

## Ontario Association of Architects

Meeting #289 Open

MINUTES

September 21, 2023

The two hundred and eighty ninth meeting of the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects, held under the *Architects Act*, took place on Thursday September 21, 2023 at the OAA Headquarters, 111 Moatfield Drive, Toronto and virtually via Zoom.

<b>Present:</b>	Settimo Vilardi	President
	Ted Wilson	Senior Vice President and Treasurer
	Susan Speigel	Immediate Past President
	Christina Karney	Vice President
	Kristiana Schuhmann	Vice President
	Loloa Alkasawat	Councillor
	J. William Birdsell	Councillor
	Jim Buttici	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Kimberly Fawcett-Smith	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee ( <i>virtual</i> )
	Natasha Krickhan	Councillor
	Michelle Longlade	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee ( <i>virtual</i> )
	Lara McKendrick	Councillor
	Elaine Mintz	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Deo Paquette	Councillor
	Clayton Payer	Councillor ( <i>virtual</i> )
	Greg Redden	Councillor ( <i>virtual</i> )
	Thomas Yeung	Councillor
	Marek Zawadzki	Councillor
	Kristi Doyle	Executive Director
	Christie Mills	Registrar
	Erik Missio	Manager, Communications
	Tina Carfa	Executive Assistant, Executive Services
<b>Regrets:</b>	Farida Abu-Bakare	Councillor
<b>Guests:</b>	Tanya Chute-Molina, Manager, Business & Operational Planning (Acting), Office of the Fairness Commissioner	
	Johnny Shaw, Policy Analyst Intern, Office of the Fairness Commissioner	

The President called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

The President noted that Senior Vice President & Treasurer, Ted Wilson will be making a presentation as a land acknowledgement titled *Wigwam to Teaching Lodge* to share with Council as an acknowledgement and recognition of the indigenous land and its people.

The President welcomed staff, members, and others in attendance at the meeting.

### DECLARATION RE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The President called for declaration of any conflicts of interest.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

9622. The President reported that no new items would be added to the agenda.

**It was moved by Karney and seconded by Schuhmann that the agenda for the September 21, 2023 open meeting be approved as circulated.**

-- CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

9623. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Draft minutes of the June 20, 2023 Open Council meeting.

The draft minutes of the June 20, 2023 Open Council meeting were reviewed.

**It was moved by Birdsell and seconded by Mintz that the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Open Council meeting be approved as circulated.**

-- CARRIED

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

9624. There was no business arising from the minutes.

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

9625. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Draft 2024 Council Meeting Dates. **(APPENDIX 'A')**

Doyle noted that a revised schedule of meeting dates was shared with Council. The AGM has been moved forward one day to April 11, 2024 to accommodate a religious holiday. The Seasonal Celebration was noted to be held the evening of the December 6, 2024 Council meeting.

**It was moved by Butticci and seconded by Wilson that the 2024 Council meeting dates be approved as amended.**

-- CARRIED

9626. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Communications Manager, Erik Missio dated September 8, 2023 re. Draft Conference Program and Schedule for 2024 and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX 'B')**

Vice President Karney reported.

Missio noted that the Committee worked diligently to create the right balance of content and desire to bring everyone together in a social environment.

A member of Council expressed interest in the decision to incorporate a closing keynote speaker.

Missio noted that plenary feedback was lacking positivity on the topic of LTC and will now look how to integrate outside work with the OAA initiatives.

**It was moved by Karney and seconded by Mintz that the draft program and schedule for the 2024 OAA Conference is approved, while recognizing elements may evolve as further planning takes place**

-- CARRIED

9627. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Communications and Public Education Committee dated September 8, 2023 re. Conference Location for 2026 and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX 'C')**

Vice President Karney reported that the Committee reviewed the criteria from the consultant and it was agreed that Waterloo was an appropriate location for the 2026 Conference.

A member of Council agreed on the appropriateness of the venue adding that it made the Conference more regional in nature.

Missio noted that it is in one hotel with easier access to events.

On a related note, it was suggested by a member of Council that the former Director of the University of Waterloo School of Architecture, Rick Haldenby be nominated for Honorary membership that year.

**It was moved by Karney and seconded by Birdsell that, based on CPEC's recommendation, Waterloo Region be selected as the location for the 2026 edition of the OAA Conference**

-- CARRIED

9628. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Registrar, Christie Mills dated September 12, 2023 re. Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Complaints Committee and the Discipline Committee and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX 'D')**

Mills reported.

**It was moved by Alkasawat and seconded by McKendrick that Council approve the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Complaints Committee and the Discipline Committee, as presented to Council on September 21, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

9629. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Finance and Audit Committee dated September 21, 2023 re. Appointment of LGIC to Finance & Audit Committee. **(APPENDIX 'E')**

Doyle reported .

**It was moved by Wilson and seconded by McKendrick that Jim Butticci be appointed to the Finance & Audit Committee effective September 21, 2023.**

-- CARRIED (1 abstention)

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

9630. There were no items for discussion.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9631. *Reference Material Reviewed:* President's Activities for the months of June-September. **(APPENDIX 'F')**

The report was noted for information.

9632. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Report from Executive Director, Kristi Doyle dated September 21, 2023 re. Executive Director Report to Council. **(APPENDIX 'G')**

A member of Council expressed their appreciation for the progressive work on the Strategic Plan and the continuous follow up and ongoing reporting.

The report was noted for information.

9633. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Registrar, Christie Mills for the period June 5, 2023 to September 5, 2023 re. Office of the Registrar Statistical Report to Council. **(APPENDIX 'H')**

The report was noted for information.

9634. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Senior Vice President & Treasurer, Ted Wilson dated September 21, 2023 re. Unaudited Financial Statements for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2023 and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX 'I')**

The report was noted for information.

9635. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Communications and Public Education Committee (CPEC) dated September 21, 2023 re. Updates from CPEC and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'J')**

Vice President Karney noted that a significant amount of work went into the review plan.

The report was noted for information.

9636. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Governance Committee dated August 28, 2023 re. Update from OAA Governance Committee and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'K')**

The report was noted for information.

9637. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President, Kristiana Schuhmann dated September 12, 2023 re. Practice Resource Committee (PRC) – Update. **(APPENDIX 'L')**

The report was noted for information.

9638. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Immediate Past President, Susan Speigel dated September 8, 2023 re. Update on the Policy Advisory Coordination Team's (PACT) work. **(APPENDIX 'M')**

It was noted by Trotta that, due to Reconciliation Day, the Queen's Park Picks event at the legislature d was shifted to virtual format. Scheduling of one on one MPP meetings are underway. A meeting will be scheduled with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Minister's Parliamentary Assistant.

A member of Council requested some information where it was reported that the Attorney General would be providing remarks.

Trotta responded that this would have been the case if the event had been in person. The mention was to have been removed from the memo, however staff is continuing to seek ways for the Minister to acknowledge the event.

The report was noted for information.

9639. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the OAA Building Committee dated September 13, 2023 re. Building Committee Update. **(APPENDIX 'N')**

A member of Council reported that they are awaiting a response from the Building Committee regarding solutions to the President's Wall.

Doyle noted that the committee will be addressing it, however, it was delayed due to the landscape design competition and will provide an update at the December meeting.

The report was noted for information.

9640. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Interns Committee Chair, Farida Abu-Bakare dated September 12, 2023 re. Interns Committee Update. **(APPENDIX 'O')**

The report was noted for information.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

9641. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Executive Director, Kristi Doyle dated September 9, 2023 re. Debrief re. OAA Conference 2023, Sudbury, Ontario and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'P')**

The report was noted for information.

9642. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Report from Annual Meeting of the Local Architectural Societies dated June 20, 2023. **(APPENDIX 'Q')**

The report was noted for information.

9643. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Immediate Past President, Susan Speigel and Councillor, Natasha Krickhan dated September 21, 2023 re. K – 12 Big Think Roundtable Session – Report and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX 'R')**

A member of Council enquired as to whether there will be interlocking work to be carried forward with CPEC.

Councillor Krickhan responded that the report will be passed over to CPEC for its review.

The report was noted for information.

9644. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Manager, Human Resources, Kathy Armbrust dated September 14, 2023 re. EDI Roundtable Update. **(APPENDIX 'S')**

The report was noted for information.

9645. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Immediate Past President, Susan Speigel dated September 12, 2023 re. Quality in Canada's Built Environment QBE – a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Research Partnership on Quality in Canada's Built Environment – Report and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX 'T')**

The report was noted for information.

9646. *Reference Material Reviewed:* University of Toronto Annual Report from the School of Continuing Studies 2023. **(APPENDIX 'U')**

The report was noted for information.

9647. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Deisng Industry Advisory Committee (DIAC) Annual Update 2022. **(APPENDIX 'V')**

The report was noted for information.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

9648. There was no other business.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9649. The next regular meeting of Council is Friday December 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the OAA Headquarters, 111 Moatfield Drive, Toronto.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9650. **It was moved by Karney and seconded by Butticci that the meeting be adjourned at 1:57 p.m.**

-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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President

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Date