

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 57
Markham Museum, Mount Joy Boardroom
May 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Randy Barber, Chair	Carolina Moretti
Doug Worsley, Vice Chair	Councillor Colin Campbell
Martha Mingay, Secretary	
Wendy Kadlovski	
Bill Crothers	
Charlotte Schickedanz	
Ardy Reid	
Mary Brawley	
Lorne Smith	
<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 5:14 p.m. with R. Barber presiding as Chair. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked Bill Crothers for the works he's done as Chair for the past few years.

2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: B. Crothers
Seconded By: M. Brawley

THAT the agenda for the May 4, 2016 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (2.1)

3. BOARD EDUCATION

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

4. REGRETS:

C. Moretti and Councillor C. Campbell sent their regrets.

5. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: M. Brawley
Seconded By: W. Kadlovski

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on April 6, 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: B. Crothers
Seconded By: M. Brawley

THAT the Board receives the Director's Report.

Carried. (8.1)

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nicole Taylor has left the Board. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked Nicole for her work as Treasurer, and wished her the best in the future. Wendy Kadlovski will now fulfill the role of Treasurer.

The Board reviewed the unaudited financial statements for 2015.

Moved By: M. Brawley
Seconded By: W. Kadlovski

THAT the Board approves the unaudited financial statements.

Carried. (9.1)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Moved By: M. Brawley
Seconded By: W. Kadlovski

THAT the Board approves the unaudited financial statements.

Carried. (10.a.1)

b) Development Committee: The Speaker Series is on hold, awaiting staffing developments at the Museum. Mary continues to work on the proposed Jane Goodall event with the school board.

Moved By: R. Barber
Seconded By: D. Worsley

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

Carried. (10.b.1)

c) Executive Committee: The Board discussed committee membership, the results of which will be published in the 2016 Committee Slate.

11. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Pie night and speaker on May 9 at Cedar Grove Community Centre. Potluck dinner at the Museum on June 13.

L. Smith suggested that a member of the Friends write an article to add to the MHS Newsletter; M. Mingay volunteered.

The Markham Historical Society has offered \$2500 for the purchase of the Haussegen Fraktur folk art. MHS has indicated that they are happy to support the Museum.

Moved By: R. Barber
Seconded By: D. Worsley

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

Carried. (11.1)

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on June 1, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Board Room at Markham Museum.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: A. Reid
Seconded by: D. Worsley

THAT the May 4, 2016 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (14.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:08 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Friends of the Markham Museum, Directors' Report

May 4, 2016
Mount Joy Board Room @ 5:00 p.m.

Board Education

The hiring of Museum summer staff is almost complete. The largest contingent is for camp, however Curatorial hire a couple of staff members. Maintenance staff support both camp and the rental business.

The new Business Development and Rentals Coordinator has been hired. Cynthia will start at the Museum on May 16th.

Our Pottery Technician, Victoria, has decided to go back to school. She is staying until the new technician is hired and trained. The job is currently posted.

Moe Hosseini-Ara has resigned as Director of Culture and has accepted a position with Toronto Libraries.

The Museum will miss both Moe and Victoria and we wish them well.

Exhibitions:

The new exhibition, Construction City will be open for International Museums Day on May 22. As usual, the summer exhibition will be highly interactive to accommodate the camp program, and our visitor demographic, families with young children.

Programs:

A new set of interactive tours are being developed by the Museum program staff. Currently we have options such as; geo-cache tour, animal habitat tour, garden tour or standard tour. The standard tour will be replaced with activity based tours at various locations on site.

Events:

The next Museum event is International Museum Day is Sunday May 22, 12p.m. to 4p.m. Admission is free.

ATTACHMENT B

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE BRIEF
April 19, 2016

The Collections Committee met on April 19, 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, May - September 6, 2016
- Echoes in the Ice: the Franklin Expedition, September 2016 - January 2017
- Animal Gibberish: January - 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 for June 2016 application museum will be submitting additional information on social media and exhibition planning processes.

Received holdback funds for IGNITE grant for Perfect Match (PanAm fund). Museum Assistance Program, Department of Canadian Heritage - received maximum grant for SNOW for January 2016.

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

New Donations: Aerial photograph of Unionville, catalogue from York Fed Agriculture, photographs, two almanacs and a Reesor grain bag complete with stencil. Also type collection for Print Shop was transferred from Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

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

The committee was presented with an opportunity to assist the museum with the purchase of a Reesor Folk Art—The Haussegen Fraktur (House Blessing) for an upset price of \$2,500.00.

A motion was brought forward “That the Friends of Markham Museum consider the purchase of the Reesor Folk Art piece and include the widest audience possible to be included with the assistance of the purchase”.

The motion was moved by Bill Crothers and seconded by Randy Barber that the purchase consideration of the Reesor Folk Art proceed. Motion carried.