

## Fort Frances Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

**Meeting:** Tues Sept 20, 4:45 p.m.

**Present:** Debbie Ballard ✓ Robert Schulz ✓ Mary Hickling ✓ Caren Fagerdahl ✓

Council representative: Paul Ryan ✓ Committee Secretary: Sherry George ✓ Guest:

**Minutes from last meeting, Aug 23:** adopted as sent.

### **Governance:**

- An ad was posted in the Times to fill our vacant advisory committee position. Bonny Montgomery will apply.
- Regional Museums fall meeting scheduled for Sept 28 in Dryden. Leah Gardner hosting her last meeting. Next year's requirements for CMOG will be discussed – three years of programming planned.
- We need to begin Strategic Planning. Ian Simpson has agreed to facilitate. We will invite him to our next meeting.

### **Finance:**

- Trillium grant (infrastructure – roof, ramp, accessible washroom) has been submitted. FedNor next on the list. These complement each other – provincial and federal – so if approved, finance the same project.
- Completing final grant reports for students. Fortunate to have YCW increase funding: 16 instead of 12 weeks. Intern position (Bethany Waite) final report was submitted and approved. Final payment of \$15,121.40 sent.

### **Collections:**

- We've been offered a 'bug' – a small tugboat that was built by the Russel Bros and used in the logging industry. It is too small to allow people to tour; only useful if it was put up on blocks and roped off. Caren and Eric will view.

### **Exhibitions:**

- Main floor — 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Hong Kong – Sept/Oct
- Fibre Arts Festival – Sept to Dec upstairs. Winners chosen.
- Threadworks: *Flashback* – Nov/Dec
- Canada 150 – planning underway. Next meeting: Wed Oct 5 at 6:30.

### **Interpretation & Education:**

- Métis group running beading workshops on Wednesday afternoons as scheduled. The fibre arts class will run the same afternoon through the winter.
- Notice sent to artist group re Saturday & Wed evening arts programming for this coming winter. Some of our fibre artists also interested.

### **Research:**

- William Hampden Tener for Canada 150 project. We've agreed on the contract and once signed, should be ready to start. Finally.

### **Conservation:**

#### **Physical Plant:**

- Work on the furnace room planned soon.
- Talked to E.Halvorsen regarding some outstanding maintenance issues.
- New email (Outlook) over the past month.

### **Community:**

- Attended EDAC committee meeting to present some history on LaVerendrye, the status of slavery in 1700s, and recommend that the group not remove LaVerendrye from signage. I also reaffirmed that the museum advisory committee was not in favour of changing signs when blue signage still fresh.
- Need to start planning winter carnival. Both Couchiching and Metis interested in partnering.
- Duane Hicks has stepped down as president of our Friends of the Museum group. We will definitely miss his leadership. Sarah Marusyk has agreed to fill the position. Planning for fundraising gala around 'Night at the Museum' theme has begun: Thurs Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Human Resources/Professional Development:**

- Interviewed for NOHFC intern position, Events & Programming Coordinator, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Have offered the position contingent on approval by granting authority. Approval received. Lauren Hyatt will begin Wed Sept 28, 2016.
- Would like to plan a 'thank-you' event for volunteers. Perhaps run an 'volunteer open house' immediately after for new recruits.

**Numbers:** August visitors: 705, (617 in 2015).

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next meeting: Tues Oct 18. Will inform everyone of time: 4:45 or 5 p.m.