

Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting: Tues May 16, 5 p.m.

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

Minutes from last meeting, Apr 18, 2017: adopted as sent.

Governance:

- Strategic Planning, Ian Simpson chair. Plan is complete. Ian and Debbie will package for presentation June 8.
- Regional Museums meeting May 10 in Red Lake. Sherry attended. Bethany Waite's first meeting as Dryden curator. She is the 2nd intern from the museum that has found permanent employment in northwestern Ontario.
- Still waiting to hear of applications for advisory committee vacancy.

Finance:

- FedNor has approved the funding for roof, ramp and accessible washroom. Will talk to T.Rob as to next step.
- Council will allow us to apply for another NOHFC (MNDM) intern position.
- Anonymous donor would like to assist with costs involved with digitizing newspapers: creating pdfs from tifs.

Collections:

- M.Ahrens continues Tener project. We will use reserve funds to cover costs of publishing. Have received quotes from Friesens and the Times.

Exhibitions:

- Canada 150 exhibit: transportation. Borrowing component from Kenora on steam boats.

Interpretation & Education:

- Students gearing up for school visits. We will be introducing classes to tablets and interactive programming.

Research:

- William Hampden Tener for Canada 150 project.
- Canada 150 transportation themes.
- Interactive programming components.

Conservation:

Physical Plant:

- Council agrees that museum staff should have a parking spot to replace one lost to market square.

Community:

- Canada 150 merchandise arriving. Very nice. Will sell Market Thursdays in courtyard. Re-order as necessary.
- Friends discussed fundraising for tugboat at May 11th meeting. Some great ideas. Friends AGM May 30th.
- Wine & cheese reception planned for June 8 to roll out latest initiatives. By invitation only: membership, council & senior management.

Human Resources/Professional Development:

- Mid-year report for NOHFC (L.Hyatt) complete and sent.
- Approved for 5 student grants: 3 university and 2 high school. Orientation held May 1 and scheduled for June 29.

Numbers: April visitors: 205 (243 in 2016). Only partial exhibit up.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 to attend Rainy Lake Square meeting at town hall.

Next meeting: Tues. June 20 at 5 p.m.