

Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting: *Tues Nov 15, 5 p.m.*

Present: Debbie Ballard ✓ Robert Schulz ✓ Mary Hickling ✓ Caren Fagerdahl ✓ Bonny Montgomery ✓
Council representative: Paul Ryan Committee Secretary: Sherry George ✓ Guest: **Jason Kabel**

Minutes from last meeting, Oct 18: adopted as sent.

Governance:

- Time for committee members to re-submit forms should they wish to continue on the Museum Advisory Committee. Attached. Forms can be submitted as per directions on bottom of the form.
- Strategic Planning, Ian Simpson chair. Upcoming meetings have been set for Wed Dec 7, 4 p.m. – Mission, Vision & Values; and Fri Dec 16, 10 – 2 p.m. – to put together survey questions. Sherry will bring Heritage Tourism Plan.

Finance:

- Budget process underway. As the Town is expecting budget shortfalls, we have been asked to submit zero-increase budgets. Discussion is yet to take place re: an assistant, Canada 150 spending or acquisition of the ‘bug’. The museum asked to implement fees during the off-season in place of donations – next April.

Collections:

Exhibitions:

- Main floor — Threadworks: *Flashback* – Nov/Dec.
- Freemasonry, A History Hidden in Plain Sight – travelling exhibit – Jan-March
- Fibre Arts Festival – Sept to Dec upstairs.
- Canada 150 – planning underway. Next meeting: Mon Nov 14 at 6:30.

Interpretation & Education:

- Arts programming going well. Classes filling up quickly with waiting lists.

Research:

- William Hampden Tener for Canada 150 project. Contract completed; project can now move forward.
- Canada 150 transportation themes.

Conservation:

Physical Plant:

- Work on the furnace room (re-routing vents so chimney will not freeze) complete.
- Humidifiers & furnace filters have been checked; small repairs complete.

Community:

- Winter carnival. Metis will partner. Couchiching has been unavailable for meetings.
- Fundraising gala: ‘Night at the Museum’ successful. Smaller numbers than last year.

Human Resources/Professional Development:

- ‘Thank-you’ event for volunteers in January.

Numbers: Oct visitors: 322, (315 in 2015).

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

Ontario Arts Council: an application has been received for Exhibition Assistance Funding. Although worthy, as this is a submission from S.Ontario for a S.Ontario gallery, we are reluctant to approve. Will wait to see if we receive submissions from N.Ontario artists.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Tues. Jan 17 at 5 p.m. We will skip December (unless something important arises) as we’ve two meetings coming up in December for the Strat Plan.