



# Dartmouth Heritage Museum

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Dear Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society member and museum supporter,

This correspondence follows up earlier reports to you regarding the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) staff proposal to terminate the annual Management Fee paid to the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society. It also serves as a reminder of the Society's upcoming 56th Annual General Meeting.

There is good news! Attributable to your passionate efforts the funding termination proposal was declined by the HRM Council Budget Committee. Last week Council formally approved the city's Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget that includes payment of the Management Fee in full. Accordingly, for this final year of the 5-year Management and Operating Agreement (MOA) between the Society and HRM, Management Fee funding remains at \$100,000.00. Augmented by federal and provincial grants, the museum can deliver a viable 2023-2024 programme.

Equally pertinent to the museum's future, the Society's 56th Annual General Meeting (AGM) will convene at Christ Church Parish Hall, 61 Dundas Street, Dartmouth on Tuesday 30 May. Doors open at 6 PM and the meeting will begin at 6.30 PM. AGM details are contained at page 7 of the Spring (March 2023) edition of DHM's newsletter, *The Gazette*. If you receive this letter you should receive *The Gazette*.

There are two items of new business proposed for the upcoming AGM that are particularly pertinent to the museum's future. The first concerns revision to the Society's bylaws; the second is renewal of the MOA with HRM, with emphasis on increasing Management Fee funding commencing April 1st, 2024. In support of the former activity, find attached the proposed Bylaw revision. Minutes from the 55th AGM are also attached; as part of the 56th AGM meeting agenda these will be reviewed and approved.

The Board solicits your attendance and active participation at the 56th AGM, such that the Society membership perspective pertaining to these important matters can be fully understood.

In closing, your interest and intervention were crucial to preserving funding this year. Questions related to the upcoming AGM may be directed to Joanne Pepers, Dartmouth Heritage Museum Manager-Curator, tel 902-464-2916, email [manager@dartmouthmuseum.ca](mailto:manager@dartmouthmuseum.ca).

With very best regards,

The DHMS Board of Director Executive

## Attachments:

Bylaw Proposal - for consideration and approval at 56th AGM 30 May 2023

55th AGM Minutes - for review and approval at 56th AGM 30 May 2023