

## Ontario Association of Architects

Meeting #258 Open

MINUTES

January 24, 2019

The two hundred and fifty eighth meeting of the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects, held under the *Architects Act*, took place on Thursday January 24, 2019 at the OAA' s temporary Headquarters, 1 Duncan Mill Road, Toronto, Ontario.

<b>Present:</b>	John Stephenson	President
	Kathleen Kurtin	Senior Vice President & Treasurer
	Mélisa Audet	Vice President Regulatory
	Walter Derhak	Vice President Practice
	J. Gordon Erskine	Vice President Strategic
	Mazen Alkhaddam	Councillor
	Amir Azadeh	Councillor
	J. William Birdsell	Councillor
	Barry Cline	Councillor
	Jeremiah Gammond	Councillor
	Jeffrey Laberge	Councillor
	Agata Mancini	Councillor
	Elaine Mintz	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Sarah Murray	Councillor
	David C. Rich	Councillor
	David Sin	Councillor
	Susan Speigel	Councillor
	Alberto Temprano	Councillor
	Nedra Brown	Registrar
	Kristi Doyle	Executive Director
	Tina Carfa	Executive Assistant, Executive Services
	Erik Missio	Communications Manager
<b>Regrets:</b>	Wayne Medford	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Robert Sirman	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Magid Youssef	Councillor
<b>Guests:</b>	Rick Mateljian	President, Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) ( <i>part attendance</i> )
	Garry Neil	Executive Director, Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) ( <i>part attendance</i> )
	John van Nostrand	Principal, SvN Architects and Planners ( <i>part attendance</i> )

The President called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m to conduct the election of officers. The meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

The President recited the following acknowledgement that the Council meeting was being held on indigenous land:

“I would like to begin this open meeting of the OAA Council by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning.

As descendants of settlers, we're grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land - for thousands of years.

In particular, we acknowledge that the land on which we are meeting is the traditional territory of the Iroquois/Haudenosaunee, the Métis, and the Huron-Wendy peoples and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions made by the Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples, both in shaping and strengthening this community in particular, and our province and country as a whole.

This territory was the subject of the *Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant*, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy, the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It is also covered by the Upper Canada Treaties, which are agreements to share and care for the land and resources around the Great Lakes. Today, the meeting place of Toronto (from the Haudenosaunee word Tkaronto) is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in this territory.

As settlers, this recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must also be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities

Of special interest to new councillors is that Moatfield is also the location of an ossuary or gravesite near today's Leslie Street and Highway 401 that was rediscovered in 1997 during the expansion of a soccer field. The bones of 90 people were found there and then relocated to a secret location in the general area of the original grave site."

#### **DECLARATION RE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The President called for declaration of any conflicts of interest.

They were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

8658 The President noted that there were no new items to add to the agenda.

**It was moved by Birdsell and seconded by Rich that the agenda be approved as circulated.**

-- CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

8659. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Draft minutes of the December 14, 2018 Open Council meeting.

The draft minutes of the December 14, 2018 Open Council meeting were reviewed.

**It was moved by Sin and seconded by Audet that the minutes of the December 14, 2018 Open Council meeting be approved as circulated.**

-- CARRIED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

8660. There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### **ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

8661. Election of Officers (*oral*)

The Council meeting moved from in camera to open at 11:00a.m.

Cooper and Wray joined the meeting at 11:00am.

The Registrar conducted the Election of Officers. As no Members-at-Large were present, the Registrar introduced two staff as possible scrutinizers Communications Specialist, Marcia Cooper and Administrator, Licence, Kim Wray for Council's confirmation.

The Scrutineers for the election were confirmed by Council.

Brown reported that Kathleen Kurtin has been acclaimed to serve as President for 2019.

Brown announced that the following members of Council were nominated to stand for election as Senior Vice President and Treasurer: Bill Birdsell and Walter Derhak.

The candidates for Senior Vice President and Treasurer each made a brief address to Council.

Brown conducted the election for Senior Vice President and Treasurer.

Brown announced that Derhak received the highest number of votes, as well as more than the required 50% of the possible votes and as such announced that he had been elected to the position of Senior Vice President and Treasurer.

Brown asked Birdsell if he wished to roll down to stand for election to the position of Vice President. Birdsell declined.

Council members voted on the number of Vice Presidents they wished to have for 2019.

Brown announced that the majority of Council voted to continue with four Vice Presidents for 2019.

Brown announced that the following members of Council were nominated to stand for election as Vice President: Mélisa Audet, Amir Azadeh, Barry Cline, Gordon Erskine, Jeffrey Laberge, and David Sin. Laberge elected to withdraw his name for consideration.

The candidates for Vice President each made a brief address to Council.

Brown conducted the election for Vice President.

Brown announced that Audet, Azadeh, Erskine, and Sin received the highest number of votes, as well as more than the required 50% of the possible votes and as such announced that they had been elected to the position of Vice President.

Brown confirmed that President Stephenson wished to continue to serve on Executive Committee for 2019 in the role of Immediate Past President. The elected members of Council voted by ballot to elect Stephenson as a member of the Executive Committee.

Cooper and Wray left the meeting at 11:50a.m.

The President welcomed the new members of Council to their first meeting and presented them with their OAA lapel pin; Barry Cline, Agata Mancini, Susan Speigel, and Alberto Temprano.

The President presented the presidential medal to the new President for 2019.

The new President for 2019 presented the President with a commemorative medal.

Council broke for lunch at 11:55a.m. and resumed at 1:25p.m.

The Council meeting moved from in camera to open at 1:25p.m.

OAAAS President, Rick Mateljjan and Executive Director, Garry Neil were welcomed to the meeting.

8662. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Executive Director, Kristi Doyle dated January 15, 2019 re. Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) – Annual Meeting of the Founder and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX ‘A’)**

Mateljjan made a presentation to Council on the activities of OAAAS.

Neil reported that 2018 was a good year for the program compared to prior years where growth stalled. There has been an increase in membership activities and revenue increased 8%. Income exceeded projections and expenses decreased 11%. The reduction in expenses was due to the strike at the colleges, resulting in less travel costs of visits to the colleges.

It was noted by Neil that the relationship with the colleges remains strong and there has been an increase in the number of colleges participating in the awards program.

Neil noted that OAAAS has approached the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) to consider the national accreditation of architectural technology programs. Neil indicated that OAAAS Board member, Christina Facey is responsible for the establishment of OAAAS on Instagram.

Mateljjan reported on the OAAAS retreat of September 27. There was discussion with respect to the rebranding of the organization. There is an appetite among the Board members to change the title to Licensed Architectural Technologist OAA. Consideration at the retreat was also made regarding a policy update with respect to the scope and options for collaborating with the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) and OAA.

Doyle requested some clarification with respect to whether the amount budgeted by the OAA is more than what is required for 2019 given the surplus from 2018

Neil responded that the budget is set in August and there were unusual circumstances which should correct itself this year and as such does not change the transfer required from the OAA

A Council member enquired as to whether there is a plan in place with strategies to continue growth this coming year.

Neil responded that the plan is to continue be consistent with follow-ups and a system has been developed for this. There will also be a greater focus on the advanced study program.

Doyle noted that the motions reflect a by-law change to remove an Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) seat from the Board and replace with an OAAAS member.

**It was moved by Council that the President be directed to vote in the affirmative on the motions at the Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) 2019 meeting of the Founder.**  
-- CARRIED

The President thanked Mateljjan and Neil for their presentation.

Mateljjan and Neil left the meeting at 1:40p.m.

The report from the Housing Affordability Task Group was recorded in the open meeting.

8663. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Councillor and Chair of the Housing Affordability Task Group, David Sin dated January 24, 2019 re. Housing Affordability Task Group (HATG) Update and attached final report . **(APPENDIX 'B')**

The President welcomed van Nostrand to the meeting.

van Nostrand presented the Housing Affordability Task Group final report to Council.

The President thanked van Nostrand for his presentation.

A member of Council suggested that it was a very good report, however, was somewhat Toronto-centric.

van Nostrand responded that the same approach would be applied on a national level.

A Council member suggested that it would be beneficial to see the findings applied to a mid-sized city such as Hamilton as they tend to be governed by parking zones.

It was suggested by a member of Council that the ratio of 75% land and 35% people would see the worst pushback in those areas.

van Nostrand responded that it is expected that the future generation will embrace this. By placing the architecture of zoning on the Website would be of benefit. It is important to take on the current approach to planning.

It was suggested by a Council member that transit should be incorporated where it needs to be in line with growth.

van Nostrand left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Council discussion continued at 2:20p.m.

A Council member indicated that s/he would like to leverage the work that has been done by the Task Group. The report is a great contribution to the subject and would be of benefit to place on the Website.

It was suggested by a Council member that the OAA work with other groups to provide support to the initiatives by those groups.

A member of Council suggested that a design manual be commissioned for Affordable Housing and be made accessible to the public.

It was noted that a recommendation has been made in the covering memo such that the report and its findings be directed to PACT for further consideration and action in order to expedite the process. This issue should not be focused but considered across the scope of what the OAA does.

A Council member enquired as to how to unpack the information for the intent of different stakeholders, suggesting that a kit be created for the disbursement of information.

It was suggested by a member of Council that the transit infrastructure would need to be revised since it is very Toronto-focused. It could possibly be revised and published as a draft/discussion paper.

Doyle noted that the HATG final report will be published for the members, as well, the next steps will be communicated.

It was suggested by a Council member that the local societies may play a role in the work to date.

A member of Council suggested that feedback from the membership be requested, adding that an e-mail address may be established where PACT can collect the feedback from.

**It was moved by Sin and seconded by Laberge that Council receive the Report titled *Housing Affordability in Growing Urban Areas* as prepared and presented by SvN Architect + Planners for the OAA's Housing Affordability Task Group; and, that the Report be referred to the OAA's Policy Advocacy Coordination Team (PACT) for further consideration and direction with respect to next steps regarding the recommendations contained therein.**

-- CARRIED

**It was moved by Birdsell and seconded by Gammond that following receipt of the final Report as prepared by SvN Architect & Planner that the Housing Affordability Task Group by OAA Council at the January 24 meeting, that the Task Group be sunset in accordance with the terms of reference; and, that the members of the Task Group be thanked for their participation and focused work on this project.**

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8664. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Strategic, Gordon Erskine dated January 15, 2019 re. Toronto 2030 District Sponsorship Request and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'C')**

The Vice President Strategic reported that the OAA sponsored the establishment of the Toronto 2030 District four years ago. Over time, the organization has attracted lower than anticipated funding compared to the U.S. Districts.

It was indicated by the Vice President Strategic that the OAA has been invited to be a sponsor at a level of \$25,000. The Sustainable Built Environments Committee (SBEC) in its discussion felt that the sponsorship may result in ongoing support until an appropriate level of funding is received from other sources.

Doyle enquired as to whether they have a clear business plan which outlines how to sustain the program. They are approaching the OAA first since it is a founding partner and believe that this support would lend credibility to them.

A member of Council expressed some concern about the highly Toronto-centric nature of the program.

**Action:** Doyle was directed by Council to contact the Executive Director of the Toronto 2030 District with respect to their business plan as well as information regarding other sponsors being sought and report back to Council at the March meeting.

It was suggested that Council might wish to consider putting \$10,000 towards this from the sponsorship opportunities budget with the balance from policy contingency.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8665. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Activities for the Months of December-January. **(APPENDIX 'D')**

The President reported that he along with the Executive Director and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) met for dinner recently to discuss issues of common interest.

The report was noted for information.

8666. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Executive Director, Kristi Doyle dated January 14, 2019 re. Update on Activities of the Executive Director. **(APPENDIX 'E')**

The report was noted for information.

8667. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the OAA Building Committee dated January 15, 2019 re. Update from the OAA Building Committee. **(APPENDIX 'F')**

The President reported that the move date has been moved forward to the end of March at this time to allow for extra time for the completion of the meeting rooms.

The report was noted for information.

8668. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the OAA/ARIDO Joint Task Group dated January 15, 2019 re. Update – OAA/ARIDO Joint Task Group. **(APPENDIX 'G')**

The report was noted for information.

8669. Report from the Senior Vice President and Treasurer *(oral)*

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer reported that there is an approximate \$500,000 surplus going into fiscal 2019 due in part to an increase in fees of \$425,000. There will be further review of this statistic in depth.

Brown noted that there have been 50 limited Certificates of Practice and Licences issued which may also contribute in part to the increase, as opposed to a large increase in membership numbers.

8670. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Strategic, Gordon Erskine dated December 3, 2018 re. Update on activities under the Vice President Strategic Portfolio and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'H')**

The report was noted for information.

8671. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Communications, Vanessa Fong dated January 10, 2019 re. Communications Committee Update and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'I')**

Doyle reported on the logo redesign, noting that slight revisions to the logo were made as directed by Council at the December meeting and cooperation with the Logo redesign sub-committee. However the sub-committee felt that the refinements did not improve the logo and agreed to stay with the original design. A member of Council noted that when any refinement was suggested it appeared to reintroduce more issues. For the logo, the thickness of the line is being refined.

Missio noted that the rollout of the new design has not yet been discussed and its implementation but will be announced once finalized.

Doyle noted that with the logo completed, the Website consultant can now work with it and its incorporation into the new website design.

It was indicated by Doyle that in regards to the Profiles area of the Website, a decision needed to be made with reference to transparency. It was determined that the use of the individual Profiles pages is quite low and therefore the idea of creating an opportunity to link directly to the member's website is being considered instead. There was general consensus among Council that there was no need to continue the Profile pages in the new Website.

The report was noted for information.

8672. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Strategic Gordon Erskine, dated January 10, 2019 re. Sustainable Built Environments Committee (SBEC) Update. **(APPENDIX 'J')**

The Vice President Strategic reported that the Committee is drafting a letter in reponse to Ontario Climate Change Plan consultation process.

The report was noted for information.

8673. Vice President Regulatory Report *(oral)*

The Vice President Regulatory reported that work is ongoing with respect to legislation updates regarding transparency and ARIDO.

It was noted by the Vice President Regulatory that the CERB is now been in use for a year which has created a significant reduction in the use of paper.

The Vice President Regulatory noted that the Interns Committee is working on a plan for its upcoming planning session..

The report was noted for information.

8674. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Regulatory, Mélisa Audet dated January 9, 2019 re. Activities Under the Registrar – 2018 Summary. **(APPENDIX 'K')**

The Vice President Regulatory reported.

The report was noted for information.

8675. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Practice, Walter Derhak dated January 14, 2019 re. Practice Committee (PC) and Practice Advisory Services (PAS) Update and attached background information **(APPENDIX 'L')**

The Vice President Practice reported that the first meeting of the Practice Resource Committee will be held in the next short while.

It was noted by the Vice President Practice that Engineers Architects and Building Officials (EABO) will be resuming its next meeting in the spring.

The Vice President Practice noted that the coordinating licensing professionals sub-committee has considered the feedback provided from Council at the last meeting. The intent moving forward is to link the role of coordination professional to the prime consultant.  
The report was noted for information.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

8676. There were no items for discussion.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

8677. Report on 2018 Annual Society Visits *(oral)*

It was reported by the President that the report on the 2018 Society visits will be available at the March Council meeting.



A Council member reported that the Grand Valley Society promoted a film produced by a Kitchener architect. Two showings sold out with a third showing scheduled.

It was reported by a member of Council that a lunch visit was made to members in the Sault Ste. Marie area where there was some discussion with respect to reestablishing the Algoma society.

A Council member noted that the Toronto Society's AGM will be held February 20 at the Arts and Letters Club. Toronto is also hosting a path to licensure event on February 12.

It was noted by a member of Council that the Hamilton and Burlington Society held its elections where Christina Kearney was elected as Chair. There will be a Young Architects Hamilton panel event on February 5 adding that the Mayor and other industry members will be in attendance.

The report was noted for information.

8678. *Reference Material Reviewed: Fall Update 2018 from the Design Industry Advisory Committee (DIAC).* (**APPENDIX 'M'**)

The update was noted for information.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

8679. The President wished to express to Council that it was a privilege and honour to be on Council during his tenure. Great changes have been witnessed and progress has been made on significant projects.

It was noted by the President it is positive to witness that the reconciliation of the First Nations and the issue of sustainability have become more integrated into the work among the disciplines. The power of the collective voice from the members have contributed much and that voice makes a difference.

The President wished to express to Council to empower and to lead. There are nine priorities which have been addressed over the past year:

- Reconciliation
- National importance of recognizing architecture and the built environment
- Procurement – National policy development, relationship with Infrastructure Ontario
- Strengthening the national voice through RAIC and the National Architecture Policy
- Integration of interior designers in the profession
- Initiatives regarding the issue of regulatory transparency
- The relationship with Project Management Service Providers

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8680. The next regular meeting of Council is Thursday March 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at 1 Duncan Mill Road, Toronto, Ontario.

The annual Priority Planning Session is scheduled for Thursday February 7, 2019 evening and Friday February 8, 2019 at the Westin Prince Hotel, 900 York Mills Road, Toronto.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

8681. **It was moved by Council that the meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.**

-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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President

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Date