

**VARLEY MCKAY
ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM**

**TOWN OF MARKHAM
VARLEY ART GALLERY
Monday, September 19, 2011
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

<p><u>Attendance:</u></p> <p><u>Board of Directors Present:</u> Councillor Don Hamilton Terrence Pochmurski, Chair Mahesh Chokshi Karen Chadwick Drew Gerrard Paul Keeling Patty Loveland Sammy Lee Ernestine Tahedl</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Francesca Dauphinais, Development Officer Francine Périnet, Director, Varley Art Gallery John Ryerson, Director of Culture Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>	<p><u>Absent:</u> Edward Mariani</p>
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The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham convened at 4:12 p.m. without quorum with Terrence Pochmurski presiding as Chair.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING

The Chair welcomed the Board of Directors.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Board deferred the passing of the minutes until quorum was obtained

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Francine Périnet, Director, Varley Art Gallery, provided her Director's report. The report included a staff update and a review of the programs at the Varley. It was noted that the programs taking shape at

the Gallery address the transformation of Canadian art through history. A hard copy of the report was circulated to the Board of Directors.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Chair reported that the Nominating Committee will be recommending three (3) strong applicants for appointment and that there are an additional three (3) interviews still to be conducted.

5. MINUTES OF THE VARLEY-MCKAY ART FOUNDATION OF MARKHAM BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 9, 2011

Quorum was obtained at 4:20 p.m.

Moved by Paul Keeling

Seconded by Karen Chadwick

That the Minutes of the May 9, 2011 Varley McKay Art Foundation of Markham be adopted.

CARRIED.

It was noted the Drew Gerrard voted against the motion circulated by email on July 27, 2011. The motion approved the Gallery's submission of an application to the Ontario Arts Council for an annual operating grant in the amount of \$45,000.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Building and Long range Planning Committee

Ms. Périnet reported that there was a minor set-back regarding the gallery floor. This issue was being resolved. No further update was provided.

b) Art Acquisition

Ms. Périnet advised that once the Board is at full compliment the membership of the Art Acquisition Committee will need to be reviewed and a Chair will need to be appointed.

c) Homes for the Holiday

Ms. Karen Chadwick reported that the Homes for The Holiday Committee is working towards obtaining additional sponsors for the 2011 event. There are currently eight (8) homes participating in this year's event. The next steps include the more refined details, such as creating the program and working with homeowners. An event is being held on September 27, 2011 to introduce the home owners and sponsors. Wine and cheese will be served.

d) Art Auction

Mr. Paul Keeling advised that the Committee was focusing on having fewer art pieces of higher quality at the 2012 Art Auction. He also advised that acquiring the art will be challenging. It was noted that Mr. Patrick Carr, Past Board Member, has agreed to assist with the 2012 art auction.

It was reported that the Gallery is being promoted by having it open to the public and free of charge for a one month period. This was made possible by a \$5,000 donation from IBM.

e) Development Officer Report

Ms. Francesca Dauphinais, Development Officer, provided a review of her roles and responsibilities from June to September 2011 and a work plan for October 2011. The report outlined her duties and responsibilities pertaining to the management of volunteer; the management of the website; and other duties related to the Homes for the Holiday Event and ArtsVest. The report was circulated to the Board.

f) Art Battle at the Varley

The Chair reported that the Art Battle has been transformed into the Sphere Social Club. A launch party is being held on Saturday, January 14, 2011. Members will be invited to workshops/presentations on topics of interest for persons interested in the arts (e.g. how to build an art collection). There will also be monthly events for members (e.g. wine and cheese). The membership is anticipated to grow slowly and it is hoped that the club will increase the Gallery's membership overtime.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There was no report provided.

9. SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

The Board approved the proposed date for the Special Members meeting. It was requested that a Board meeting be held soon after the October 31, 2011 Special Members Meeting to elect the Officers. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of amending the Foundation's by-law in the future.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Paul Keeling

That the Board of the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham approve that the Special Members Meeting be held on October 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Canada Room.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Karen Chadwick

That, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham resolve into an in-camera session at (5:10 p.m.) to discuss the following matter:

- 3) A personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by Paul Keeling

That the Board rise from the in-camera session (5:28 p.m.).

CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

There was a discussion regarding the Board's meeting dates. The possibility of changing the meeting date from Monday to another day of week was discussed. The Chair was requested to set the meeting dates for the remainder of 2011 and for 2012 and report back at the next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Foundation would be held on October 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Gallery.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham adjourned at 5:35 p.m.