new sponsorships. The Murney Tower again sponsored the June 6<sup>th</sup> Sir John A commemoration event.

It was hoped the production of backlogged issues of *Historic Kingston* would occur in 2018 with the costs covered by previous year's revenues. Only one issue was produced but the necessary funding for remaining back issues will be budgeted for in 2019. The ever-increasing costs of printing and mailing hardcopies of *Limelight* are a concern in balancing revenues and expenses.

On the advice of our accountant, the Sir John A. Macdonald 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin inventory has been "written off" resulting in a reduction in our assets by \$7,400, This will not impact our bank balance however. The small remaining balance (\$400) of publication inventory has also been "written off". Any future sales will thereby be pure profit.

The Murney Tower enjoyed another good year financially. While admission revenues were down from 2017, major grants from Young Canada Works, the Canada Summer jobs program and the City's Heritage fund ensured we ended the year with a surplus of revenue over expenditures. The Heritage Grant made it possible to retain the services of our curator and funded exhibit renewal work as well.

The overall financial position is set out in more detail in the Financial Statements prepared by the staff of Secker, Ross & Perry.

Thank you to John Whitely for reviewing the 2018 financial records for the Society.

Respectively submitted by  
Peter Ginn, Treasurer



## **Constitutional amendment, Part B, By-laws, Section VIII, Committees, 2**

### **EXISTING:**

There shall be a nominating committee of three members consisting of a councillor, a member of the Society elected by members at the last annual general meeting, and the immediate past-president or any other past-president, or failing either of these another councillor. It is the duty of the nominating committee to present to the annual general meeting at least one nomination for each of the four elected executive officers and seven elected councillor positions of the council. In addition, each valid nomination submitted under the provisions of By-laws, Section III paragraph 6 shall be presented. (Amended 18 April 2007)

### **PROPOSED:**

There shall be a nominating committee consisting of three members namely the immediate past-president or another past-president i.e. the chair, one member of council, and one member-at-large, chosen by the chair. The member-at-large shall be approved by council no later than the November meeting preceding the annual general meeting. It is the duty of the nominating committee to present to the annual general meeting at least one nomination for each of the four elected executive officers and seven elected councillor positions of the council. In addition, each valid nomination submitted under the provisions of By-laws, Section III paragraph 6 shall be presented.

### **RATIONALE:**

The committee is of the opinion that choosing the member-at-large so far in advance could be problematic. Numerous issues could arise which would prevent that person from fulfilling her/his duties. The current by-law provides no recourse to address/correct such a situation.

The committee is also of the opinion that having a past-president be the chair is advantageous in that this individual would have several year's experience on council and this would assist in seeking out individuals for election.

### **Constitutional amendment, Part B, By-laws, Section VIII, Committees, 3**

#### **EXISTING:**

A committee shall be appointed annually to manage the operation of the Murney Tower National Historic Site. The chair shall be a member of council. The committee's membership shall include a treasurer, a curator, the treasurer of the Society (ex-officio) and other members as are deemed appropriate by the chair, subject to the approval of Council. The committee shall conduct the affairs of the museum in accordance with generally accepted museum practice and directives as may be duly specified by council. It shall render regular reports to council. The finances of the museum shall be reported in the financial records of the Society.

#### **PROPOSED:**

Council shall appoint a committee annually at the first meeting of council subsequent to the annual general meeting to manage the operation of the Murney Tower National Historic Site. The chair shall be the director of the Murney Tower. The committee's membership shall include the treasurer of the Society and other members as are deemed appropriate by the chair, subject to the approval of Council. The committee shall conduct the affairs of the museum in accordance with generally accepted museum practice and directives as may be duly specified by council. It shall render regular reports to council. The finances of the museum shall be reported in the financial records of the Society.

#### **RATIONALE:**

This change will stream-line the make-up of the Murney Tower committee, and permit council to have oversight of the committee.

## **Nominations and election of Officers and Council---Nominations Committee Report:**

Proposed slate of Council for 2019-20

### Executive Officers

President	Warren Everett
Vice-president	Joe Brites
Secretary	Don Richardson
Treasurer	Peter Ginn
Past-president	Peter Gower

### Elected Councillors (7)

Vincent Durant  
Alan MacLachlan  
Dr. Duncan McDowall  
Tabitha Renaud  
Anne Richardson  
John Whiteley  
Paul Van Nest

The names appearing above are people who have agreed to serve on the Kingston Historical Society Council for the 2019-2020 year.

Appointed Councillors: 4 are to be appointed by Council at its March meeting, comprising:

Chair, Murney Tower Museum Committee  
Editor, *Historic Kingston*  
Editor, *Limelight*  
Webmaster

### Nomination Committee for 2020 (Under By-Law VIII.2)

One (1) member at large elected by the AGM

My thanks are extended to Susan Everett and Alan MacLachlan, committee members, for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted by  
Tabitha Renaud, Chair, Nominations

## APPENDIX A

### *The Kingston Historical Society*

#### **Recipients of KHS Awards**

- 1993 Dr. W. Breck: historian; active member  
Shirley Gibson-Langille: artist, active member  
Dr. George F. G. Stanley: historian and executive member
- 1994 Dr. William Angus: historian, active member  
Frederick A. McConnell: curator, historical animator, executive member  
Dr. Richard A. Preston: historian, museologist, executive member
- 1995 Dr. Margaret S. Angus: historian, author, government advisor
- 1996 Canadian Forces Communications and Electronics Museum  
Margaret Cohoe: historian, teacher, active member  
Gary Schult; teacher, heritage fair organizer
- 1997 A.G. (Joe) Boucher: past president (posthumous)  
Isobel and Bogart Trumpour: past-presidents
- 1998 BGen William Patterson: author, historic site historian  
Donald Redmond: editor, Historic Kingston, librarian, executive member  
Carol White: teacher, consultant history curricula
- 1999 J. William Fittell: journalist, sports historian, past-president  
Gordon D. Smithson: founding president, Pittsburgh Historical Society
- 2000 Catarqui Cemetery Company: 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding  
Marjorie Simmons; historian, genealogist, executive member
- 2001 George F. Henderson: archivist, long-time chair Macdonald grave site ceremony  
Maurice D. Smith: historian, museologist
- 2002 Catarqui Archaeological Research Foundation: 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding  
Jennifer McKendry: architectural historian, author; active member
- 2003 Downtown Kingston Business Improvement Area: advocate of building preservation  
Ingbert J. Huber: retired master stone-cutter, Helmut L. Graf; retired master mason
- 2004 John K. D'Esteere: preserver of marine lore, ship builder  
George W. Vosper: public official, preservation activist, museum benefactor
- 2005 Kevin E. Reed: teacher, driving force behind KCVI War Memorial  
Robert C. Cardwell: active in local historical and heritage groups and events
- 2006 The Kingston Whig Standard: in recognition of special Canada Day supplement  
*The People Who Built Kingston*  
Ann Lukits: in recognition of the major role in the production of *The People Who Built Kingston*  
Patricia Fleming: author, preserver of local social history

- 2007 Kim Donovan: builder, preservationist  
 Brian Stuart Osborne: community builder, historical geographer; author, past-president  
 John (Jack) Gibson Pike: teacher, active member, museologist
- 2008 Ken Watson: author, historic site historian, society web master  
 Henk Wevers: ship builder, museum benefactor  
 Peter Gower: author, historian, active member
- 2009 Beatrice Corbett: author, active member, Navy Park developer  
 Arthur Britton Smith: author, Benefactor
- 2010 Captain Brian Johnson: author, active member  
 Donna Ivey: author, active member  
 I Norma Kelly: author, active member.
- 2011 Robert J. Andrews: author, educator, and active member  
 Edward R. Grenda: Past President, researcher, active member
- 2012 Dr. James Low: founder, Museum of Health Care at Kingston  
 Queen's University Archives: for the preservation and management of historical materials
- 2013 Canada's Penitentiary Museum: for its national presence in interpreting the history of the Canadian penal system  
 The Royal Military College of Canada Museum: for its many contributions to the preservation and interpretation of local Kingston history
- 2014 John Fielding: for his major contribution in improving the teaching of history, and for his 10 years as editor of *Limelight*
- 2015 Oscar Malan: for his keen interest in Kingston history, and his willingness to support local historical authors  
 Doug and Marianne Thompson: for their interest in the Lower Burial Ground, and for their diligence in raising funds to restore parts of it, and to raise public awareness of such an important Kingston landmark
- 2016 Professor Emeritus Duncan McDowall: educator, author, speaker for his contributions to the preservation, understanding and interpretation of local Kingston history.  
 Joanne Stanbridge: for developing and producing a number of projects which have helped publicize and popularize local history in Kingston and Frontenac County.
- 2017 Major Warren Everett (retired): author, for his long and outstanding service to the Kingston Historical Society in numerous roles, and for his leadership role in the Hill 70 Memorial Project which created a perpetual monument and a highly respected high school resource kit.  
 John Grenville: for his long-time commitment to recording and highlighting Kingston's history as an author and as Chair of a long list of committees dedicated to improving people's knowledge and appreciation of historical issues of import to the citizens of Kingston.
- 2018 Paul Banfield: archivist, Queen's University, for his contributions to the acquisition, management, and preservation of local Kingston history.  
 Laura Murray: director of the Swamp Ward and Inner Harbour History Project which has done much to inform Kingston residents about this intriguing part of Kingston's history.

Susanna McLeod: writer, for her long-time historical contributions to the Kingston Whig-Standard which have informed and delighted Kingstonians for more than a decade.

## Appendix B

### *The Kingston Historical Society*

#### **Presidents**

1893-94	Very Rev. Buxton B. Smith
1894-85	Rev. Samuel Houston
1895-96	Dr. J.L.H. Neilson
1896-97	Dr. R.T. Walkem, Q.C.
1897-98	Professor George D. Ferguson
1898-99	Professor Adam Shortt
1900-01	Dr. E.H. Smythe, Q.C.
1901-02	Rev. Conway Cartwright
1902-03	Dr. R.T. Walkem
1903-05	Col. M.H. Twitchell
1906-11	Dr. R.V. Rogers, K.C.
1911-12	J.M. Farrell, Esq.
1912-14	Rev. Canon G.L. Starr
1914-16	Professor G.D. Ferguson
1916-21	Rt. Rev. Edward J. Bidwell, Bishop of Ontario
1921-26	Major General Sir Archibald Macdonnell
1926-29	Professor Duncan A. McArthur
1929-32	H.F. Price, Esq.
1932-35	Professor D.A. McArthur
1935-41	Professor Reginald G. Trotter
1941-51	Lt. Col. Courtlandt M. Strange (Acting President)
1951-58	Lt. Col. Courtlandt M. Strange
1958-61	Professor G.F.G. Stanley
1961-72	Lt. Col. Louis J. Flynn
1972-74	Dr. Margaret Angus
1974-76	Mr. Bogart Trumpour
1976-78	Mr. Allan Cohoe
1978-80	Mr. Neil A. Patterson
1980-82	Mrs. Isobel Trumpour
1982-84	Mr. Ray Haslewood
1984-86	Mrs. Anne MacDermaid
1986-88	Mr. Kevin Quinn
1988-90	Dr. Wallace G. Breck
1990-92	Mrs. Isobel Trumpour

1992-94	Mr. Frank Milledge
1994-96	Mr. J.W. Fittell
1996-97	Mr. A.G. Boucher
1997-98	Major Louis Grimshaw
1998-2000	Dr. Desmond O'Meara
2000-02	Major Warren Everett
2002-05	Dr. Brian S. Osborne
2005-07	Mr. Maurice D. Smith
2007-09	Mr. Edward R. Grenda
2009-11	Mr. Alan MacLachlan
2011-13	Mr. Gordon Sinclair
2013-16	Mr. Peter Gower
2016-17	Major Louis Grimshaw
2017-18	Dr. Marcus Letourneau