

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 55
Markham Museum, Mount Joy Boardroom
March 2, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Bill Crothers, Chair	Carolina Moretti
Doug Worsley, Vice Chair	Nicole Taylor, Treasurer
Councillor Colin Campbell	
Martha Mingay, Secretary	
Randy Barber	
Charlotte Schickedanz	
Ardy Reid	
Mary Brawley	
Wendy Kadlovski	
<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 5:02 p.m. with B. Crothers presiding as Chair.

2. BOARD EDUCATION

R. Barber will postpone his report until after the release of the Museum's Strategic Plan.

3. REGRETS:

N. Taylor and C. Moretti sent their regrets.

4. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: D. Worsley
Seconded By: M. Brawley

THAT the agenda for the March 2, 2016 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (4.1)

5. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: M. Mingay
Seconded By: D. Worsley

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on February 3, 2016 be approved as distributed.

Carried. (6.1)

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy gave a report (Attachment A).

Moved By: Councillor C. Campbell

Seconded By: R. Barber

THAT the Board receives the Director's Report.

Carried. (8.1)

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nil.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Collections Committee: The next meeting will be held April 20.

b) Development Committee: Speaker series: February 18 event cancelled due to low enrolment. Bob McDonald on Sunday, March 20 in the afternoon. The group discussed marketing plans.

Moved By: R. Barber

Seconded By: D. Worsley

THAT the Board receives the Development Committee's Report.

Carried. (10.b.1)

c) Executive Committee: The AGM will be held on April 26th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Volunteer Dinner on hold, Council Recognition also to be determined.

Moved By: B. Crothers

Seconded By: M. Mingay

THAT the Board receives the Executive Committee's Report.

Carried. (10.c.1)

11. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Good attendance on February 8 – the History of Barbering. Feb 15 at Winterfest doing maple toffee, March 14 George Duncan will be speaking at a meeting, then Janet Reid on April 11, followed by pie night on May 9 and the Potluck dinner in June.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Councillor C. Campbell reminded the Board about the Earth Hour event taking place on March 19th at Cornell Community Centre.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on April 6, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Board Room at Markham Museum.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: W. Kadlovski

Seconded by: A. Reid

THAT the March 2, 2016 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (14.1)

Meeting adjourned 5:39 p.m.

Attachment A

Friends of the Markham Museum, Directors' Report

March 2, 2016

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

Board Education

Strategic plan update: Jeff Weatherston and Jon Linton will continue interviewing stakeholders through March. A draft plan template will be prepared in April.

Spring is approaching; if the Friends would still like to plant a tree in memory of Jim Wicks this can be facilitated through Nory Takada of Operations. Nory manages the City memorial tree program. The tree will cost \$250. It would be appreciated if a member of the Friends, close to Jim, would assist in the selection of a tree-type and the location.

Moe Hosseini-Ara and Cathy Molloy are currently interviewing candidates for the Business Development and Rental Coordinator. There were hundreds of applicants; so it is taking time to complete the selection and interview process. We anticipate that the person will be in the position by mid-April. Once that person is on-board we can reschedule the volunteer dinner, hopefully for May.

The Murdoch Mysteries episode that was partially filmed at the Museum aired on Monday, February 29th.

Cathy Molloy has been appointed Chair of the Looking Ahead Task Force of the Ontario Museums Association. The task force has developed planning document for the OMA through to 2015. The document details a coordinated planning process for all Ontario Museums. It will be presented at Queens Park, Museums Day, on May 17, 2016.

Exhibitions:

Snow was opened at Winterfest and was extremely well received. Museum staff have been recognized by the Executive Leadership Team at the City for collaborating with several City departments to help the public understand the work that is done across the City during situations like the ice-storm. Staff will be acknowledged at the next Teamwork Day.

The Curatorial Team is working on a semi-permanent exhibition about the potteries that were located on the Museum grounds, and the associated archaeology. Title of exhibition: From the Ground Up. Curatorial staff will also begin installation of 'Construction City' in late spring. Through working with Asset Management, various interesting Markham construction projects will be highlighted, there will be a lot of inter-active building components and will also include Keva and Coasters. Both exhibits will be installed for the summer; camp will use them both extensively.

Programs:

Camp for March Break at the Museum is sold-out. The Museum will have a series of activity stations for the drop-in program.

Birthday parties continue to sell well with activity every weekend. The pottery program continues to grow as, there was a bit of downturn in January/February. This may be due to the site use in the evening in mid-winter. The site is dark by 5p.m., and the pottery programs are in the evening. March/April programs are selling much better. We will examine evening programs for the winter of 2016/17; it may be best to not hold winter programming during these months.