

## Treasurer's Report - November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

As I prepare my final report as OBHS Treasurer, I have a lot to reflect on covering the 11 ½ years since I took over from Sally Houston in April 2010. As of this AGM, I have served on the board for 12 years, commencing in October of 2009. The OBHS has seen some highs and lows both emotionally and financially during that time and I am happy to leave this position now in a financial high. We have also experienced four solid years of very capable and highly respected leadership with Natasha Henry as President which, no doubt, has also contributed to the current financial stability. Grantors, Donors and Sponsors tend to look at the overall makeup of an organization before they commit their dollars in support, and it is a small community out there.

The OBHS is also fortunate to have an incoming Treasurer candidate who has volunteered on the board for a few years and is familiar with the workings of the organization; namely, Paul Evans, who has a thorough grasp of financials as an independent business owner. I have assured him I will be around as a backstop to help him ease into the position, as it is my intention to act as a Member at Large for the next board term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the other board members, past and present, for their support as I learned while on the job. And thanks to all the OBHS staff and volunteers, past and present, who have also provided much valuable support as we were all on a steep learning curve as we adapted to many new policies and procedures over this time frame, and most recently throughout the pandemic. All their input and support were very much appreciated.

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, and throughout the new year to date, the OBHS has continued to receive strong financial support in the form of grants, sponsorship and donations from a variety of sources. Thanks to sponsors like TD Bank and many unions and associations for keeping the annual Brunch intact as an online version along with the voluntary donations from our members. We hope that everyone will continue to support the Brunch as our major fundraiser as we continue into 2022 as an online event out of an abundance of caution for the safety of all. With daily infections still hovering above 400, the wisdom of hosting 600 + guests indoors did not seem like a wise choice. We are offering a special meal delivery prepared by Chef Selwyn Richards, the return of the OBHS awards, a keynote address and entertainment, all in an effort to bring back some semblance of normalcy. Full details will be released shortly. And LoT will be moved to the Spring due to the uncertainty leading into this current school year. The new website which was financed by a grant last year, will be instrumental in getting the word out to promote attendance.

Lastly, our bookkeepers and auditors have again done a stellar job in keeping our records organized, so thanks to both GreySuits Advisors Inc. and Prentice, Yates and Clark for all their services. The OBHS has been able to access funding from the Federal CEWS and CERB programs along with obtaining ongoing rebates for HST and CEBA funding which is held in a GIC along with funds for the Museum project. We look forward to continuing their financial services.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy C Abbott