

## Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

**Meeting:** Mon Apr 20, 2015, 4:15 p.m.

**Present:** Debbie Ballard ✓ Robert Schulz ✓ Mary Hickling ✓ Jim Curr Caren Fagerdahl ✓  
Council representative: Paul Ryan; Committee Secretary: Sherry George ✓ Guests:

**Minutes from last meeting, Feb 16:** adopted as sent

**Governance:** For compliance with CMOG specifications, a new daily inspection sheet has been created to include lux readings; T.Rob has scheduled an inspection of the building (along with J.Kabel, B.Green) for May 6.

### Finance:

- Applications for Summer Jobs Service now open. April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Lack of colour printer/copier a big issue for exhibit preparation. Must replace.

**Collections:** Canadian History Hall at the Canadian Museum of History (new museum and new exhibit set to open July 1, 2017) will be borrowing a pair of war-time coveralls worn by Mildred Ouellette. The loan agreement will be for 5 years.

### Exhibitions:

- **Main floor** – Current exhibit coming down soon. *May to August:* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Noden Causeway. Planning wine & cheese reception for June 24<sup>th</sup>. Will request council declare this a significant event and help with costs (\$200). Expect First Nations involvement. Heart of the Continent, National Geographic group may be here. R.Schulz not here so will have to find someone with Smart Serve capability. *Sept to Dec:* Artistry of Hooked Rugs. D.Ballard curating.
- **Upstairs gallery** – local hockey history for Dudley Hewitt Cup Apr/May. Also running a causeway photo contest for upstairs gallery June - August.
- **Upstairs permanent gallery** – has been re-organized to freshen exhibits and improve accessibility.
- **Travelling** – have made some inquiries on traveling exhibits. Many very expensive. Waiting for response to emails.
- **Brainstorm upcoming exhibits ideas** – there will be a special Adv Com mtg Mon June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m. at museum.

**Interpretation & Education:** The museum has been approached by Heather Holmlund, an Ottawa artist who would like to provide art programming for kids two weeks over the summer. Currently in discussion with L.Moffitt regarding same. Want to partner with sportsplex rather than compete.

**Research:** Gathering photos/info for Noden causeway.

**Conservation:** Have started lux readings one time per week. Display cabinets have been shipped.

**Physical Plant:** Hallett repairs will probably wait until after Hewitt Cup.

### Community:

- Friends SnOasis very successful. Group will begin researching 2016 calendar soon. Also looking at sale items.
- Fibre Arts group meeting Wed afternoons. Planning for juried exhibit in Sept-Dec 2016.

### Human Resources:

1. M.Hayes attended first aid training. Two university students returning; hiring a third. Media training pending.
2. No word on intern grant application approval.

**Numbers:** Feb 2015 visitors: 207; (163 in 2014), Mar 2015 visitors: 278; (341 in 2014). The drop suggests to me that the current exhibit has been up too long – fewer people interested plus less advertising.

**Ontario Arts Council:** Final 2014 report due.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting: **Tues May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 p.m.** May 18<sup>th</sup> a holiday.