

Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting: Tues Oct 17, noon.

Present: Debbie Ballard✓ Robert Schulz✓ Mary Hickling✓ Caren Fagerdahl✓ Nell Laur✓
Council representative: Paul Ryan Committee Secretary: Sherry George✓ Guest:

Minutes from last meeting, Sept 19, 2017: adopted as sent.

Governance:

- Sherry attended Regional Museums meeting in Ear Falls on Thurs Sept 28. Will host in spring of 2018.
- Strategic plan – ensured a photo of the Ojibwe fashion show was added to the final copy.
- There will be directives from OMA on new guidelines, policies and standards around indigenous peoples.

Finance:

- NOHFC – Intern position application still waiting on approval.
- Fundraiser: *Keep It Hanging Around* underway. Final draw date Sat. Oct 28th at 3 p.m. Owandem successfully moved to Devlin. \$4000 issued to Mark Faragher so he can begin work. Boom chains also donated by Larry Norton.
- Budget process begun. On list for museum: Hallett repairs, technology support for museum, and full-time assistant.
- Museum is looking at purchasing a cash register to help reduce cash boxes and multiple data sheets.

Collections:

- Tener project is now in the hands of the Times. One additional review with Roseann and then print.
- S.Brunetta has spoken to Fontana family re: Bill Fontana's memorabilia on log-rolling career. Photos dropped off.

Exhibitions:

- No exhibit this month as fundraiser in main exhibit gallery.
- Nov/Dec: Costuming over 150 years. Costume Museum of Canada delivering and assisting with set up.

Interpretation & Education:

- Fall workshops underway. Most classes full with waiting lists.
- Problem now with Open Studio as no instructor; L.Hyatt unable to work.
- Coffee parties held Sept 26 and 28th, boats and planes respectively.

Research:

- Truth & Reconciliation at local level.
- Push on to collect our seniors' stories. S.Brunetta volunteering her time for this endeavor.

Conservation:

- Jane Dalley, conservator preparing report (electronics and captured bugs).
- Tugboat work at Mark Faragher's shop in Devlin.
- Looking for manpower (16 weeks) to complete newspaper digitization at request of anonymous donor (\$10,000).

Physical Plant:

- Roof work completed as part of Canada 150/Ontario 150 funding.
- No tender once again for ramp/washrooms. Need to look at options. Perhaps an extension?
- Hallett requiring serious attention on windows and doors. All windows and doors will have to be custom built.

Community:

- Final push for Canada 150 merchandise prior to Christmas. Tote bags shipped and will sell at \$10 each.
- **Friends Fall Fundraising Gala – Novemberfest! – Thurs Nov 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** \$30 each or \$35 at the door. All proceeds go to refurbishing the Owandem.

Human Resources/Professional Development:

- Contract for L.Hyatt complete (volunteering). Sherry now without coverage or assistance.
- Sherry attended Ontario Museums conference in Kingston. \$600 bursary will cover some costs.

Numbers: September visitors: 343 (335 in 2016).

Ontario Arts Council: one applicant has applied for exhibition assistance. Recommended for \$1000.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Next meeting: Tues Nov 21 at noon.