

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 108
Electronic Meeting
November 9, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Wendy Kadlovski, Chair	Councillor Andrew Keyes
Lorne Smith, Treasurer	Councillor Karen Rea
Sue Smitko, Book Committee Chair	Dianne Azzarello, Volunteer Committee Chair
Bill Crothers	Martha Mingay
Anna Masci	Christina Lee
Christopher Hurezeanu	
<i>Staff:</i>	
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	<i>Guests:</i>
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 was called to order at 4:39 PM with Wendy Kadlovski presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

THAT the agenda for the November 9, 2022 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (3.1)

4. REGRETS

D. Azzarello and C. Lee sent their regrets.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2022

Moved By: C. Hurezeanu
 Seconded By: S. Smitko

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on October 12, 2022 be approved as amended.

Carried. (5.1)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy gave a report. "Pottery classes and programs are extremely popular and most classes are full with waiting lists. Andrea is working on developing new program content for schools and general programming and, as are most facilities, is struggling with finding staff. She is also training staff for blacksmithing and hoping to develop blacksmithing classes, as we offer for the pottery.

Janet is making progress on collection care and documentation. Markham Moves will be in place until January 2024, and Conservation Crusaders will be the next exhibit. As the Friends are aware, the gallery space is large and quality exhibits take time and money. Program staff are good with this extension as there is well-developed program for the exhibit. There is still positive feedback from visitors, who continue to return specifically to visit Markham Moves.

Scaryfest had close to 3,500 attendees. The City Central Counties Grant made extra promotion and activity possible; however, attendance greatly exceeded staff expectation. Rental staff, due to staffing levels, did not negotiate any rentals for fall 2022. Cynthia is planning to reopen booking for dates starting in April 2023.

Repairs and replacement work for both Cider Mill and Train Station will start early in 2023. This work halted during COVID by City administration.

The Economic Growth, Culture and Entrepreneurship Department is developing a strategic plan. The Friends are stakeholders; you will be contacted for input, if you have not already been contacted.

I attended the Ontario Museum Association annual conference in Hamilton this week, Jane Reid attended also. The session material was very good.

Applications have closed for the Museum Director position. Interviews will be next week; it is the hope that there is some over-lap before I retire."

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave a report. We are cleaning up the accounting for the summer activities grant. Thanks to Matthew for his help with this. We will see a design proposal for the donation kiosk soon. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is next Wednesday. Our next meeting will be on December 14th.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current bank balance is \$40,482, including \$207 interest and \$38.50 from Canada Helps. We are awaiting reimbursement from the grant.

10. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We will aim to have the book launch event with Dr. Finlayson and George Duncan in the spring. Currently working on another grant application for the winter.

11. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

Nil.

12. HISTORY BOOK SALES COMMITTEE REPORT

Nil.

13. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Nil.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) An AGM will need to be scheduled. Matthew will enquire with Clerks.

- b) Museum staff have been working on updating programs to include the themes of reconciliation in the new school curriculum. The Museum will seek professional advice and research.

Moved By: L. Smith

Seconded By: S. Smitko

THAT the Friends of Markham Museum Board encourage Museum staff to develop a proposal to update Museum programs and exhibitions to include reconciliation components.

Carried. (14.b.1)

15. **NEXT MEETING**

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on December 14 at 5 PM.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: B. Crothers

THAT the November 9, 2022 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (16.1)

Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM.