

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 50
Mount Joy Boardroom, Markham Museum
October 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Bill Crothers, Chair	Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture
Doug Worsley	Councillor Colin Campbell
Martha Mingay	Nicole Taylor
Ardy Reid	
Carolina Moretti	
Mary Brawley	
Randy Barber	
Wendy Kadlovski	
Charlotte Schickedanz	
<i>Ex Officio</i>	Guests:
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 5:09 p.m.

2. BOARD EDUCATION:

Included in Director's Report

3. REGRETS:

M. Hosseini-Ara, Councillor Colin Campbell and N. Taylor sent their regrets.

4. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: C. Moretti

Seconded By: D. Worsley

THAT the agenda for the October 7, 2015 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (4.1)

5. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: D. Worsley

Seconded By: A. Reid

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on September 9, 2015 be approved as distributed.

Carried. (6.1)

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Enzo Recognition: The December meeting, traditionally a holiday get-together, will this year be a dinner or event to recognize Enzo Greco.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. Molloy circulated a report (Attachment A).

Moved by: M. Mingay
Seconded by: M. Brawley

THAT the Board receives the Director's Report.

Carried. (8.1)

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

N. Taylor sent an update via email. The Conrad Black event in June made about \$3,500 for the Foundation. The current bank balance is \$78,169.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Collections Committee: D. Worsley circulated a report (Attachment B).

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

THAT the Board receives the Collections Committee's Report.

Carried. (10.a.1)

- b) Development Committee:

- i) Speaker series: "Who needs those rights anyway" talk by Igor Shoikhedbrod coming on November 2. Currently still working toward a Jane Goodall which would have her talk livestreamed to all schools in the area, potentially 70,000 kids. Partnered with the York Region District School Board. Also investigating more speakers for the new year.
- ii) Other Events: The Development Committee is also looking at some other fundraising events, potentially bringing back the Wine Tasting event.
- iii) Acadia Project: Working with the Treasurer on a plan. Will hopefully bring to the next meeting.

- c) Executive Committee: No report.

11. MARKHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The annual Barbecue and Corn Roast went well with 50 people attending. The October 19 "Barbering through the Centuries" talk will not be taking place, due to the Federal election being the same night.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Volunteer Dinner, typically held in November will be rescheduled to the spring.

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

THAT the Board recognize Betty Easey as the recipient of the Ted Scaysbrook Memorial Volunteer Award for 2015.

Carried. (12.a.1)

13. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on November 11, 2015 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Board Room at Markham Museum.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: C. Moretti
Seconded by: M. Brawley

THAT the October 7, 2015 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (14.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:14 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

Friends of the Markham Museum

October 7, 2015

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

Director's Report

Board Education

The consultants for the Museum Strategic Plan have been engaged. Jeff Weatherston of Weatherston Bruer Associates and Jon Linton of TCI Management consultants presented a co-proposal that matches all of our needs, within the budget for the project. A preliminary meeting will be set up very soon. The Yijing Zisha Chinese Tea Pot Exhibition was installed successfully for Applefest. The Chinese cultural hall was also well received.

Applefest was extremely well attended, fantastic weather helped. The final numbers need to be tallied, however, it is estimated that about 5,000 people attended over the two days of the event.

Janet can open the Acadia later this week or early next. Is there a date that members of the Friends that would like to see the interior prefer?

I am still trying to get information about the tree planting for Jim Wicks, once the excavation project is done at the Museum I will have time to give it the attention that it deserves.

Exhibitions:

The next exhibition to come to the Collections Hall will be SNOW, opening in January 2016. This exhibition is from the Canadian Museum of History and will be augmented with a section on the ice storm history of 2013. Sonia Singh, the City's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, is providing content and items used during an emergency like the ice storm.

Capital Projects:

Mount Joy School restoration work is still delayed and the completion date is not known. The new fire escape has passed inspection, however re-pointing work still needs to be done as do the repairs to the front windows and ground clean-up.

Kinney Barn inspections have revealed more serious structural problems than originally reported. The walls are currently off of the barn. By next meeting I should have a thorough report of what work is required.

The site drainage project has been delayed as the contract has in sequence hit power, gas and fire security lines. The most serious damage was to the fire security system. The Museum is currently on 24 hour fire watch for all structures at the south/west end of the site. This includes the two mills, and other

wooden structures. The Fire Department and Asset Management have both been extremely supportive during this time.

Programs:

Program staff have been working on Scaryfest and the winter camp programs. More program staff have been hired as interest in the birthday party and weekend programming continues to grow in popularity. To date fall revenues have already exceeded fall revenues for last year (and all previous years.)

History Book Fund:

I have submitted a report to legal with all of the history of the fund and what is being recommended by the Historical Society and the Friends.

ATTACHMENT B

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE BRIEF

September 16, 2015

The Collections Committee met on September 16, 2015 for discussion regarding donations to the Museum and other business.

Janet Reid provided the exhibition plans for the 2015/16 calendar year:

The Perfect Match: Science of Sport, July 3 to January 2016;

Snow: Touring exhibition from the Canadian Museum of History, January to April 2016;

Archaeology and the Markham Potteries, Dates TBD

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

Grant updates: Provincial (CMOG) operating grant has been submitted. Funding announcement is pending.

The committee reviewed new donations to the collection for the year 2015 and these donations for the year will be submitted at the AGM.

New Donations: two Chinese teapots, bard owl, chair from the Chapman cottage, War of 1812 regimental payroll plus diary, Royal Train letter dated September 1919, Victoria Square photos, a Massey Harris yard stick and two forged hammers.

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

Under Review Folklore Society set of dishes from the Rammer Family and a Peter Reesor painting. The committee will be reviewing at the November meeting, artifacts from the Kinney Barn that are slated for de-accession.