

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 97
Electronic Meeting
October 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Wendy Kadlovski, Chair	Jill ten Cate – Collection Committee Chair
Lorne Smith, Treasurer	Councillor Andrew Keyes
Dianne Azzarello, Volunteer Committee Chair	
Sue Smitko, Book Committee Chair	
Anna Masci	
Councillor Karen Rea	
Christopher Hurezeanu	
Bill Crothers	
Martha Mingay	
<i>Staff:</i>	<i>Guests:</i>
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 5:03 PM with Wendy Kadlovski serving as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

THAT the agenda for the October 13, 2021 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (3.1)

4. REGRETS

J. Cate and Cllr. A. Keyes sent their regrets.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: M. Mingay
 Seconded By: L. Smith

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on September 8, 2021 be approved as amended.

Carried. (5.1)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy discussed the recent activities of the Museum. The Museum grounds have reopened to pre-booked visitors. We have been able to bring back three staff to work at admissions, keep our social media accounts active, and develop other programming. A security guard will be posted at the front door for the first two weeks, in case there are any issues regarding masks or proof of vaccination. Mark Scheibmayr, former Assistant Curator and Archivist, has returned as Interim Curator. He will be ensuring that all artifacts continue to receive proper care, process donations that have been received over the past year, and assist with the research components of social media. Eric Motton and John Overington have volunteered to help fix the Little Train track. This project is led by Vicky Chan of Sustainability and Asset Management. She was unable to find a contractor with the appropriate skills to repair the track. Eric and John volunteer with the Richmond Hill live steamers. Eric has been assisting Don Reesor with the stream tracker in recent years. The Mayor's Office was contacted by July Black. She wants to make some videos for social media on our site. City staff volunteered their time to pick all of the apples in our orchard, which were then donated to the Markham Food Bank.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

W. Kadlovski gave a report. The AGM is Monday, November 1 at 4 PM on Zoom. The directors need to be confirmed. Jill ten Cate will not be returning. W. Kadlovski thanked Jill for her service to the Friends.

Moved By: M. Mingay

Seconded By: S. Smitko

THAT the Board recommend to Council that the voting members of the Board be increased from 11 to up to 12.

Carried. (8.1)

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

L. Smith gave a report. In the past month, received interest of \$49.25, and a donation via United Way of the GTA. With regards to the sponsorship from the past Tokyo 1964 event, \$1000 out of the total \$6000 may not have been deposited. Museum staff will assist to track down the deposit.

10. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- a) Markham Little Theatre dinner theatre event update – MLT is still not active due to the pandemic, however, they are still interested in partnering again, one day, for another event.
- b) Garden project – Sustainable Roots started last week, and removed invasive species and weeds, added new soil, and started planting. Next step will be to work on signage for the gardens. We are now seeking funding for the garden, as the grant application was rejected.
- c) Note cards – Idea to commission high school students to make art, and turn them into cards that we would sell print-to-order. There are still issues as they may not take field trips, and the students can't come on their own for insurance reasons.

11. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

Nil.

12. HISTORY BOOK SALES COMMITTEE REPORT

Visited Chapters, potential for consignment. Also contacted a local real estate agent.
Website updates are waiting on Museum staff.

Moved By: S. Smitko
Seconded By: B. Crothers

THAT the price of the Markham: 1900-2000 book be increased to \$35 per one book, \$30 per book for 5 – 9 copies, and \$25 per book for 10+ copies.

Carried. (12.1)

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 November 10 at 5 PM via Zoom.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: M. Mingay

THAT the October 13, 2021 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (15.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM.