

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

### MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 23, 2020

The meeting of Museum Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held Virtually via Zoom on September 23, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:13.

PRESENT: Debbie Ballard - Chair, Robert Schulz, Mary Hickling, Caren Fagerdahl, Nell Laur, J. McTaggart, Councillor

ALSO PRESENT: Beverley Cochrane, Museum Curator; Aaron Bisson, Recreation & Culture Manager

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

#### **3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**

3.1 Meeting Date: August 26, 2020

#### **4. Governance:**

4.1 Advertisement for Museum Advisory Committee members will be posted by the end of September 2020.

#### **5. Finance:**

5.1 Direction/ clarification regarding fees when Museum opens; decision is to maintain off-season admission by donation.

#### **6. Collections:**

6.1 Accepted donation of artifacts found in Fort St. Pierre (Fort Lac La Pluie). Bev Cochrane to work with Kayleigh Speirs, Curator at Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre.

#### **7. Exhibitions:**

7.1 Once Museum is open to public; "Perils of Plastics" will be open. (October to November)  
Nindinawemaganag: All My Relations confirmed (December to February). Looking to book workshops sessions; likely via Zoom.

#### **8. Interpretation & Education:**

8.1 Looking at partnerships with Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre regarding Education Kits

8.2 J. McTaggart stated that he'd like to see a "Walking Tour". Bev advised that there were two "apps" that were being considered; "On This Spot" and "Pocket Sites". Update will be provided at next meeting

#### **9. Physical Plant:**

9.1 OUTDOOR/ COURTYARD ISSUES

- Items stolen: Canada Day flags, "Pride Lives Here" sign, hose and nozzle, extension cord. Camera footage reviewed; police notified.
- Bedding, drug and alcohol paraphernalia consistently found in alcove behind accessibility ramp and on back steps.
- Garden planted by "Friends of Museum" thriving

## **10. Community:**

- 10.1 Friends of Museum Meeting to be held September 24, 2020 via Zoom.
- 10.2 Sunset Country Regional Museum Network Meeting held on Friday September 18, 2020; hosted virtually by FF Museum. Meeting chaired by Atikokan Museum.
- 10.3 Fort Frances Writer's Group resumed on September 9, 2020, via Zoom. The group will continue meeting virtually until we can meet again in Museum.

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

- 11.1 Bev will be registering for Ontario Museum Association Annual meeting; to be held virtually this year.
- 11.2 Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs funding still available. We are still working logistics out regarding this; schedules, etc.

## **12. Numbers:**

- 12.1 August 2020: 34 (August 2019: 779)

## **13. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETING DATE**

- 13.1 Wednesday October 28, 2020 at 12:00 noon

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D. Ballard, Chair

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B. Cochrane, Museum Curator