

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 60
Markham Museum, Mount Joy Boardroom
October 12, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Randy Barber, Chair	Mary Brawley
Doug Worsley, Vice Chair	Carolina Moretti
Martha Mingay, Secretary	Wendy Kadlovski
Ardy Reid	Councillor Colin Campbell
Lorne Smith	
Charlotte Schickedanz	
Bill Crothers	
<i>Ex Officio:</i>	<i>Guests:</i>
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	
<i>Staff</i>	
Matthew Wright (Recording Secretary)	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board was called to order at 5:10 p.m. with R. Barber presiding as Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: B. Crothers
Seconded By: D. Worsley

THAT the agenda for the September 14, 2016 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (3.1)

4. BOARD EDUCATION

Included with the Director's Report (Attachment A).

5. REGRETS:

M. Brawley sent her regrets.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

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

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on September 14, 2016 be approved as amended.

Carried. (6.1)

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy gave a report (Attachment A).

Moved By: D. Worsley

Seconded By: C. Schickedanz

THAT the Board receives the Director's Report.

Carried. (8.1)

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nil.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Collections Committee: The committee submitted a report (Attachment B)

Moved By: D. Worsley

Seconded By: A. Reid

THAT the Board approves the Collections Committee report.

Carried. (10.a.1)

b) Development Committee: Planning a speaker series event in the second two weeks of November, taking place early afternoon. A speaker is lined up and will be confirmed publicly soon.

Moved By: R. Barber

Seconded By: M. Mingay

THAT the Board receives the Development Committee's aural report.

Carried. (10.b.1)

c) Executive Committee: Nil.

11. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The next speaker is Ray Fugeman on horology. Nov 14, Cary, North Carolina and Nordlingen; Dec 12, German Christmas (confirmed); Feb 13, AGM and "Show and Tell".

Moved By: L. Smith

Seconded By: D. Worsley

THAT the Board receives the Markham Historical Society's aural report.

Carried. (11.1)

12. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Monday night at the Council meeting there will be a presentation on German Pioneer's Day.

b) The William Berczy monument will be dedicated during Canada 150 celebrations and attended by Nordlingen and Cary delegates.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on Nov 2, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Board Room at Markham Museum.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: R. Barber
Seconded by: C. Schickedanz

THAT the October 12, 2016 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (14.1)

Meeting adjourned 5:56 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Friends of the Markham Museum, Directors' Report

October 12, 2016

Mount Joy Board Room @ 5:00 p.m.

Programs and Events

Applefest was well attended with almost 4,000 visitors over the two day event. Due to parking restrictions it may not be possible to have more visitors at the event. We will examine a shuttle from the Mount Joy Go station, (which approves of the Museum using the lot for Applefest.) The other aspect of the event to be examined is food services. There were too many vendors; Museum staff are questioning if vendors are required given the site proximity to a number of fast food out-lets.

Museum staff are currently promoting and planning Scaryfest. For 2016, we have expanded the hours for the event so we expect to have even higher numbers than in 2015.

We continue to get a number of school visits each week, however, bussing has become an issue for all schools. The Museum is expanding its outreach programming in order to better serve the elementary and high school communities.

Exhibits

Markham Museum is hosting an exhibit from the Ontario Archives in the Spring. That exhibit features the diaries of four women that date to their arrival in Canada in the late 1800's. The Museum will augment the exhibit with five diaries of women from the Markham collection, from the same time period. Finally the Museum will partner with the welcome centres to feature the diaries of five women who have recently made Markham, and Canada, their home. Myseum of Toronto accepted and approved this project as a part their Museum Intersection, also in Spring. Markham Museum will develop program to mesh with the Museum Intersection project. Myseum has granted Markham Museum \$10,000 for this project.

Capital Programs

Most of the work planned for 2016 is wrapping up, with the exception of power upgrades site-wide, a number of roofs that require new shingles and Transportation Hall HVAC replacement. All work should be completed by the end of the year.

Museum Strategic Plan

The Consultants will be at the next meeting of the Friends (November 2) to present the proposed direction of the strategic plan for the Museum.

Culture and Economic Development Organizational Plan and Branding

The consulting team has been hired to conduct an analysis of our current organization and to propose a new organizational structure to ensure efficient delivery of program, business development and community/business connection. A few members of each of the Boards associated with the new department will be asked to attend a planning session with the consultants.

Acadia Rail Car

The Exporail Museum in Quebec has conservators report the Acadia and the offer of transfer of ownership. Before any consideration of Acadia becoming a part of their collection, the item needs to be discussed at their next collection committee meeting which is to be held in November.

ATTACHMENT B

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE BRIEF September 21, 2016

The Collections Committee met on September 21, 2016 for discussion regarding donations to the Museum, support for a new acquisition and other business.

Janet Reid provided the exhibition plans for the 2016/17 calendar year:

- Archaeology and the Markham Potteries, June 2016 – upper gallery
- Construction City: Keva and Roller Coasters, extended to December 31, 2016
- Echoes in the Ice – the Franklin Expedition September 2016 to January 2017
- Animal Gibberish – January to April 24, 2017
- Women's Diaries from the Archives of Ontario with additions from Markham – January 16 to April 28, 2017

Staff provided updates regarding documentation, conservation, curatorial & archives services, and volunteer activities.

Grant updates: Provincial (CMOG) operating grant program – submitted application, notification should be late October. Museum Assistance Program, Department of Canadian Heritage – submitted a grant for Echoes in the Ice. Submitted an application for Ontario 150 fund to support 2017 Agricultural Machine show in the fall. Application submitted to support “In Our Own Words” exhibition in January 2017.

The committee reviewed new donations to the collection for the year 2016.

New Donations: Crown Patent from the Quantz Family. Quilt from the Button Family (1939). Pat Wheeler collection of editorial cartoons. The museum is planning a reception when the Wheeler collection is finalized.

Janet advised the committee that the museum is still in negotiations for the collection of 200 oil lamps.

Conservation of the Peter Reesor painting is proceeding and should be completed in 18 months.

The Acadia was discussed and if the rail car is removed from the site (management issue) than the dining room suite will be deaccessioned from the archival collection. York Durham Heritage Railway has shown interest in the caboose and snow-plough.