

**FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING**  
**Meeting No. 46**  
**Collections Building, Markham Museum**  
**April 1, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Regrets:</b>
Bill Crothers, Chair	Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture
Doug Worsley	
Randy Barber	
Ardy Reid	
Charlotte Schickedanz	
Wendy Kadlovski	
Councillor Colin Campbell	
Nicole Taylor	
Mary Brawley	
Carolina Moretti	
Martha Mingay	
<i>Ex Officio</i>	<b>Guests:</b>
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	Tiffany Wong, Museum Youth Mentor
<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 5:04 p.m. with B. Crothers presiding as Chair. The Chair noted that Moe Hosseini-Ara had been appointed as Director of Culture for the City of Markham. The Board wished to formally congratulate him on his appointment.

**2. BOARD EDUCATION:**

None.

**3. REGRETS:**

None.

**4. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Moved By: W. Kadlovski

Seconded By: C. Moretti

**THAT** the agenda for the April 1, 2015 meeting be approved as distributed.

**Carried. (4.1)**

**5. DECLARATIONS**

Nil.

**6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING**

Moved By: Cllr. Campbell  
Seconded By: N. Taylor

**THAT** the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on March 4, 2015 be approved as amended.

**Carried. (6.1)**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) The Varley-McKay joint fundraiser: A meeting has been scheduled for April 8.

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

C. Molloy circulated a report (attached).

Moved by: R. Barber  
Seconded by: N. Taylor

**THAT** the Board receives the Director's Report.

**Carried. (8.1)**

**9. TREASURER'S REPORT**

No report.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Collections Committee: The next meeting of the Collections Committee will be on April 15.
- b) Development Committee: On April 23 a second speaker event will be held with guest presenter Professor Marti Latta who will speak on the Ashbridge Estate. The Board then discussed several ideas for future events and how to run them more efficiently.
- c) Executive Committee: The Museum has requested assistance from the Friends to purchase a "Build Your Own Coaster" education kit from the Ontario Science Centre. This kit will be used in birthday party and outreach programs.

Moved by: M. Mingay  
Seconded by: R. Barber

**THAT** the Friends approve of and will purchase the Build You Own Coaster set in the amount of \$18,000 plus tax and provide it to the Museum.

**Carried. (10.c.1)**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on May 6, 2015 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Board Room at Markham Museum.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**THAT** the April 1, 2015 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

**Carried. (13.1)**

Meeting adjourned 5:51 p.m.

## **ATTACHMENT**

### **Director's Report**

#### **Friends of the Markham Museum**

April 1, 2015

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

#### **Board Education**

The PANAM Torch Relay is coming to Markham on June 27<sup>th</sup>. There is a detailed plan of all activities that will be published soon. The Museum is opening the Perfect Match, the Science of Sport that same day. We are working with PANAM organizers to have flags available at the Museum for visitors to welcome the torch. There will be limited amount of flags, but those that have one, will be admitted to the Museum to see the exhibition for free that day.

#### **Directors Report**

At the meeting of Council last evening, both the Operating and Capital budgets were passed. Highlights of Capital work for 2015, beyond the usual upkeep and maintenance of the building and collection are:

- ☐ Mountjoy washrooms are almost complete due to pre-approval of funds to meet Museum schedules. Other work to be done in Mountjoy in 2015 includes, new windows on all above grade rooms, brick-work repairs, replacement of fire escape, and other minor repairs.
- ☐ New HVAC in Transportation Hall
- ☐ Kinnee Barn, new cladding, new flooring, raccoon proofing and re-programming
- ☐ Museum Strategic Plan
- ☐ Strickler Barn feasibility study

Operating, as reported earlier, has resulted in a \$50,000 cut to the Museum subsidy and further \$50,000 in 2016.

The Museum is very pleased with the appointment of Moe Hosseini-Ara as Culture Director. The City is investing in a Culture Department, and a leader that is capable of redefining the department so that we will be better placed for future growth and development, and cultural awareness in the community.

The Museum is in preliminary discussions with a local business man who would like to bring master potters from China to display their tea pots, with an accompanying tea tasting area. The Museum has space available in the Mezzanine in September, and that time is good for the group. This activity meshes well with our program direction, particularly with our pottery component. One of the Chinese masters has requested clay from the Rouge clay bed, in order to make a Markham pot. I am actively trying to find a way to source the clay.