

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 45
Collections Building, Markham Museum
March 4, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Bill Crothers, Chair	Carolina Moretti
Doug Worsley	Randy Barber
Martha Mingay	Mary Brawley
Ardy Reid	Cathy Molloy, Museum Director
Charlotte Schickedanz	
Wendy Kadlovski	
Councillor Colin Campbell	
Nicole Taylor	
<i>Ex Officio</i>	Guests:
Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture	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 5:02 p.m. with B. Crothers presiding as Chair.

2. BOARD EDUCATION:

None.

3. REGRETS:

R. Barber and C. Moretti sent their regrets.

4. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: D. Worsley
 Seconded By: N. Taylor

THAT the agenda for the March 4, 2015 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (4.1)

5. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: Cllr. Campbell
 Seconded By: M. Mingay

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

Carried. (6.1)

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Gala for Giving: R. Barber suggested via email that a few Board members might consider attending the event to learn more about it and to consider participating next year.
- b) The Varley-McKay Foundation is interested in holding an art show on the Museum grounds. 2015 is already too booked with facility rentals, but they will look at 2016. R. Barber will meet with the Varley-McKay Board to discuss in the future.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – M. Hosseini-Ara

M. Hosseini-Ara gave an update on the Museum's recent activities on C. Molloy's behalf. The Museum's March Break activities will be themed around the Canada: Day 1 exhibition and feature the new pottery studio. Visitors will also be able to contribute to a group exhibition that Museum staff hope to have installed in the Great Hall at the Civic Centre. The budget for the City's culture venues has been cut by \$150,000, \$100,000 of which will affect the Museum. In 2014, the Museum ended the year at about \$50,000 in the black so we will be looking for opportunities to increase revenues by another \$50,000.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

N. Taylor informed the Board that the current bank balance was \$72,334.

Moved by: N. Taylor
Seconded by: M. Mingay

THAT the Board approves the unaudited financial statements for 2014.

Carried. (9.1)

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Collections Committee: The next meeting of the Collections Committee will be in April.
- b) Development Committee: No report.
- c) Executive Committee: The Friends AGM is coming up, and its purpose is to make a report to Council. The presentation will display the achievements and community impact of the Friends and the Museum, and possibly include a slideshow. There are a few terms of Board members that are ending, and the Board discussed the composition of its members are their strengths. They discussed the Board's need to move forward with major fundraising projects, and spoke about various ideas.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Park: A meeting about the property to the north of the Museum was held at the Museum on February 25. A handful of Board members and people from the Markham Historical Society attended out of their own interest. Two designs for the park were presented with features including a play area and a splash pad.
- b) Digital Markham Strategy: A request has been made for the Board to send a member to a session to give feedback and ideas on what a connected city should look like.

12. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be held on April 1, 2015 at 5 p.m. in the Mount Joy Board Room at Markham Museum.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

THAT the March 4, 2015 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (13.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.