

Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Agenda

Meeting: Mon Nov 16, 2015, 4:45 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, Oct 20: adopted as sent.

Governance: For CMOG 2016, Bethany has tweaked the Town's media policy to meet CMA standards. I will review.

Finance: Discussion around snow removal on Saturdays following BIA inquiry. Jason is looking at options.

Collections:

- Received a box of negatives from a Kevin McGregor (Winnipeg). His father ran a photo studio – the Northland Studio on 416 Scott Street – in the late 50s. Most are labeled; many are names I know.
- Bethany has completed the inventory on the textile room. Has now started on the glass room.

Exhibitions:

- **Main floor –until Dec:** Artistry of Hooked Rugs. Early 2016 – portraits. Will include a set-up for a photo studio. We have D.Dolk for Sept/Oct and Threadworks for Nov/Dec 2016. Nothing yet for the summer.
- **Additional exhibit ideas** – Looking at a traveling exhibit about free masonry for early 2017. Have also booked the bush pilot exhibit for the summer of 2017 that will be featured alongside the boats for a transportation theme. Have also discussed borrowing 10 outfits from costume museum for Nov/Dec 2017 (every 15 years). A possible theme for our 2017 gala could be costuming through 150 years.

Interpretation & Education:

- Arts programming begins this December and will run through the winter. Lindsay Hamilton will run an open studio for children and families one day per month. A number of artists have come forward to lead workshops for adults.

Research: Currently researching cameras and photographers for our upcoming portrait exhibit. Also assisting Ed Gackley with research on past businesses in their building (bank, Ray S Holmes, Agnew's, Berry Patch, etc).

Conservation:

- Report from conservation team working with Rainy Lake hotel murals is that an appraisal may not be possible as artist is not known well enough. Sherry has put her name forward to sit on the RL site renewal committee. Will youth or art be represented on the committee? Perhaps Lindsay Hamilton or Sam Manty.
- Now that the balcony railing has been saved, we will need to determine how best to preserve. Hopefully can incorporate in plans for the site. In the time being, Sherry will ask Public Works to store.

Physical Plant:

- Follow-up required on May building inspection: small tree removal, venting cleaned, downspout falling off, etc.

Community:

- Friends fundraising gala: another very successful evening. 2016 heritage calendars now ready.
- Following discussion on the museum (BIA) mural, it was asked whether it could be moved to RL site?

Human Resources/Professional Development:

- Sherry traveled with A.S.Kilgour to Culture Talks on Oct 22. Although standing room only, there were few individuals that came from outside Thunder Bay, so not representative.

Numbers: October 2015 visitors: 315; (442 in 2014). Although less than last year, still good numbers.

Follow-up: *Recommendations to be made to Executive Committee of Community Services... none.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Mon Jan 18 at 4:45 p.m. No meeting in December as many members not available so close to Christmas.