

THE FRIENDS OF THE MARKHAM MUSEUM BOARD

Meeting No. 18

Buie residence, Markham ON

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 – 5 p.m.

In Attendance:	Regrets:
John Buie, Chair	Staff: Matthew Wright (Recording Secretary)
Debbie Wong	John Ryerson, Director of Culture
Bob Baird	
Glenn Schick	
Martha Mingay	
Edmund Li	
Randy Barber	
Councillor Carolina Moretti	
<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Cathy Molloy, Museum Director	

1. CALL TO ORDER & OPENING REMARKS

The meeting of the Friends of Markham Museum Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with J. Buie presiding as Chair.

The Chair welcomed the Board of Directors and thanked them for their efforts over the past year.

2. REGRETS

M. Wright, J. Ryerson

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved by G. Schick

Seconded by D. Wong,

THAT the minutes of the Friends of Markham Museum for November 14, 2011 (as attached) be approved. **Carried. (3.1)**

4. ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Other Business: 11. a) Children's Garden – E. Li

5. DECLARATIONS

Nil.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The chair advised that the announcements pertaining to ArtsVest would be announced next week.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - C. Molloy

C. Molloy has been appointed to the conference committee for the York Region Arts Council. Cathy presented on Audience Development at the Making Culture Matter Symposium and Centennial College on December 5th. The presentation was well received; Cathy offered to give the presentation to the Friends at the January meeting.

The site continues to have issues with water infiltrating the security wire system in wet weather. The site was on 'fire-watch' for most of last week. Asset Management has bumped the repair of the system to a priority and staff will meet on December 7th to start the process.

The Town publication for programs is getting a new look, the Museum pages will be better identified.

Snowshoeing programs at the Museum for over the holiday are sold out. A second school has booked the site for snowshoeing for their entire primary division.

The repairs to Hoover House will commence on Monday, Dec. 12 and will continue for a month, the roof tiles will be replaced as well as foundation repairs.

The Museum (Town) now owns responsibility of the collection building; it is no longer under warrantee.

The Museum is pursuing the purchase of two golf carts for use on site seasonally, using existing capital funds.

The volunteer dinner was held on November 30th with about 100 people in attendance.

Commissioner Brenda Librecz thanked all on behalf of all Town staff and Councillor Moretti gave thanks on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Cathy brought forward a proposal pertaining to the potential de-accession of an artifact.

Moved by B. Baird

Seconded by M. Mingay

THAT the matter be referred to the Collection Committee.

Carried.(7.1)

Moved by G. Schick

Seconded by E. Li

THAT the Board approve in principle that upon receipt of financial pro forma, the purchase of an additional twenty snowshoes for Museum use be paid for by the Friends of Markham Museum.

Carried.(7.2)

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT – M. Mingay

No report.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT – D. Wong

D. Wong reported that after the annual expenses had been paid, the current bank balance is \$54,716.71 and that the Friends should expect to receive an H.S.T. rebate of \$2,600 in 2012 for 2011 expenses.

Moved by M. Mingay

Seconded by E. Li

THAT the Board receive the Treasurer's Report.

Carried.(8.1)

10. Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

J. Buie reported that a workshop will be held in February by Revenue Canada, the object of which is educating board members of charitable foundations. A few members expressed interest and John offered to get more information.

b) Museum Collection Committee

The role of the Collection Committee was discussed. The group will bring monthly exhibit reports so that the Development Committee can be pro-active about potential funding support.

c) Development Committee

M. Mingay reported that the next gala will be held in April and will be called "Wagon Wheels and Casual Heels." The Gala committee met in November. There are four community members on this committee.

M. Mingay reported that the sponsor reception for the *Favourite Things* exhibit was well received.

There was a long discussion by all Friends members pertaining to exhibit development and the fact that attendance to the Museum is driven by programs, not exhibits. The Museum Curator is researching exhibits in conjunction with the Educational Programming Department in order to maintain high attendance for programs.

d) Volunteer Committee

The staff of the Museum has recommended Abdullah Nensey for the Scaysbrook Volunteer Award for 2011. He would be the first youth to be awarded the honour. Abdullah has already donated 430 hours in 2011, was part of *Favourite Things* as a student and is a member of the youth mentorship program.

Moved by G. Schick

Seconded by B. Baird

THAT Abdullah Nensey be the recipient of the 2011 Scaysbrook Award.

Carried.(10.c.1)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Children's Garden – E. Li

The Children's Garden will be installed in a temporary method in 2012 and will be incorporated as a part of an amended site plan in 2013. A celebration of Jenna and the garden will be held this summer.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Friends of Markham Museum Board will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 5 pm at Markham Museum in the Mount Joy Board Room.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Baird

Seconded by G. Schick,

THAT the December 7, 2011 meeting of the Friends of Markham Museum Board be adjourned

Carried. (13.1)

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.