

VARLEY- MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM

Monday, May 27, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Varley Art Gallery

MINUTES

Attendance:

Board of Directors Present: Terrence Pochmurski, Chair, Craig McQuat, Vice-Chair, John Ingram, Edie Yeomans, Amin Giga, Howard Back, Mathew Reilly, Joseph Schmidt and Caroline Le Quere

Regrets: Lisa-Joy Facey

Staff: Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery, Francesca Dauphinais, Cultural Development Officer, Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham convened at 4:15 pm with Terrence Pochmurski presiding as Chair.	
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests	None.	
3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda	It was requested that “Art Acquisition Report” be added to the agenda under item No. 9 Sub-Committee Reports.	
4. Approval of the Minutes	Moved by Craig McQuat Seconded by Edie Yeomans That the March 4, 2019, Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Minutes be approved as presented. Carried	

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5. Business Arising from Minutes	The Board reviewed the Action items from the previous meeting.	
6. Confidential Session	<p>Moved by Edie Yeomans Seconded by John Ingram</p> <p>That in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) of the <i>Municipal Act</i>, the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham resolve into a confidential session at (4:20 PM) to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Moved by John Ingram Seconded by Howard Back</p> <p>That the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham rise from its confidential session at (4:25 PM).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
7. Director's Report	<p>Niamh O'Laoghaire, Director of the Gallery presented the Director's Report. The full report was circulated to the Board. Some of the highlights of the report included:</p> <p><u>Vintages Congratulations</u> The Director congratulated the Foundation on a successful "Vintages at the Varley" event.</p> <p><u>Ontario Arts Council Grant</u> The Gallery is applying to the Ontario Arts Council for a grant. The Board may be required to pass a resolution approving the grant application.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> There were no changes to the full time positions at the Gallery at this time.</p>	

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	<p><u>Public Art</u></p> <p>A public engagement session entitled “Making our MARKham” was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at YSpace, the York University Innovation Hub. The event was very successful.</p> <p>The Director and Yan Wu have been assisting with a monument to Philippine National Hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal. The statue will be unveiled on June 9th on the Philippine National Holiday.</p> <p><u>Exhibitions</u></p> <p>The following exhibitions were installed since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our Children: Reflections of Childhood in Historical Canadian Art, April 13th – June 23, 2019 curated by Anik Glaude and Charlotte Gagnier• Nava Waxman: Choreographed Marks, curated by Anik Glaude• Sara Niroobakhsh: Zaghareet, curated by Mahmoud Obaidi <p>The exhibit schedule for the remainder of 2019 was presented to the Board.</p> <p>Moved by Howard Back Seconded by Amin Giga</p> <p>That the Board congratulate the Gallery on the beautiful installation of the exhibit “Our Children: Reflections of Childhood in Historical Canadian Art”.</p> <p>Carried</p> <p><u>Public Program and Events</u></p> <p>An update on the Gallery’s programs and events was provided.</p>	

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<p>8. Development Officer Report</p>	<p>Francesca Dauphinais, Cultural Development Officer presented the Development Officer Report. A copy of the report was included with the agenda package. The report included an update on: volunteers; William J. Withrow School Visits Bursary; the Rouge: Varley Gala; and Vintages at the Varley: New World Wines.</p> <p>The following was discussed:</p> <p><u>William J. Withrow School Visits Bursary and Wally Joyce Scholarship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two schools have applied for the William J. Withrow School Visits Bursary to date; • Michelle Cheng from Bayview Secondary School was awarded the 2019 Wally Joyce Scholarship; • The following Canada Summer Jobs grant were approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gallery Animateurs (2) ○ Summer Camp and Community Events Volunteer Supervisor (1); ○ Social Media and Marketing Assistant (1); • Waiting for the response with respect to the grant request for a 6 month full time Special Events Assistant position. <p><u>Rouge Varley Gala</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board was encouraged to work on getting sponsorship for the event; • Silent Auction items are coming in steadily; • Board Members were encouraged to donate two bottles of wine each (with a price value of \$20-\$100) for the Wine Pull; • A special room rate has been provided by the Toronto Marriott Markham for the evening of the event. <p><u>Vintages at the Varley: New World Wines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event was successfully held April 17, 2019; • Net revenue from the event was \$2,756.23. 	

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	<p><u>Partnership –Blossom and Bloom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will partner with past board member, Phoebe Lo in May 2020 for Blossom and Bloom, a Mother’s Day pop up market. <p><u>Golf Tournament</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a brief discussion on the possibly of planning a golf tournament, as a future fundraising activity. 	
<p>9. Sub-Committee Reports</p>	<p>A. <u>Art Acquisition Committee</u></p> <p>Edie Yeomans provided the following update from the April 19, 2019, Art Acquisition Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Completed Donations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacques de Tonnancour (1917, Montreal QC -2005, Montreal, QC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untitled (Landscape with Low Pine Trees), 1950 Oil on Canvas. 59.69 x 79.4 cm Signed and dated Donated by Aldona Satterthwaite Fredrick Horsman Varley (1981, Sheffield, UK – 1969, Unionville, ON) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gothic Arches at Doon, c. 1948-49 Watercolour and charcoal on paper, 8 x 10.5 inches Signed lower right, with thumb print Donated by Heather McCallum Daphne Odjig (1919, Wiikwekoon, ON – 2016, Kelowna, BC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pow-wow singers, 1978; Serigraph, 66 x 50 cm Donated by Paul Green Burg 	

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	<p><u>Purchased Works by John Sasaki</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Unused Panel from Varley’s Studio Left in Stormy Weather – Day 1, Front Side, 2017 – Digital Print 38 3/8” – Price \$3,500 • An Unused Panel from Varley’s Studio Left in Stormy Weather: Day 160 Rear, 2017- Digital Print 38 3/8” – Price \$3,500 • An Unused Panel from Varley’s Studio Left in Stormy Weather: Day 224, Front Side (Final Day) – front side 38 3/8” – Price \$3,500 <p>The Board was asked to approve the purchase for the permanent collection in the amount of \$15,000.</p> <p>Moved by Edie Yeomans Seconded by John Ingram</p> <p>That the Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham approve the purchase of the following artwork for \$15,000 plus applicable taxes:</p> <p>Greg Staats Untitled (restraint_contraint) 2015 Inkjet print on Hahnemuhle Paper, mount on dibond edition 1 of 3 Image size: 44 x 48 ¾ inches Collection of the Artist</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>B. <u>Rouge: Varley Gala Committee 2019</u></p> <p>This item was discussed under the Development Officer Report.</p> <p>C. <u>Vintages at the Varley</u></p>	

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	<p>This item was discussed under the Development Officer Report.</p> <p>D. <u>Development Committee</u></p> <p>The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Foundation needs to be reviewed and updated. The Chair and Vice-Chair will meet to discuss the MOU. The next steps will then be to set up a meeting with Stephen Chait to discuss the proposed changes.</p> <p>E. <u>Volunteer Committee</u></p> <p>No report was provided.</p>	<p>Meet to discuss changes to the MOU – Chair and Vice-Chair</p>
10. Financial Report	<p>Amin Giga, Treasurer presented the 2018 draft Financial Statements for the Varley McKay-Art Foundation of Markham.</p> <p>Moved by Amin Giga Seconded by Craig McQuat</p> <p>That the 2018 Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham, Financial Statements, with a year ending December 31, 2018, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Carried</p>	
11. New Business	<p><u>Election of the Officers</u></p> <p>The Board elected the Officers for 2019.</p> <p>Moved by John Ingram Seconded by Howard Back</p> <p>That the following Directors be appointed as Officers of the Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham:</p>	

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	<p>Chair – Terrence Pochmurski Vice-Chair – Craig McQuat Treasurer – Amin Giga</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>There was a brief discussion on whether the Board was required to appoint a Secretary under the <i>Corporations Act</i>. The Chair and Vice-Chair will look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Report back on whether a Director needs to be appointed to the role of Secretary – Terrence Pochmurski and Craig McQuat</p>
12. Next Meeting Date	The next meeting of the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham will be held on September 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Gallery.	
13. Adjournment	The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham adjourned at 5:45 pm	

List of Action Items

Action	Meeting Date	Member Responsible for Completion of Task	Status
1. Report back on whether a Director is required to be appointed to the role of Secretary under the <i>Corporations Act</i> .	May 27, 2019	Terrence Pochmurski and Craig McQuat	
2. Review the Memorandum of Understanding and suggest updates where required.	May 27, 2019	Terrence Pochmurski and Craig McQuat	