

Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Agenda

Meeting: Mon June 15, 2015, 4:45 p.m.

Present: Debbie Ballard Robert Schulz ✓ Mary Hickling Jim Curr ✓ Caren Fagerdahl
Council representative: Paul Ryan; Committee Secretary: Sherry George ✓ Guests:

Minutes from last meeting, May 19: adopted as sent.

Governance: Work on Community Museum Operating Grant is underway; new requirements for 2015 are included.

Finance:

- CMOG grant was forwarded to Council as of June 12th and is due June 30th.
- HR budget cannot accommodate advertising for intern position. Cost to museum will be over \$1000, putting us well over-budget as summer promotional ads were already set-up.
- Investigating options for Canada 150 grant. An interpretive centre is not eligible.
- 11x17 poster frames at Town facilities to advertise for museum? No response to request as yet.

Collections: Hiring for intern position underway – Collections Management Coordinator through N.Ont. Heritage Fund.

Exhibitions:

- **Main floor** –*May to August:* 50th Anniversary of Noden Causeway. Wine & cheese reception for June 24th. Donation of \$200 made by council. Invitations have been sent to area leaders. George Armstrong Co will support the event with \$500 donation. *Sept to Dec:* Artistry of Hooked Rugs. D.Ballard curating.
- **Upstairs gallery** – Running causeway-themed photo contest June - August. Slow start.
- **Traveling** – still investigating traveling exhibits (to be paid for from D'Agostini estate), however due to high cost, will also look at using funds for programming, specifically using I-pads for museum content, successful in Kenora.
- **Brainstorm exhibit ideas using volunteer experts** – June 1st special meeting. Follow-up needed.

Interpretation & Education: Summer art programming with Shawna Holmlund has been advertised. We have partnered with the Sportsplex on these.

Research: Supporting Neil McQuarrie with new book idea – looking for snapshots of daily living.

Conservation: Continue to research artist H. Strickland. Preparing report for T.Rob regarding murals.

Physical Plant:

- Hallett hull has been powerwashed and repainted, and reported 'good as new'.
- Server reboot at the town has resulted in intermittent disruptions to email service and network at the museum. J.Hughes solved network problems, but email still seeing issues.

Community:

- Friends researching 2016 calendar and have ordered local heritage-related sale items to be available soon.
- School groups visiting. Students have introduced heritage programming – birchbark canoes and imprinting plants.

Human Resources:

- Three suitable applications for intern position received. Two from S.Ontario, one from BC.
- A.Petrin not available for interviews; will coordinate with J.Kabel and A.Kilgour-Subnaik.

Numbers: May 2015 visitors: 200; (323 in 2014).

Ontario Arts Council: nothing new.

Follow-up: *Recommendations to be made to Executive Committee of Community Services...*

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Mon July 20th at 4:45 p.m.