

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 109
Electronic Meeting
December 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Wendy Kadlovski, Chair	Councillor Andrew Keyes
Lorne Smith, Treasurer	Christina Lee
Sue Smitko, Book Committee Chair	
Dianne Azzarello, Volunteer Committee Chair	
Bill Crothers	
Anna Masci	
Martha Mingay	
Christopher Hurezeanu	
Councillor Karen Rea	
<i>Staff:</i>	
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	<i>Guests:</i>
Andrea Carpenter, Acting 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 was called to order at 5:03 PM with Wendy Kadlovski presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

THAT the agenda for the December 14, 2022 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (3.1)

4. REGRETS

C. Lee sent her regrets.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2022

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

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on November 9, 2022 be approved as distributed.

Carried. (5.1)

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy gave a report. Andrea Carpenter will be the new Acting Manager of the Museum. The Museum needs to update its exhibition and education content to follow the new school curriculum. We need to start history at the correct point, and “decolonize” it. We would like to hire a consultant to do this research, which would create a guiding document to be used going forward. Approximate cost would be \$15,000. C. Molloy requested the use of the Friends’ research fund for this important project.

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

THAT in accordance with Cathy Molloy’s proposal, the Friends of Markham Museum Board recommend in principle to spend up to \$15,000 for research to update the Museum curriculum.

Carried. (7.1)

C. Molloy thanked the Board for all of the work it has done to support the Museum during her time as Director.

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

THAT the Board accepts Cathy Molloy’s final report as Director, and express extreme gratitude for all she has done for the Friends, the Museum and the community.

Carried. (7.2)

8. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave a report. We were able to rewrite our grant proposal, and allocate funds to the purchase and installation of an electronic sign at the Museum. C. Molloy thanked Matthew Wright and Vicky Chan (from Sustainability and Asset Management) for their respective parts on this project. Also thanks to the grant, there is a new donation kiosk in the front lobby on the Museum. This allows easy donations to the Friends with just a tap of a credit card or phone.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Current bank balance is \$61,228.60.

10. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Matthew Wright refreshed the Friends’ website and developed an online store. This allows for the sale of books and cards, as well as taking donations online. The payment integration is thanks to the relationship we were able to establish with a payment processor via the grant. The Chair thanked Matthew for his work on this project.

11. VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

Nil.

12. HISTORY BOOK SALES COMMITTEE REPORT

As stated previously, the book is now available for sale online. Sales may improve as a result.

13. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Will meet again in January.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

a) AGM will be early next year. Date TBD.

15. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on January 11 at 5 PM.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: B. Crothers

THAT the December 14, 2022 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (16.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:04 PM.