

Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting: Mon Apr 18, 2016, 4:45 p.m.

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

Minutes from last meeting, Mar 21: adopted as sent.

Governance:

- Working on this year's CMOG requirements – exhibit plans for 3 years.
- Regional Museums spring meeting at KNCWN Manitou Mounds on May 25. Tara Montague will host. Fort Frances will lead meeting. We will split costs of lunch. Several advisory committee members wish to attend.

Finance: Approved for one student each under Young Canada Works and Summer Experience. Yet to hear from Canada Summer Jobs.

Collections:

- Discussion with Ontario Archives around providing us with 'hi res' digital copies of Tener photos.

Exhibitions:

- **Main floor** — last month for portraits exhibit. Bethany and Max working on summer exhibit – early settlement.
- **Fibre Arts Festival** – this fall. Deadline for submissions Aug 15. Need to decide judging and finalize details.
- **Canada 150** – planning underway.

Interpretation & Education:

- Saturday Arts programming final classes this month. Very successful. Will run again in fall.

Research: William Hampden Tener for Canada 150 project. Partnering with M.Ahrens, J.Cumming and Ont Archives.

Conservation:

Physical Plant:

- Issues with humidity controls. Travis/Bob
- Carousel panel removed. Can it be fixed? Buy tarp for sleigh and request Bob move to Public Works.

Community:

- Friends of the Museum applied to the Winnipeg Foundation for help with interactive programming costs. Partnered with Friends of the Library. Applications have been forwarded to Winnipeg for decision.

Human Resources/Professional Development:

- Brainstormed ways to entice more volunteers at meeting Apr 12; will look at recruiting in fall.
- Opportunity to employ Fleming College intern 14 weeks this summer at no cost to museum.
- Also requested that council approve an application for a one-year intern position through NOHFC.
- Interviews for summer students soon?? Museum has plans to hire 2 new university students and bring back one.
- Both interns will attend spring regional museums meeting at KNCWN.

Numbers: March visitors: 430, (278 in 2015)).

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

Ontario Arts Council: none

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Mon May 16 at 4:45 p.m.