

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 83
Markham Museum, Mount Joy Staff Room
September 18, 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	Jill ten Cate
Councillor Andrew Keyes	Anna Masci
Sue Smitko	
<i>Ex Officio:</i>	<i>Guests:</i>
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board was called to order at 5:10 p.m. with B. Crothers presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: W. Kadlovski
 Seconded By: D. Worsley

THAT the agenda for the September 18, 2019 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (3.1)

4. REGRETS

A. Hurezeanu, A. Masci, A. Anwar, Cllr. Karen Rea and J. Cate sent their regrets.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: W. Kadlovski
 Seconded By: S. Smitko

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

Nil.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy submitted a report (Attachment A)

Moved by W. Kadlovski
Seconded by D. Worsley

THAT the Board receives the Director's report.

Carried. (8.1)

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

The current bank balance is \$77,038. Recent donation of \$1000 from John Housser. Received an invoice for the completed restoration of a painting of Peter Reesor. In 2015 we received a \$6000 donation to help cover the cost.

Moved by D. Worsley
Seconded by S. Smitko

THAT the Board approve the expense of \$8685 for the restoration of the Peter Reesor portrait.

Carried. (9.1)

10. YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

No report.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Collections Committee: The committee submitted a report reports (Attachment B).

Moved by D. Worsley
Seconded by W. Kadlovski

THAT the Collections Management Committee recommends that the Barkey Chest artifact for accession be approved for acceptance by the Friends of the Markham Museum.

Carried. (11.a)

b) Development Committee: Partnership event with Markham Little Theatre went very well, we raised a small amount of funds but also exposed a lot of MLT patrons to the Museum and vice versa. Other events are in early exploration stages.

c) Executive Committee: Has not met recently.

d) Book Marketing Committee: Has not met recently.

12. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The MHS BBQ on September 8 was well attended with 45 people enjoying the evening. MHS will be serving apple fritters once again at Applefest on September 28. MHS is celebrating 50 years this year with a new logo and a new website.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

a) C. Molloy pointed out that 2021 will be the Museum's 50th anniversary.

14. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on October 9 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Staff Room at Markham Museum.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: D. Worsley

THAT the September 18, 2019 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (15.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:13 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Friends of the Markham Museum, Directors' Report

September 18, 2019

New gate installed at the main north driveway. Key-pad/card-swipe installed.

New park at the north end of the site opened yesterday.

Front door of Mount Joy permanently locked due to some security issues over the summer.

Challenges over the summer with two full time staff with substantial time-off required.

Programs:

We had one of our best camp summers with a very strong summer camp team. Our new Science under the Big Top" Camp for 4-8 year olds got great reviews. We trialed a hot lunch program during 4 weeks of camp and based on the great feedback from parents we will be running it again next year for every week of camp. We are now prepping for a busy 10 weeks of camp in 2020.

The pottery studio was very busy with summer with the addition of Teen Wheel Throwing Camp. The camp instantly sold out with a large waitlist. We will be adding additional teen camps to our year round school break programming and for the summer of 2020.

This fall we are focusing more on Birthday Parties as we have noticed a drop in participants in some of our preschool public programs. We have freed up the space on weekends to allow up to three birthday parties per day on the weekends.

Program staff are tracking a potential job action with Ontario Education workers.

Curatorial:

Markham Moves is proving to be even more popular than Geared for Growing. News media as a result of the opening, increased awareness and visitor numbers.

MM hosted summer meeting of the York Durham Association of Museums and Archives

Summer staff:

- Fleming College intern – Kinnee Barn Enhancements to support simple machines schools program and create a permanent agriculture exhibition as recommended by our advisors during the collections review stakeholder meetings in 2017.

- Western U intern – Textile Studio intro area updated to improve visitor flow and added a section on natural dyes.

- Georgian College intern – assisted with exhibition projects & researched and updated information in general tour binder (co-supervised with programs).

ATTACHMENT B

COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT BRIEF July 17, 2019

The Collections Management Committee met on July 17, 2019 for review of artifacts selected for accession to the collection of Markham Museum, that will be presented to the Friends of Markham Museum.

Artifacts for Discussion:

Members of the committee were presented by museum staff with a list of artifacts (Barkey Chest and “Favourite” Stevens Rifle) that are slated for accession. These assessed artifacts were discussed individually in detail by committee members and museum staff to ascertain that the items should be accessioned. The rifle does not require approval for accession.

Approval:

Motion by Bill Crothers, seconded by Jill Ten Cate that the Barkey Chest for accession be submitted to the Friends of the Markham Museum for approval. **Motion carried.**

Closing comments:

Thanks were expressed to the staff for the professional submittal of the archival material that was reviewed.

Collections Review will continue at our next meeting, scheduled for September 18, 2019.

- Two local students supported by YCW grants delivered bi-weekly object based programming for camps, maintained exhibitions and developed small outreach displays for the Civic Centre – Alma Walker: Queen of Markham presently on display will be followed by Godin: Musical Masters in 2020.

Events and Business Development:

Applefest is the host for Markham 225, with free admission and programming after 4 p.m. A press conference was held at the Museum today. A highlight was the attendance of Anwar Knight of CTV News; he broadcast weather reports live from the Museum.

Weekend events, primarily weddings, sold out at the beginning of the season, with only one wedding cancellation over the summer.

We are currently investigating corporate events to keep rentals occurring from November to April. An event held with YELP proved that with unique programming, bookings all year are possible

Adult program research; Cynthia attended adult programming events around Markham and will put together some ideas/proposal for November/December.

Scaryfest planning going well, marketing initiated.

Capital Programs

1. HVAC system in Mount Joy, due to the complexities of the system and structure, took two years and three consultants to plan. Further complexities delayed work until after camp season. Install of new system is current and will be complete mid-October.

2. Mini-Putt, Pavilion, Harness Shop delayed with the leave of Maintenance. Asset Management has assumed the projects. The Museum is greatly appreciative of the work that being done by Asset Management in Dan's absence.

3. Strickler Barn Structural repairs completed over the summer. It is now safe for people to enter

4. Items from the Museum 'poop' budget include the cleaning of the saw mill, steam tractor shed, Strickler Barn and Harness Shop.

Ontario Museum Association

A meeting of OMA Council scheduled for this Friday at Markham Museum. Thank you to all Friends that plan to attend.

Cathy Molloy is currently Treasurer and her name will be on OMA AGM to be elected as Vice President for the first year of a two year term.