



Minutes

Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham

Monday, September 9, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Art Gallery

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
1. Call to Order	The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting convened at 6:07 PM with Jim Schmidt in the Chair.	
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests	There was no disclosure of pecuniary interests.	
3. Upcoming Wine Tasting Third Party Fundraising Event	Francesca Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development Officer provided an update on the Thursday, October 3 rd , third party fundraising event to be held at Markham Museum in the Transportation Hall. The event is being hosted by Santo Natale, Past Board Director, who will split the proceeds between the Varley and Markham Stouffville Hospital. Santo is also responsible for the sale of the tickets. Directors were asked to support the event and purchase tickets. Santo has asked if the City can provide some of the tables and chairs required for the	

	<p>event. Santo would also like to work with the Foundation to host another event in 2025.</p>	<p>Directors encouraged to purchase tickets for third party event</p>
<p>4. Review of Minutes of Board Meeting held on June 10, 2024</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the June 10, 2024, minutes and had no comment. The minutes will be formally passed at the next meeting as there was no quorum.</p> <p>The following motions were approved by email on June 12, 2024:</p> <p>Moved by Nik Mracic Seconded by Amin Giga</p> <p>That the previously circulated minutes of the Varley-McKay Art Foundation board meetings of March 18, April 8, and May 8, 2024, be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>Moved by Craig McOuat Seconded by Amin Giga</p> <p>That Varley Art Gallery of Markham’s previously circulated 2024 application to the Ontario Arts Council operating grant program be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
<p>5. Business Arising from the Minutes</p>	<p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>	
<p>6. Directors Report</p>	<p>Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery, presented her Director’s Report. Some of the highlights included the following:</p> <p>The Varley’s new website – the new website has been successfully launched and the URL is: VarleyArtGallery.ca.</p> <p>2024 Fall Exhibitions – on September 20th a new exhibition <i>Meera Sethi: A History of Wear</i> will be introduced in the Main Galleries, and <i>Tracing Patterns</i> will be introduced in the Collection Gallery. These exhibits will run from September 21 to January 5, 2025.</p> <p>Attendance – Attendance figures were very successful throughout the summer months.</p> <p>Programs - an overview of the adult and children’s courses and workshops, and planned exhibition-related programming held over the summer months was provided.</p>	

	<p>Rentals and Community Partnerships – an update on rentals and community partnerships was provided.</p> <p>Facilities – An update on facilities was provided.</p>	
<p>7. Development Officer Report</p>	<p>Francesca Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development Officer, presented the Development Officer Report. Some of the highlights of the report included the following:</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49 volunteers contributed 2779 hours of community involvement. • This summer there were fewer volunteers in total, but each volunteer worked a greater number of hours. • Held a volunteer appreciation event on August 22nd. • Scheduled volunteers for fall programs. <p>Gallery Animateurs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided free guided tours to approximately 220 people and interacted with approximately 1138 visitors this summer. <p>Fall Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall fundraising events will be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, at the Gallery. • Tickets will be \$50 each. • Features a 20-minute artist’s talk followed by a 10–15-minute fashion show. • The Board was requested to work on getting additional sponsorship for the event, selling at least 10 tickets per Director, and obtaining donations of silent auction items, preferably sports tickets and golf packages. <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on grants was provided. <p>The Directors provided their sincere appreciation to Fran Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development Officer, for her hard work and dedication to obtaining and maintaining grant funds for the Foundation, recognizing the amount of time it takes to do this type of work.</p>	<p>Directors to work on getting additional sponsorship for the event, selling at least 10 tickets per Director, and obtaining donations for the silent auction items, preferably sports tickets and golf packages</p>
<p>8. Financial Report</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the financial report provided by Amin Giga, Treasurer.</p> <p>Connie LeClair noted that she was very impressed with the conservation of the artwork as described in the Curator’s talk at the Varley’s most recent fundraising event. As a result, she</p>	<p>Arrange for educational session</p>

	<p>requested that Varley staff provide the Directors with an educational session on this subject matter at a future meeting or scheduled event.</p> <p>A Director suggested that this could also be planned as a public event.</p>	<p>on conservation of artwork for Directors at future meeting or scheduled event – Gallery Staff</p>
<p>9. Committee Updates</p>	<p>A) Governance Committee</p> <p>Connie Leclair advised that there is no update from the Governance Committee at this time.</p> <p>B) Fundraising Committee</p> <p>Fran Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development that there would be no tax receipt provided for the sale of the tickets for the upcoming fundraising event.</p> <p>Ms. Dauphinais also asked the Directors to approve providing the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioners, and Fire Chief with complementary tickets for their upcoming fundraising event, as they do not have the funds to purchase them at this time but would like to come show their support. The Board approved the requested as they felt their attendance at the event was important as it raised the profile of the event and adds a community element to the event.</p>	<p>Provide complementary tickets to CAO, Commissioners, and Fire Chief for the upcoming fundraising event.</p>
<p>10. New Business</p>	<p>There was no new business.</p>	
<p>11. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham Annual General Meeting will be held at 4:00 PM on October 7, 2024, in the Council Chamber in a hybrid format.</p> <p>The next board meeting of the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham will be held on October 7, 2024, at 5:00 PM or immediately following the AGM.</p> <p>Location of meetings to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>12. Adjournment</p>	<p>The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham adjourned at 7:06 PM.</p>	