

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Meeting No. 96

Electronic Meeting

September 8, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Wendy Kadlovski, Chair	Councillor Karen Rea
Lorne Smith - Treasurer	Jill Ten Cate - Collection Committee Chair
Dianne Azzarello - Volunteer Committee Chair	Christopher Hurezeanu
Bill Crothers	Anna Masci
Councillor Andrew Keyes	
Sue Smitko - Book Committee Chair	
Martha Mingay	
Staff:	
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	
Christina Kakaflikas, Acting Director Economic Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship	
Crystal Thorne, Administrative Assistant to Economic Development, Culture and Entrepreneurship, Policy and Research, Planning, Engineering and Heritage Departments	

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 5:00 PM with Wendy Kadlovski serving as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS:

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Moved by Dianne Azzarello

Seconded by Martha Mingay

That the agenda for the June 23, 2021 meeting be approved as distributed.

4. REGRETS

Jill and Anna

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 23, 2021

That the minutes of the Friends of Markham Museum meeting on June 23, 2021 be approved as distributed.

Moved by Lorne Smith

Seconded by Dianne Azzarello

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

No Items

7. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The City is working on the reopening plans; waiting for approval.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) ROBERTSON / CROTHERS FINAL EVENT REPORT

Wendy thanked Bill and Martha for their help on the event; it was a very successful day.

Wendy will transfer the pictures from the event to Susan and Matthew.

We were able to raise \$6,000.00 in sponsorship.

The event is available on YouTube and Wendy will share the link with the group.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorne reported we received the \$5,000 deposit plus the \$46.80 we have a total of \$78,932.00. No expenses have yet appeared.

We are currently waiting for \$1,000 left to come in.

Martha confirmed it was a total of \$6,000.00 we received.

10. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

SPEAKER SERIES- Is on hold until the museum is open.

MLT DINNER THEATER UP-DATE - MTL is not activated.

GARDEN PROJECT – Dianne found an organization locally (GTA East) called Sustainable Roots Eco. You can follow them on Instagram. We have a quote to rehabilitate the Transportation Hall, and Sundial, and the David Suzuki Canoe area. They suggested removing all the invasive plants and weeds and replace with native plants.

The target is the beginning of October; next spring there would be something to show people. The original plan was to Fund the gardens out of the trillium grant but have not heard back from the; this is time sensitive. The total quote is \$13,363.00 including HST. Wendy suggests we commit to the amount and work on collecting some additional money from other funding sources. Martha agrees with moving forward and suggests we do a before and after photo.

Christina asked if this will require yearly funds and how the group thinks the funds will be collected. Cathy reported that the only cost would be maintenance, done by garden volunteers; the volunteer program will need to be active for 2022.

Motion: That we agree to invest in the upgrade of the gardens and remove invasive plants and weeds and replace with native plants in October 2021 to a maximum cost of \$12,000.00 excl. HST

Lorne asked the group if it is okay to process the funds without the grant money. Wendy and Cathy reported that we have the money in the bank and it will come out of the account.

Moved by Dianne Azzarello

Seconded by Susan Smitko

THANK YOU CARDS – We are still thinking about asking the students from the high school. Anna will reach out to the schools and Wendy will follow up.

Dianne mentioned that HeyGo has a smart phone live-stream tour service. All that is required is one tour guide and a \$150 device. Dianne is doing a tour next week if anyone wants to join and see how it works. Cathy reported that once staff are back at the Museum that content can be created.

11. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

No update at that time.

12. HISTORY BOOK SALES COMMITTEE REPORT

Susan sold 1 book this summer.

Required motion for the change in book price – No motion for price change.

Friend's web site updates

No update at that time.

13. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Not much is happening until earliest next fall.

We are not sure what the new normal will look like. We had a good response for renewal of memberships. We are still issuing the newsletter.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

AGM – November 1st or November 29 at 4:00pm.

Tentative, November 1st.

Andrew Keyes was inquiring about skating rinks. He mentioned the city committed last year to 4. One was the Markham Museum. Cathy asked who is arranging that. Cathy indicated the rink has not been used in about 10 years, however, the power box is still out there and water supply. Christina indicated she will reach out to Mary Creighton and ask what the status of this is.

15. NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2021

Wednesday October 13, 2021 5pm.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Andrew Keyes

Seconded by Bill Crothers

That the meeting of the Friends of Markham Museum Board held of September 8, 2021 be adjourned at 6.25pm.