

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 82
Markham Museum, Mount Joy Staff Room
June 12, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Bill Crothers, Chair	Anisa Anwar
Doug Worsley, Vice Chair	Athena Hurezeanu
Wendy Kadlovski, Treasurer	Councillor Karen Rea
Lorne Smith	
Anna Masci	
Jill ten Cate	
Councillor Andrew Keyes	
Sue Smitko	
<i>Ex Officio:</i>	<i>Guests:</i>
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	Vivian Ng, Museum Youth Volunteer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board was called to order at 5:03 p.m. with B. Crothers presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: D. Worsley
 Seconded By: A. Masci

THAT the agenda for the June 12, 2019 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (3.1)

4. REGRETS

A. Anwar sent her regrets.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: W. Kadlovski
 Seconded By: J. Cate

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on May 8, 2019 be approved as amended.

Carried. (5.1)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) The Chair introduced and welcomed the two City Councillors to the Board. Councillor Karen Rea, ward 4, and Councillor Andrew Keyes, ward 5.

- b) For the 2019-2020 year, the Board officers will remain the same.
- c) The Committee Chairs will be as follows: D. Worsley, Collections Committee and W. Kadlovski, Development Committee.
- d) The Museum will be holding a welcome and orientation event for new summer staff, and have requested assistance from the Friends.

Moved by D. Worsley
Seconded by W. Kadlovski

THAT the Board will support the Museum summer staff orientation event by purchasing food for the event, approximately \$300.

Carried. (7.d.1)

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

C. Molloy submitted a report (Attachment A)

Moved by W. Kadlovski
Seconded by A. Masci

THAT the Board receives the Director's report.

Carried. (8.1)

9. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The current bank balance is \$73,973. The disbursement guidelines are still in process. The Board discussed forming a committee to handle the disbursement of funds, ad hoc, until a policy is made.

Moved by L. Smith
Seconded by W. Kadlovski

THAT the Guidelines for Disbursement of Funds be approved for submission to Council.

Carried. (9.1)

10. **YOUTH MEMBER REPORT**

No report.

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Collections Committee: No report.
- b) Development Committee: Partnership event with Markham Little Theatre is going strong and tickets are already being sold through Flato Markham Theatre's system. The event will be held on September 5.
- c) Executive Committee: Has not met recently.
- d) Book Marketing Committee: Book sales are slow, generally a few per month. Councillors Rea and Hamilton have put notices in their newsletters about the book.

12. **MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT**

The mission statement is nearly complete, as well as a new logo and in the near future a new website. September 8 is the BBQ. Pie night was held recently with 65 people attending, a new record. The Grand River trip was also sold out with 50 people attending.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

14. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on September 11 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Staff Room at Markham Museum.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: S. Smitko

THAT the June 12, 2019 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (15.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Friends of the Markham Museum, Directors' Report

June 12, 2019

New flagpole installed at the front of the collections building.

New gate installed at the main north driveway. Key-pad/card-swipe installed in about 2 weeks

New park at the north end of the site scheduled completion by the end of July

Programs

School programs doing well despite bussing issues.

Summer camps essentially sold out. There are a few spots in senior camps and waiting lists for most others.

Difficulty finding sufficient part time staff in the program department. Markham pays lower than most municipalities so turn over is very high, (once people have the experience they leave for higher paying jobs.)

Events

International Museum Day; over 1,500 in attendance. Attributed to growing audience that are active on social media and improved marketing at the Museum, (mostly via social media.)

Opening for 'Markham Moves'; over 400 attended the Museum that day.

YELP: Appreciation event for Markham Museum's greatest supporters as well as YELP Toronto's most active members and influencers. The event will be on Thursday, June 20 from 7-10PM. There will be many activities, local foods and beverages for everyone to enjoy! This is a 19+ event. **INVITE ONLY**

Dress code: Casual (the event will be indoors and outdoors so please dress accordingly).

Please let Cynthia know if you plan to attend.

APPLEFEST 2019 – Museum staff are scaling back Applefest to one day in 2019. The event to be on Saturday, only. Attendance has been stagnant over the past couple of years with most attendance on the Saturday. It is getting more difficult to have the mills running for two days and many of the volunteers will only come for the afternoon on Sunday.

Exhibits

Markham Moves opened on June 8th and very well received by visitors. The components of the exhibit will greatly enhance the Museum's curriculum based education and camp programs. It was an honour to have the Mayor officially open the exhibit and that there were so many Council members in attendance.

Capital Programs

2019

1. HVAC system in Mount Joy due to the complexities of the system and structure, it took two years and three consultants to plan. Planned to be complete in April, further complexities have delayed installation, now scheduled for the last three weeks in June.
2. Asbestos removal in attic of Mount Joy complete.
3. Saw mill animal proofed and completely cleaned of racoon poop.
4. The Church hall and stairway floor replaced in May.
5. Church transformer and electrical panel replaced.
6. Strickler Barn cleaned scheduled for June.
7. Mini-Putt and Mini-Train track repairs will be done over the summer

2020 Requests

1. Various small repair and upkeep projects throughout the site
2. Second phase of Strickler Barn project to allow human occupancy
3. Fairly major repairs in Cider Mill, Train Station and Collection Building

Ontario Museum Association

It seems that the meetings with Minister Tibollo were effective. There are no cuts to current museum funding via CMOG.

I will be at an all day OMA Council meeting this Friday in Hamilton.