

FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
Meeting No. 42
Mount Joy School, Markham Museum
November 5, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
Bill Crothers, Chair	Councillor Carolina Moretti
Doug Worsley	Mary Brawley
Charlotte Schickedanz	Nicole Taylor
Randy Barber	
Ardy Reid	
Martha Mingay	
Wendy Kadlovski	
<i>Ex Officio</i>	Guests:
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	Moe Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture
<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 5:05 p.m. with B. Crothers presiding as Chair. The Chair welcomed M. Hosseini-Ara, Director of Culture for the City of Markham to the meeting.

2. BOARD EDUCATION:

None.

3. REGRETS:

C. Moretti and M. Brawley sent their regrets.

4. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Moved By: R. Barber
 Seconded By: A. Reid

THAT the agenda for the November 5, 2014 meeting be approved as distributed.

Carried. (4.1)

5. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved By: A. Reid
 Seconded By: R. Barber

THAT the minutes of the Friends of the Markham Museum meeting on September 10, 2014 be approved as distributed.

Carried. (6.1)

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – C. Molloy

C. Molloy gave an update on recent Museum activities. 2014 Rental revenues are up \$35,000 from 2013, and 2015 is booking quickly. Summer Camp revenues were approximately \$350,000.

Applefest attendance was about 5,000, and Scaryfest brought in 1,500, its best attendance yet. Programs are booking well and birthday parties are run nearly every weekend. New programs look at geography and pottery among other topics. The Museum hired its Pottery Technician and Instructor and will start public programs in January.

The Museum was also nominated by the Markham Board of Trade for a Business Excellence Award in the field of Community Relations and Cultural Enrichment.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

None.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Collections Committee: D. Worsley submitted a report.

Moved by: D. Worsley

Seconded by: M. Mingay

THAT the Friends of the Markham Museum Board receive the Collections Committee report (Attachment A)

Carried. (10.1.a)

- b) Development Committee: R. Barber met with Museum staff to propose a small WWI fundraiser event. The date will be Thursday, January 22, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$30 per person or \$50 for a pair. A speaker, John Plumptre of the Churchill Society will speak on those that returned home and their lives afterwards and also what Canada's War memorials tell us about communities and the aftermath.

Moved by: R. Barber

Seconded by: W. Kadlovski

THAT the Friends of the Markham Museum Board approve of the proposal for a Markham and the Great War fundraising event.

Carried. (10.1.b)

- c) Executive Committee:

Moved by: M. Mingay

Seconded by: D. Worsley

THAT the Friends of the Markham Museum Board approve the City's motion to rename the Museum's archive in the Collections Building to "The Mary and Isabel Champion Research and Archive Centre" in recognition of their contributions to the community.

Carried. (10.1.c)

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

THAT the Friends of the Markham Museum give R. Barber the authority to form a committee of research into the viability of restoration of the Acadia train car consisting of two Board members, two Museum staff, two volunteers from the public, and the Director of Culture.

Carried. (10.2.c)

11. STRATEGIC PLAN

C. Molloy and M. Hosseini-Ara discussed the Museum's Strategic Plan process. In 2015 a consultant will be hired to collect statistics and get feedback from customers, residents, the Board and other stakeholders. This information will be used to then build out the Strategic Plan from its current form. M. Mingay expressed her appreciation of C. Molloy's work on the strategic plan.

12. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Moved by: A. Reid
Seconded by: W. Kadlovski

THAT the Friends of the Markham Museum recommend John Bayfield as the Ted Scaysbrook Volunteer Award recipient for 2014.

Carried. (12.1)

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Pan Am Centre: M. Hosseini-Ara invited the Board to attend the grand opening of the Markham Pan Am Centre on Sunday, November 23, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

14. NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Board that the next meeting would be a holiday social event on December 10, venue to be announced.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: D. Worsley
Seconded by: W. Kadlovski

THAT the November 5, 2014 meeting of the Friends of the Markham Museum Board be adjourned.

Carried. (15.1)

Meeting adjourned 6:24 p.m.

Attachment A

**COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE BRIEF
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

The Collections Committee met on September 17, 2014 for discussion regarding donations to the Museum and other business.

Janet Reid provided the exhibition plans for the 2014/15 calendar year (Marconi: The Early Years of Wireless, June to October; Kids Celebrate, September to December; Markham Remembers the Great War, October to May 2015; Canada Day 1, January to June 2015; The Perfect Match: Science of Sport, July 3 to January 2016).

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

The committee reviewed donations to the collection for the year 2014.

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

Historical Society financial Archival Storage will be accepted by the museum with the understanding that the museum has the right to purge archival material.

Non executive member terms were discussed with 2 year terms being presented as per May 7, 2014 motion from the Friends of the Markham Museum. This created additional discussion with the fact that terms had been previously established. The Chair's stance was that the terms were never clearly spelled out. This was confirmed after the meeting.

Further correspondence (email) set the terms at 2 years from the AGM.

Indefinite term for the City Historian was established as per May 7, 2014 motion from the Friends of the Markham Museum.