



Minutes
Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham
Monday, November 13, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 p.m
Council Chamber, Markham Civic Centre

<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Board of Directors Present: Jim Schmidt (Chair), Amin Giga (Treasurer), Craig McOuat (Vice-Chair), Connie Leclair (Governance Chair), Councillor Reid McAlpine, Nik Mracic, Carolyn Le Quéré, and Lisa Joy-Facey</p> <p>Staff Present: Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery, Anik Glaude, Curator and Program Co-ordinator, Varley Art Gallery, and Laura Gold, Clerk</p> <p>Regrets: Deputy Mayor Michael Chan, Bonnie Leung, Arpita Surana, Emily Li, and Francesca Dauphinais, Cultural Development Officer</p>

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham convened at 6:01 PM with Jim Schmidt presiding as Chair.	
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests	There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.	
3. Minutes of The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Board Meeting held on X	<p>Minor edits were made to minutes under the attendance and Governance Report.</p> <p>Moved by Craig McOuat Seconded by Carolyn Le Quéré</p> <p>That the October 16, 2023 Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Minutes, be approved, as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	There was no business arising from the minutes.	
5. Director’s Report	Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery, presented the Director’s Report. A copy of the report was circulated with the agenda package. Some of the highlights of the report included the following:	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the Varley Gallery has been shortlisted for a Gallery of Ontario Award; • Provided an update on the Unionville Revitalization Project; • Expressed concern regarding the impact the Unionville Revitalization Project may have on the Varley summer camp programs, noting staff are making plans to mitigate disruption to activities, including providing an option where parents can obtain a refund if required; • Provided an overview of the Gallery’s upcoming exhibitions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lost and Found, featuring Holly Ward and Kevin Schmidt Curate by Yan Wu (January 27 – May 5th, 2024); ○ To Go Boldly, Curated by Anik Glaude (May 25th – September 21st, 2024) • Hired a new Education, and Communication Assistant; • Provided a programs and events, and facilities update; • Provided a public art update; • Noted that a Director is needed to fill a vacancy on the Art Acquisition Committee, advising that the Committee meets once or twice a year. The next meeting is being held on November 20th at 2:30 PM. <p>The Directors noted that the timing of the Art Acquisition Committee poses a challenge for many of the Directors. They questioned if the time could be changed or if the meeting could be held virtually.</p>	<p>Director needed to join the Art Acquisition Committee - Board needs to appoint Director/</p>
<p>6. Financial Report</p>	<p>The Board briefly reviewed the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2023.</p>	
<p>7. Committee Reviews</p>	<p><u>Governance Committee</u> Connie Leclair provided the Governance report.</p> <p>The Board discussed whether it should approve the draft Governance Report or wait one more meeting. After careful consideration, the Board decided to proceed to approve the draft Governance Charter so that it can circulated to the City</p>	

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	<p>solicitor to review, noting that further amendments will still likely be made.</p> <p>Moved by Nik Mracic Seconded Jim Schmidt</p> <p>That the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham approve the draft Governance Charter; and,</p> <p>That the draft Governance Charter be forwarded to the City Solicitor for review and comment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
<p>a. New Business</p>	<p><u>2022 Financial Statements</u> Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator advised that the Foundation’s 2022 Financial Statements will be presented at the November 28, 2023 Development Services Committee meeting, as an Annual General Meeting Item under the consent agenda. The Financial Statements will then go to Council for final approval. Approving the AGM statements through this method will allow the Board to resume a normal Annual General Meeting schedule.</p> <p><u>Recruitment for New Directors</u> Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator, advised that recruitment for new Directors will commence soon.</p> <p><u>Purchasing or Borrowing Art</u> The Directors asked if there were any artworks that the Varley Gallery was interested in acquiring, and briefly discussed different ways Gallery can purchase or borrow art.</p> <p>Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery, advised that the Gallery has currently been looking at young emerging artist, such as Sara Angelouchi.</p>	
<p>b. Future Meeting Dates</p>	<p>The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held as an informal gathering at the Unionville Arms on December 11th at 5:00 PM.</p>	<p>Add Board’s Mission/Vision</p>

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	The Council/Committee Coordinator, was requested to add the Board's vision and mission statement to the next regular agenda.	Statement to the next Agenda – Laura Gold
c. Adjournment	Moved by Connie Leclair Seconded by Nik Mracic The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham adjourned at 7:57 PM. Carried	