



**Minutes**  
**Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham**  
**Monday, June 10, 2024**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Art Gallery**

**Attendance**

**Board of Directors Present:** Jim Schmidt (Chair), Craig McOuat (Vice-Chair), Amin Giga (Treasurer) (6:38 pm), Connie LeClair (Governance Chair), Nik Mracic, Lisa-Joy Finlay

**Staff Present:** Niamh O’Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery; Francesca Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development Officer, Hristina Giantsopoulos, Election and Committee Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham meeting convened at 6:28 PM. There were not enough members present to achieve quorum until 6:50 PM. The committee proceeded with the meeting to provide brief updates on current matters. There were no votes taken nor were there any decisions made at this meeting.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests –** There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. Review of Minutes of Board Meeting held on March 18, April 8, and May 8 2024**

The committee members present consented to confirm the three sets of minutes via email in order to proceed with gallery operations including the Ontario Art Council grant application.

**Note:** The minutes of March 18, April 8, and May 13, and the Varley Art Gallery of Markham’s 2024 application to the Ontario Arts Council operating grant were confirmed via email by committee members on June 12, 2024.

**4. Business arising from the previous minutes.**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

## **5. Director's Report**

Niamh O'Laoghaire, Director, Varley Art Gallery, thanked Jim Scmidt for his support in providing the hard copy Exhibition, Events and Programs brochures and provided a summary of the upcoming exhibitions, programs, classes, and events.

She expressed the importance of the approval of the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) grant application.

**Note:** The OAC grant application was approved by the committee via email on June 12, 2024.

## **6. Development Officer Report**

Francesca Dauphinais, Foundation Cultural Development Officer, provided an update on the spring fundraising event that is to be held on Thursday June 13. She noted that there has been \$3,400 raised in ticket sales to date and that more ticket sales are needed to cover the \$10,000 in expenses. Committee members discussed current donation commitments as well as the silent auction items that will be fulfilled by the event day.

## **7. Financial Report**

The committee members present consented to approve the 2024 Budget and 2023 Financial Statements via email to comply with audit requirements.

**Note:** The 2024 Budget for the Varley McKay Art Foundation and the 2023 Financial Statements for the Varley McKay Foundation were approved via email by the committee on June 12, 2024.

## **8. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham will be held on September 9, 2024.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.