

The Kingston Historical Society

Annual General Meeting

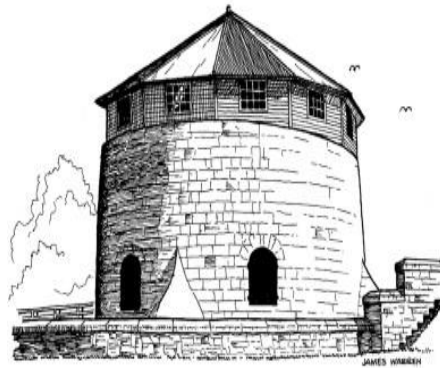
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In-person and ZOOM teleconference



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The Kingston Historical Society Donors' List 2022

The Kingston Historical Society is very grateful to the following individuals who have contributed to the Society's activities through their generous donations in 2022.

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The Kingston Historical Society Sponsors' List 2022

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 2022.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order: P. Gower
2. Period of Remembrance: P. Gower
3. Approval of the agenda: P. Gower
4. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022: P. Gower
5. Business arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022: P. Gower
6. President's remarks: P. Gower
7. Reports from Officers, Council and Committees---2022: P. Gower
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 - b) The Secretary's Report
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12. Appointment of non-Council member to review financial records for 2023: P. Ginn
13. Constitutional amendment: W. Everett
14. Nominations and election of Officers and Council: V. Durant
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 - i) High School Scholarships: P. Van Nest
16. Closing remarks: P. Gower
17. Adjournment: P. Gower

The Kingston Historical Society
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Wednesday, February 16, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Zoom teleconference

Kingston, Ontario

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: V. Durant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Period of Remembrance: V. Durant

A brief period of remembrance was held for those members who passed away in 2021.

3. Motion to approve the agenda: V. Durant

M/S: Tabitha Renaud/Warren Everett Carried

4. Motion to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021: V. Durant

M/S: Duncan McDowall/Paul Van Nest Carried

5. Business arising from the Annual General Meeting 2021: V. Durant

None

6. President's remarks: V. Durant

Vincent stated that he was very grateful to be president and that he had a great team on Council. He expressed appreciation to the members for their support and encouraged them to get involved either by being on Council or serving on committees.

7. Reports from Officers, Council and Committees: V. Durant

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| a) The President's Report | V. Durant |
| b) The Secretary's Report | D. Richardson |
| c) The Awards Committee Report
Charbonneau | P. |
| d) The Editor's Report: <i>Historic Kingston</i> | P. Gower |
| e) The Editor's Report: <i>Limelight</i> | B. Andrews |
| f) The Membership Committee Report | P. Van Nest |
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| j) The Sir John A. Macdonald June 6 Graveside Ceremony Committee Report
MacLachlan | A. |
| k) The Web Site Committee Report | P. Gower |

Motion to receive the committee reports:

M/S: Anne Richardson/Brent Holland Carried

8. The treasurer's report and presentation of Financial Statements: P. Ginn

Motion to approve the 2021 Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements prepared by Secker, Ross and Perry:

M/S: Peter Ginn/Tabitha Renaud Carried

9. Motion to ratify the business conducted by Council during the operating year 2021: P. Ginn

M/S: Peter Ginn/Peter Milliken Carried

10. Presentation of the General & Murney Tower budgets for 2021 as approved by Council: P. Ginn

11. Motion to retain Secker, Ross, Perry to prepare the Society's 2022 financial statements: P. Ginn

M/S: Peter Ginn/Duncan McDowall Carried

12. Motion to appoint Doug Petty as a non-Council member to review the financial records of the Society for 2022, and to report to the members at the 2023 AGM: P. Ginn

M/S: Peter Ginn/Warren Everett Carried

13. Constitutional amendments: P. Gower

a) **Current:** Constitution, Part A, III, Council,

1. The conduct of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a council constituted as follows:

(a) five executive officers, namely the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and immediate past-president;

(b) seven elected councilors, and

(c) four appointed councillors, namely the director of the Murney Tower committee, the editor of *Historic Kingston*, the editor of the newsletter and the Society's internet webmaster. (Amended 15 February 2017)

Motion to delete from the Constitution, Part A, III, Council, 1, (c) "four appointed councilors, namely the director of the Murney Tower committee, the editor

of *Historic Kingston*, the editor of the newsletter, and the Society's webmaster. (Amended 15 February 2017)”

Note: Section, Council, 1, (b) will now simply read “seven elected councilors. (Amended 16 February 2022)”

Rationale: There are two reasons for this amendment. First, the total number of members of Council as currently mandated, i.e. 16, is considered to be more than is essential, and can contribute to meetings being longer than necessary. Secondly, and more importantly, it is becoming increasingly difficult to draw volunteers to sit on Council. Assigning specific roles to those 12 who do so decide, streamlines Council, avoids the scenario just mentioned, and still permits us to continue the work of Council.

M/S: Peter Gower/Warren Everett

Carried

b) **Current:** Constitution, Part A, III, Council, “The conduct of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a council constituted as follows: 2, Members of the council, with the exception of the past-president and the appointed councillors, are to be elected annually by the membership of the Society. (Amended 18 April 2007)

Motion to delete from the Constitution, Part A, III, Council, 2, “and the appointed councillors”, and replace “(Amended 18 April 2007)” with “(Amended 16 February 2022)”.

Rationale: This section is rendered redundant by the adoption of the first motion.

M/S: Peter Gower/Tabitha Renaud

Carried

14. Nomination and election of Officers and Council: W. Everett

Proposed slate of Council for 2022-2023

Executive Officers

President	Paul Charbonneau
Vice-president	Peter Gower
Secretary	Don Richardson
Treasurer	Peter Ginn
Past-president	Vincent Durant

Elected Councillors (7)

Betty Andrews
Warren Everett
Alan MacLachlan
Dr. Duncan McDowall
Dr. Tabitha Renaud
Anne Richardson
Paul Van Nest

The names appearing above are people who have agreed to serve on the Kingston Historical Society Council for the 2022-2023 year.

Appointed Councillors:

For the 2022 to 2023 Council year, the appointed positions will be held by the following councillors:

Chair, Murney Tower Museum Committee	Dr. Tabitha Renaud
Editor, <i>Historic Kingston</i>	Peter Gower
Editor, <i>Limelight</i>	Betty Andrews
Webmaster	Peter Gower

Motion to approve the slate of officers for 2022-2023 as submitted by Warren Everett:

M/S: Warren Everett/Brent Holland Carried

15. New business: P. Charbonneau

Tabitha Renaud invited members to join the new artifacts committee.

16. Closing remarks: P. Charbonneau

Paul expressed his gratitude to Vincent for his tenure and stated that he was impressed with the depth and breadth of knowledge of Council. As a rookie president, he knows he can count on Vincent and all members of Council for their support.

17. Adjournment: P. Charbonneau

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm.

Moved: Anne Richardson

Carried

Minutes recorded by

Don Richardson, Secretary

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES---2022

a) **The President's Report---2022**

It has been a precipitous learning curve for me this past year as the new President. When asked to guide this one hundred-and-twenty-eight-year-old institution I did not fully appreciate the encumbrance of the office. I am so appreciative of the Council members who volunteer countless hours and energy to KHS.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." — Sherry Anderson

Thank you, Council, for your priceless gifts.

This past year has been one of, hopefully, anticipation of returning to our pre-COVID in- person speaker series; alas, the powers were against us. However, we had a fabulous series presented by many and varying authors and personalities.

In addition to the work done by Council, I would be remiss in not acknowledging the volunteers of the Murney Tower Museum Steering Committee. Our little gem of a museum had a huge comeback in its first post-COVID season of opening to the public. You can read all about it in the very informative 2022 Murney Tower Museum Annual Report. I want to give a Bravo Zulu out to our Director, Dr. Tabitha Renaud, our Manager/Curator, Simge Erdogan-O'Connor and staff of the Murney Tower Museum. A special acknowledgement goes to Simge's partner, Johnathan, who just "gets it done".

Respectfully submitted by
Paul J. Charbonneau, President

b) **The Secretary's Report---2022**

During the past year, the duties of the secretary consisted of preparing the agendas, recording the minutes and then distributing approved minutes for the meetings of Council to members of Council; preparing the agenda for the annual general meeting, and recording those minutes; preparing for the annual general meeting by editing and assembling reports from members of Council; recording the minutes of the annual general meeting of 2022; updating the lists of donors, sponsors, awards recipients and past presidents for the AGM document; providing documentation for grant applications; completing Province of Ontario reports; assisting the president and treasurer in carrying out their duties as needed and, on occasion, corresponding through email or standard post with members of the public on behalf of the Society. In addition to these duties, assistance was provided to the Murney Tower Committee in the hiring of interns and with other human resources activities.

Respectfully submitted by
Don Richardson, Secretary

c) The Awards Committee Report---2022

The Kingston Historical Society (KHS) Awards Committee is pleased to be returning to an in-person presentation of awards; it makes it just that much more special.

The role of the committee is to recognize individual, collective and organizational contributions to the preservation of local Kingston history. The committee has received nominations for the 2022 awards and they will be presented at the Kingston Historical Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

The Government of Ontario Volunteer Service Awards has indicated that the 2022 awards will be presented at a local ceremony in mid-year. Unfortunately, this was changed to a virtual event held in mid-November. The following KHS members received varying levels of years of recognition for their dedication to our Society:

Don Richardson 10 years

Paul Van Nest 10 years

Peter Gower 10 years

Peter Ginn 10 years

Warren Everett 15 years

We will be nominating members of KHS who meet the criteria for this acknowledgement of varying years of service to the Society in 2023.

I want to thank the members of the Awards Committee for assisting me; kudos to the current members, Anne Richardson and Dr. Tabitha Renaud, for joining me on this journey to ensure we continue the presentation of awards to well-deserving people who help make Kingston the great city it is by keeping its history alive today.

Respectfully submitted by
Paul J. Charbonneau
Chair, Awards Committee

d) The Editor's Report, *Historic Kingston* 72---2022

Volume 72, 2022, will contain all of the Zoom talks given in 2022, and should be published in mid-February. It will also contain two articles on 18 Barrie Street, which were commissioned by Queen's, and will be published by them separately as a small promotional booklet for the Katherine Bermingham Macklem House, the home of Queen's Health Sciences.

My thanks to KHS Council members who hand delivered *Historic Kingston 71* last year to in-city addresses, saving us much postage. I hope they will help in the same way this year. A

special thank you to Betty Andrews, eagle-eyed Copy Editor and Proof Reader Extraordinaire, without whom *Historic Kingston* would be a much poorer publication.

We are also about to complete the indexes of *Historic Kingston* from Volume 46 to volume 72. These will then be integrated into the indexes available on line on the KFPL's web page, and on our own web site, and will be available to all, whether in Kingston or not. We will let members know through *Limelight* when the present indexes are enhanced and updated.

KHS received a gift of a complete set of *Historic Kingston* during the year, including the only known unbound copy of Volume 1. Any donations of unbound copies of any of the first 20 volumes are always welcome.

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

e) **The Editor's Report, *Limelight*---2022**

Limelight is the newsletter of the Kingston Historical Society, published in nine monthly issues from September to May. Allan Graphics is the printer used.

Fifty-two copies of *Limelight* are mailed each month, with other members receiving *Limelight* by email.

Featured monthly in *Limelight* are ads for the KHS sponsors, the message from the president, a Murney Tower entry, the announcement of the presenter for the next meeting, and the Program Chair's report on the presentation at the last meeting. Noted are new members, and deaths of members. There are articles, book reports and opinion pieces of local historical interest, as well as advertisement of recently published books by members and other local historians.

In 2022, Fellow Historians articles were written for the Leeds and 1000 Islands Historical Society, The Wolfe Island Historical Society, Friends of the Rideau, The Delta Mill Society, KAM, and, sadly, about the demise of the Pittsburgh Historical Society. Three articles appeared in Dr. Jennifer McKendry's *Still Standing: the Kingston Penitentiary, the Rocheleau House and the William Street Walking Tour*. Profiles are published of The Kingston Historical Society Award recipients.

Webmaster Peter Gower posts *Limelight* to the KHS website. Membership Chair Paul Van Nest proofreads each issue, posts the website link to those who receive *Limelight* by email, and supplies labels for mailing *Limelight* to members who receive a hard copy.

Respectfully submitted by
Betty Andrews, Editor, *Limelight*

f) The Membership Report---2022

I want to acknowledge the appreciation of Council that so many have continued their membership despite our inability to meet in person. Some of you don't have the ability to participate in our monthly meetings on ZOOM, and yet you continue to support us with your memberships. Thank you.

Starting in January, we branched into the norm utilizing the "hybrid model" – a phrase most of us didn't know a year or two ago. We hope this will prove to be advantageous to our membership, giving us the ability to meet in person at a beautiful facility in the conference rooms of Kingsbridge Retirement Community and, simultaneously, the ability to deliver our programs to those who can't attend in person due to distance, mobility issues or weather.

We also welcomed 33 new members in 2022: 19 individuals, 4 families (assuming 2 persons) and 6 spouses of members (from individual to family status). We were, however, sorry to have lost 31 members: 8 individuals, 6 families, 2 students, 4 spouses of members, 1 life member, and 2 deaths. We also lost one institutional member and one sponsor.

Type of Membership	2022	2021	2020	2019
Individuals	86	83	66	67
Families (each counted as 2)	90	86	78	96
Students	2	4	3	2
Life Members	10	11	13	13
Institutions	11	12	12	13
Sponsors	7	8	8	9
TOTAL	206	204	180	200

I would like to conclude with thanks to all of you who have renewed by 12 January! 110 of you, and 4 Institutional Members. Please keep those renewals coming. Especially encouraging is the number of new members already: 20! Although saddened by the demise of the Pittsburgh Historical Society, we welcome three of their former members. We have extended free membership to any of their members for 2023 and are hoping that more will join.

Respectfully submitted by
Paul Van Nest, Chair, Membership

g) The Murney Tower National Historic Site Committee Report---2022

Here at the Tower, we are very proud of the work we have done in 2022 to continue building capacity while modernizing and professionalizing our operations. We continue to secure grants for revitalization projects and to increase our staffing. Our manager/curator, Simge, will have full time hours for 2023. We also installed two new exhibits and introduced crafts and treasure hunts to our standard offerings. Simge has given many stellar print and television interviews. These efforts meant that we DOUBLED the number of visitors to the museum and saw ten thousand hits on our new website in 2022.

We did extensive collections management work in our off-site climate-controlled storage unit. Our team processed 700 artifacts to professional museum standards. We also established a Collections Committee, a joint initiative between the museum and the Kingston Historical Society, that will help govern its shared artifacts and archives. We are also updating the museum's collections policy.

We had many collaborations with community partners and offered new programming. We continue to expand our operations into the Fall and Winter. In September, the Tower presented as part of a prestigious historical lineup at the Kingston Fall Fair. We also saw 300 visitors tour the Tower for Doors Open 2022. In October, the Phantoms of Yore returned for another paranormal investigation. Tickets sold out quickly and the three-day event was a huge success that generated revenue for the museum.

This year we tried two brand new experiments that were successful. It is exciting to innovate and expand our offerings to be more active in our city year-round. In October we held a Halloween event called "Spooky Murney" in which visitors in costume participated in a brand-new spooky treasure hunt for prizes. In December, the Tower was opened during the winter for a holiday gathering called "Merry Murney." Visitors were able to participate in several crafting stations, decorate our tree and enjoy hot drinks and holiday treats. We had another themed treasure hunt that families loved, but many just wanted the novelty of entering the Tower in the winter. It is wonderful to decorate Murney for two holidays and allow the public inside during the off-season.

Simge and I created a professional audio tour for visitors that will especially help the visually impaired to experience the museum. This was an exciting new professional territory for us, and we had a lot of fun working on this project. This also allowed us to have accessibility consultants conduct a survey of the Tower to help us work towards meeting our accessibility goals. Overall, it has been another fantastic year at the Murney Tower, and we thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted, by
Tabitha Renaud, Director, Murney Tower

h) The Program Report---2022

In the continuing midst of the COVID pandemic, the Society perforce maintained its reliance upon Zoom presentation of its lecture series. Aply managed by our Zoom master, Paul Van Nest, the lectures were smoothly presented and later uploaded onto YouTube for wider distribution. While the arm's length nature of electronic lecturing deprived the Society of the intimacy and collegiality of in-person lecturing, it did allow the Society to reach out to a broader audience well outside the traditional constituency of its lectures. In the hope that COVID's immediate jeopardy is easing, the Society hopes to implement a continuing hybrid platform for its lecture series – simultaneous live and Zoom presentation from a lounge in Kingston's Kingsbridge Retirement Community beginning in January 2023.

The following lectures were presented in 2022 and will appear in the next volume of *Historic Kingston*:

Dr. Robert Engen on health protection in the Canadian Corps in World War I

Catherine Fogarty on the 1971 Kingston Prison Riot

Ken Cuthbertson on the Kingston Ponies baseball team

Maurice Smith on the Calvin Company's four-masted barque

The Hon. Murray Sinclair spoke on the legacy of Sir John A. Macdonald

Professor Nathan Brinklow on the loss and recovery of the Mohawk language

Peter Gower spoke on the changing attitude to the memorializing of war dead

Dr. David Gordon & Sara Webhi on Queen's economist and Kingston politician Clifford Curtis

All these lectures are available on You Tube, accessible through the KHS website.

Respectfully submitted by
Duncan McDowall, Chair, Program

i) The Publicity Report---2022

During 2022 we carried on with the traditional routes to publicize KHS events: box ads in the *Kingston Whig Standard* to give dates and brief descriptions of upcoming lectures; press releases a couple of weeks before the lectures or other events, and targeted releases for specific events.

The press releases and newspaper advertisements worked hand-in-glove with outreach provided through the KHS website, and the significant effort by our membership chairperson to keep members and their guests informed about upcoming events.

Over the past couple of years KHS, and especially the Murney Tower Museum, have received a significant boost in publicity through the development of the MTM website and the Museum's presence on social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Respectfully submitted by
Vincent Durant, Chair, Publicity

j) **The Sir John A. Macdonald June 6 Graveside Ceremony Committee Report---2022**

The ceremony commemorating the death of Canada's first prime minister was, for the second year in a row, a video ZOOM event due to the COVID pandemic. However, it was a truly unique ceremony and as one of our members stated “a truly astonishing commemoration”.

Our MC, Don Richardson, incorporated not only French and English but also Mohawk into his opening and closing remarks. Our national anthem, O! Canada, was an Indigenous version, which was in keeping with who our guest speaker was.

Our guest speaker, the Honourable Murray Sinclair, is a former member of the Canadian Senate and First Nations lawyer who served as Chairman of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission from 2009 to 2015. He previously served as a judge in Manitoba from 1988 to 2009, being the first Indigenous judge appointed in the province and the second Canadian Indigenous judge. At present he is the Chancellor of Queen's University in Kingston.

Sinclair gave a very different view of Sir John and his legacy which we have titled “*A slightly different light: a more complete image of Sir John A. Macdonald*”. It was a very balanced assessment which not only recognized the role that Sir John played in creating Canada and expanding Canada to the Pacific, “a man of great will, great ability, political acuity, and a willingness to undertake and achieve something quite significant” but also that he had his flaws. “We should also acknowledge that what he did to build this country was at great cost to the Indigenous people of Canada. He left us with a challenge in his closing remarks: “I hope that [my comments] help all of us in the process of reconciliation, to which I know we are all committed.”

The success of this year's ZOOM presentation was due to the creative juices of many individuals. Firstly, our video recorder and editor, Craig Pettis was superb with his suggestions and editing. Don Richardson was sparkling as our MC and in an innovative move decided to incorporate our Indigenous heritage into his remarks and as such broke new ground. Duncan McDowall was spot on with his suggestion and encouragement to have Murray Sinclair as our guest speaker. We are indebted to Paul Van Nest for his suggestions and guidance with his video technological knowledge. Our thanks to Tabitha Renaud and the Murney Tower for their financial grant assistance. The Cataraqui Cemetery staff assisted us, as in the past, with on-site preparations at Sir John's grave site. Eva Barnes' assessment of the video has been most helpful.

The ZOOM video may be accessed at the Kingston Historical Society website <https://www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca/events-news/> and scroll down to 2022 and **Murray Sinclair and the Sir John A Macdonald memorial service**. Please note there is a 5-minute musical intro before the actual memorial commences.

Hopefully next year we shall have a live commemoration at Sir John's grave site in the Cataraqui Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted by
Alan MacLachlan, Chair, June 6 Committee

k) The Web Site Committee Report---2022

The Society's web site (kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca) is designed as an informative place, giving details of our meetings and those of other historically minded groups in Kingston, and links to the Murney Tower and to the KFPL indexes to *Historic Kingston*. You can join the Society, or renew your subscription, and ask questions. We get Kingston related questions (and some not Kingston related, or not this Kingston!) from many places, and we try to answer them, or refer the writer to somebody who can! My thanks to Paul Van Nest who answers my technical questions, and to Brian Chard, of Brian Chard Design, who designed and maintains the site. The site celebrated its 5th year in 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Gower, Webmaster

8. The Treasurer's Report---2022

In 2022 the Society began to settle into a new normal of activities. The continued use of ZOOM for monthly presentations and a virtual commemoration ceremony of Sir John A's passing on June 6th reduced normal costs from pre-pandemic levels. The generosity of members through donations contributed significantly to the Society's solid financial year-end. The General Fund had a significant operating surplus in 2022 and had bank deposits and investments of over \$105,000 at year end.

The Murney Tower Museum was able to welcome in-person visits on a reduced opening schedule for a portion of 2022. Admission was "by donation" but revenues were not far off pre-pandemic levels. In addition, special events generated funds.

Thanks to grants from the federal government and the City of Kingston's Heritage fund, the staff required to operate the Tower Museum and related activities were funded without dipping into reserves. Additional grants from the Community Foundation and Regional Tourism covered the costs of special initiatives. The Tower has ended the year with an operating surplus and has more than \$100,000 in bank deposits and investments. From these funds, an "Internally Restricted Contingency Reserve" has been established to protect against a shortfall in future grants.

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

Doug Petty was designated to review the 2022 financial records for the Society at year-end. His report is contained below.

January 9, 2023 To: The Members of Kingston Historical Society

I have reviewed the financial records of the Society for 2022 and in my opinion they are in compliance with the Society's constitution, bylaws and policies.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Petty

Respectively submitted by
Peter Ginn, Treasurer

9. Ratification of business conducted by Council during the operating year 2022: P. Ginn

10. Presentation of the General & Murney Tower budgets for 2023 as approved by Council: P. Ginn

11. Appointment of Secker, Ross, Perry: P. Ginn

12. Appointment of non-Council member to review financial records or 2023: P. Ginn

13. Constitutional amendment: W. Everett

Council has approved the following amendment to the constitution:

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

Constitution Part A

Section III, Council

1. The conduct of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a Council constituted as follows:

- (a) Five Executive Officers, namely the
 - President,
 - Vice- President,
 - Secretary,
 - Treasurer
 - Immediate Past-President, and

(b) Seven elected Councillors whose responsibilities will include the Murney Tower, the newsletter, *Historic Kingston*, and the website.

2. Members of the Council, with the exception of the Past President are to be elected annually by the membership of the Society.

Amended 16 Feb., 2022

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Motion to amend the constitution as follows:

Constitution Part A

Section III, Council

1. The conduct of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a Council constituted as follows:

- (a) Five Executive Officers, namely the

President,
Vice-president,
Secretary,
Treasurer,
Immediate Past-president, and

(b) 5 or 6 elected councillors.

Elected Terms

The President and Vice-president shall serve two-year terms. The remainder of the councillors shall serve one-year terms, either acclaimed or elected at the AGM. The immediate Past-president shall serve until replaced by a president leaving her/his role.

There shall also be 3 appointed councillors, namely the Chair of the Murney Tower Committee, the editor of *Historic Kingston*, and the editor of *Limelight*. These councillors will be appointed at the first Council meeting following the AGM and will have the same constitutional rights as the elected councillors.

These positions may also be filled by elected councillors.

M/S: Don Richardson/Warren Everett

14. Nominations and Election of Officers and Council

Nominations Committee Report

Proposed slate of Council for 2023-24

Executive Officers

President	Paul Charbonneau
Vice-President	Peter Gower
Secretary	Don Richardson
Treasurer	Peter Ginn
Past-President	Vincent Durant

Elected Councillors

Betty Andrews

Warren Everett

Alan MacLachlan

Dr. Duncan McDowall

Paul Van Nest

The names appearing above are people who have agreed to serve on the Kingston Historical Society Council for the 2023-2024 year.

Nominations Committee members: Vincent Durant, Peter Gower, Sandra Durant

Respectfully submitted by Vincent Durant
Chair, Nominations Committee

15. New Business: P. Gower

i) High School Scholarships: P. Van Nest

16. Closing remarks: P. Gower

17. Adjournment: P. Gower

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 **Cataraqui Cemetery Company:** 150th 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 **Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation:** 25th 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.
- 2019 **Bill Stevenson** for the creation of the Vintage Kingston Facebook page which offers a public platform for sharing historic ephemera related to Kingston and its environs.
City of Kingston Volunteer Tour Guide Program for providing free guided tours of City Hall for over 20 years.

2020 Cancelled because of COVID-19 provincial regulations.

2021 **Susan Hannah and Bob Hilderley:** Bob was a long-time president of Quarry Press (later The Kingston Press), and Susan later joined this venture. They encouraged Kingston authors and were responsible for printing many books specific to Kingston's history. They produced two wonderful editions of Kingston's calendar, and their contribution to Kingston's writers of history has been invaluable.

Paul Robertson: Currently the curator for the city of Kingston, Paul has a long and illustrious career in journalism, history and museum technology, and has done a great deal to oversee Kingston's wonderful collection of art and artifacts. Through his work and determination, Paul has reinforced our city's storied history and culture.

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
2018-20	Major Warren Everett
2020-22	Mr. Vincent Durant