FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING Meeting No. 98 Electronic Meeting November 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Wendy Kadlovski, Chair	Dianne Azzarello, Volunteer Committee Chair
Lorne Smith, Treasurer	Councillor Andrew Keyes
Sue Smitko, Book Committee Chair	Anna Masci
Christopher Hurezeanu	Councillor Karen Rea
Bill Crothers	
Martha Mingay	
Christina Lee	
Staff:	Guests:
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	
Matthew Wright (Recording Secretary)	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Under the authority of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 (Bill 197) and the City of Markham's Council Procedural By-law 2017-5, and in consideration of the advice of public health authorities, this meeting was conducted electronically with members of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board and staff participating remotely.

The Friends of the Markham Museum Board meeting convened at 5:02 PM with Wendy Kadlovski serving as Chair.

The Chair introduced new Board member Christina Lee.

2. **DECLARATIONS**

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: B. Crothers Seconded By: M. Mingay

THAT the agenda for the November 10, 2021 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (3.1)

4. REGRETS

A. Masci sent her regrets.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: L. Smith Seconded By: S. Smitko

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on October 13, 2021 be approved as amended.

Carried. (5.1)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

L. Smith clarified that the expected \$6000 of sponsorship revenue had been accounted for.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy gave a report. There is no update on the Museum opening further. A family foundation has expressed interest in the Acadia rail car that sits on the Museum grounds. Would take roughly 1 million to restore and shelter the Acadia. The Acadia has no Markham connection, costs the Museum money to attempt to preserve, and due to condition is not open to the public. This group would restore and preserve the car, and make some modern renovations to order to make it available to the public. The Board was informed of the Museum's decision. As the Acadia is 'chattel', not an artifact, no motion of endorsement is required of the Friends. However there was some discussion and the Friends are in favour of the transfer of ownership from the City to a private foundation. B. Crothers noted that it would appreciated if the Museum was recognised in some way when Acadia re-opens to the public.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

Nil.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

L. Smith gave a report. In the past month, received interest of \$48.69. Bank balance is \$79,082.

10. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- a) Markham Little Theatre dinner theatre event update MLT is interested in putting on another event next year.
- b) Garden project Fully planted, waiting for spring. Discussing self-guided tours, or possibly a tea event. Still looking for more sponsorship.
- c) Note cards Provided pictures to students as source material, waiting to see what we get back.

11. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

Nil.

12. HISTORY BOOK SALES COMMITTEE REPORT

S. Smitko gave a report. Visited Chapters, Consignment manager has been off work, so we are awaiting his return. We sold two boxes of books to a real estate agent who will be giving them to people moving to Markham, or those leaving as a memento.

13. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

A questionnaire was sent out to members, asking how they felt about continuing meetings.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

15. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on December 8 at 5 PM via Zoom.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: M. Mingay

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THAT the November 10, 2021 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (15.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM.