

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 26, 2019

The meeting of Museum Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Museum on June 26, 2019 from 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Debbie Ballard - Chair, Robert Schulz, Mary Hickling, Nell Laur, John McTaggart - Councillor

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry George, Museum Curator, Mayor June Caul, Bev Cochrane

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

3.1 Meeting Date: Wed May 29, 2019; Approved as sent.

4. Governance:

4.1 CMOG completed. Submitted and confirmed.

5. Finance:

5.1 MP Don Rusnak formally announced federal funding of \$14,900 for Franklin exhibit on June 7 at Museum.

6. Collections:

6.1 John reported that with OPP moving to new site, organization will have records that should probably come to the museum. Will need to make a decision around what and how much.

7. Exhibitions:

7.1 Taking Back Our Natural World - climate change exhibit take down Fri June 21.

7.2 Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship - arrived June 24. A few glitches: pallets wrong way to go through the shipping door; no installation manual. Carolyn Mount, volunteer, a huge help to set up. Opens June 29. Grand Opening July 3. Exhibit will close one week later (Sept 29) which will be better for schools. Suggested that we invite tourism staff and members of BIA. See if we can advertise on area electronic displays.

8. Interpretation & Education:

8.1 Several school classes visited climate change exhibit. One group this week to visit Hallett and tower.

8.2 Night at the Museum ran June 22 for children. We had to fit it in prior to Franklin exhibit. Fabulous response from parents and kids on Facebook. Loved the event.

9. Research:

10. Conservation:

- 10.1 Nell found a 200-year old sampler (1815) in a broken frame. We have decided to reframe in order to best preserve the piece. P.Faragher contacted the Winnipeg Art Gallery to determine approved methods to secure to matting. Will look at writing a news story around the piece.

11. Physical Plant:

- 11.1 New security cameras have been installed on main floor (previously had one only) and on outside of building (ramp and side walkway). John reported on what's happening downtown as it relates to OPP presence.

12. Community:

- 12.1 S.Loney and SGeorge met with RRFN former chief JLeonard to discuss the book Shaun had proposed on the real Rainy River history. Jim is giving it his full support and the project will go ahead. Right Relations Circle also giving their support.

- 12.2 Tea & scones begin July 4. Mary baking.

- 12.3 Bev mentioned that this year has been declared the International year of Indigenous languages. Suggested that we plan an event in the fall around story-telling.

13. Human Resources / Professional Development:

- 13.1 Staff completing OHS training as assigned by JForbes.

14. Numbers:

- 14.1 May numbers: 439 (May 2018: 453)

15. Strategic Plan:

16. Recommendations to be made to the Executive Committee of Community Services...

17. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjourned 12:45. Next meeting: July 24 at noon.

D. Ballard, Chair

S. George, Museum Curator