

**Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee  
Meeting**

**Meeting:** Tues Feb 20, 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, Jan 16, 2018:** adopted as sent.

**Governance:**

- Presentation of Canada 150 pins. Neither Caren or Mary present.

**Finance:**

- No update on budget. On list for museum: Hallett repairs, technology support for museum, and part-time assistant.
- Summer student grants applications submitted for YCW and CSJ. Summer Experience due.

**Collections:**

**Exhibitions:**

- Jan/Feb: 150 years of Fashion. Held over. Exhibit takedown Feb 22.
- Mar/Apr: Cher Pruys: Reflections of Realism. Set up Feb 23. Opening March 1 at 6:30.
- May thru Aug: We Were Taught Differently: the Residential School Experience; additional material on Ste Marguerite's from Glenn Jourdain. Speakers confirmed: Glenn Jourdain and Ida Mainville.
- Fall: Fort Frances Museum 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Interpretation & Education:**

- Workshops: classes full with waiting lists.
- Peter Kirby (retired lawyer) doing a free talk on Magna Carta and its relationship to law today: Tues Mar 27, 6:30.
- Showing of Colonization Road at library Feb 21 at 7 p.m. Ryan McMahon present.

**Research:**

- Local First Nations history. Miscellaneous.
- Looking for additional help with collecting our seniors' stories.

**Conservation:**

- Newspaper digitization continues.

**Physical Plant:**

- Maintenance inspection with D.Brown, J.Kabel, T.Dennis Feb 15. As still issues with humidifiers and furnaces, Tyson will oversee until fixed.
- Halvorsen finishing up foyer washroom upgrades. Ramp will not be built under the grant, but possibly in fall.
- Hallett repairs in capital budget this year.
- Safety inspection Feb 15<sup>th</sup>; one emergency light out.

**Community:**

- Friends gearing up for SnOasis Sat Mar 3, 12-2. Will use Rainy Lake Square and museum.
- Friends looking at new souvenir – campfire mugs.

**Human Resources/Professional Development:**

- Intern approved and hired. Start date: Mar 6.
- An international student also wanting to intern for 16 weeks. Working on getting approval from Canadian customs.
- Complaints received about museum closed some Saturdays when we've advertised that we're open -- only day to stop by for people who work. Museum has been closed 6 Saturdays to-date due to insufficient staffing. Although in years past we operated with a student, we can no longer do so for safety reasons.
- Sherry wanting to attend conference in Winnipeg on indigenous relations Mar 13 & 14.

**Numbers:** January visitors: 132 (224 in 2017). Low numbers could be due to various reasons: construction in foyer, cold weather, little advertising.

**Ontario Arts Council:** nothing

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 12:15 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Tues Mar 27, 2018 at noon? Paul has conflict with 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month. Asking if 4<sup>th</sup> Tues okay.