

## **Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Meeting:** Tues July 18, 4:30 p.m.

**Present:** Debbie Ballard√ Robert Schulz Mary Hickling√ Caren Fagerdahl Nell Laur √

Council representative: Paul Ryan Committee Secretary: Sherry George√ Guest:

**Minutes from last meeting, June 20, 2017:** adopted as sent.

### **Governance:**

- Strategic Plan: Have received one email with comments; attached. Following discussion, it was agreed that we should be certain that Strat Plan stresses inclusivity, but should not necessarily include references to our indigenous peoples.

### **Finance:**

- CMOG application submitted.
- Fundraising for tugboat has begun. Insert with utility bills outlines drives for both museum memberships and tugboat improvements. Request to code tugboat donations separately denied.

### **Collections:**

- M.Ahrens continues Tener project. Meeting June 27 with R.Farmer (Times Printing). Aiming for Christmas sales. Student C.Cawston working with Tener on photo manipulation.

### **Exhibitions:**

- Current: Canada 150 exhibit: transportation. Well received.
- Nov/Dec: Costuming over 150 years.
- 2018: Museum 40 years young! Reconciliation.

### **Interpretation & Education:**

- Partnering with Metis on summer programming (beading, etc).
- Rec'n Crew and summer school programming has begun.

### **Research:**

- William Hampden Tener for Canada 150 project.
- Truth & Reconciliation at local level. Museum assisting S.Loney on upcoming book. Looking to partner with First Nations community. Rainy River First Nations very interested.

### **Conservation:**

- Jane Dalley, conservator associated with Association of Manitoba Museums, here Tues June 27 to complete on-site visit. Will return devices at end of month. Report to follow.
- Tugboat: how to proceed with sandblasting? An email has been sent to T.Rob. Meeting with all concerned suggested.

### **Physical Plant:**

- No takers on ramp/washroom tender.

### **Community:**

- Canada 150 merchandise continues to sell well. Have sold out 1<sup>st</sup> order of hats and re-order of umbrellas.

### **Human Resources/Professional Development:**

- Orientation June 29 for students who missed first round. Hired high school student, Katelyn Bruyere, who will also work here Saturdays during the year.
- Staff have raised concerns on loiterers between Legion Parking lot and museum, making it uncomfortable during walk to and from museum. They are to immediately report any occurrence. Incidents will be recorded and police informed.

**Numbers:** June visitors: 594 (595 in 2016).

*Recommendations to be made to Executive Committee of Community Services....*

**Meeting adjourned** at 5:25. .

**Next meeting:** Tues Aug 15 at 5 p.m?

