

**Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Meeting: Tues Aug 15, noon.

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

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

Governance:

- Regional Museums meeting in Ear Falls on Thurs Sept 28, 10-3 p.m. Sherry will attend. Others?
- Strat plan – should review prior to next meeting, when we will finalize.

Finance:

- NOHFC application submitted.
- Fundraising for tugboat has begun. To date received \$1600 in donations, plus assurance from S. Armstrong that their company will lift the boat (2 more times) at no charge. Fundraiser: *Keeping It Hanging Around* during October.
- Received extension on Young Canada Works grants (16 weeks instead of 12) for two student positions.

Collections:

- M. Ahrens continues Tener project.

Exhibitions:

- Current: Canada 150 exhibit: transportation. Will continue through September.
- Nov/Dec: Costuming over 150 years.
- 2018: Museum 40 years young!
- Also working with community partners on an exhibit that tells local history from a First Nations perspective.

Interpretation & Education:

- Metis programming (beading, etc) will continue into the fall.
- Rec'n Crew and summer school programming winding up. School resumes last week in August.

Research:

- Truth & Reconciliation at local level.

Conservation:

- Jane Dalley, conservator will send report once she's evaluated data (electronics and captured bugs).
- Tugboat work to be completed at Mark Faragher's shop in Devlin.
- Received anonymous donation (\$10,000) to complete newspaper digitization project. Will require some manpower.

Physical Plant:

- Saulteaux Consulting has been asked to design a ramp; then project will be tendered.
- Hallett requiring some attention on windows and doors. If money left over from Owandem fundraising, can be used here, but may need capital money.

Community:

- Canada 150 merchandise continues to sell well.

Human Resources/Professional Development:

- More loiterers visible, but no further trouble.
- Conference information available for both Ontario and Manitoba. Still pricing travel.

Numbers: July visitors: 775 (683 in 2016). It seemed at times that construction, tree removal and road closures affected visitors, but numbers did not bear that out. Tea and scones very slow however as access to parking limited.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Tues Sept 19 at noon.