

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 24, 2019

The meeting of Museum Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Museum on July 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:50 a.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry George, Museum Curator; Jason Kabel, Com Serv Mgr; Bev Cochrane, Assistant Curator

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 June 26. Adopted as sent.

4. Governance:

4.1 Town Clerk, LSlomke has forwarded information on Code of Conduct training to be held Sept 18 at noon. Please let her know if you can attend this training. As of today, Deb, Nell and Sherry can.

5. Finance:

5.1 Bruce Borysiuk from Canadian Heritage visited July 12. When we're ready to update the bathroom upstairs, or revamp storage, they can fund us. He says that FedNor often finances the other portion. He also recommends that we continue to bring in large exhibits. We wouldn't get funding every year, but they understand the importance of bringing exhibits to the north.

6. Collections:

7. Exhibitions:

7.1 Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship - response has been very positive. Bev has completed and forwarded the condition report.

8. Interpretation & Education:

8.1 Children's programming has begun: Rec'n Crew visits Tuesday mornings. Rainy Lake Square events Tuesday afternoons. Once again, very positive feedback from parents on behalf of their kids.

8.2 Partnering with library on genealogy workshop for seniors. Max taking a lead on this.

8.3 Discussed Bev's idea with B.Borysiuk around the possibility of a story-telling event that showcases the International Year of Indigenous Languages. He says should we run a simple event this year, then they can help fund a larger event next year.

8.4 The "Kiinawin Kawindomowin" Project out of the University of Toronto is looking for partners to collaborate on a project; one that will be funded under a "Community

Engagements Grant”. In recent years, “Kiinawin Kawindomowin” project members have been working with Rainy River First Nations collecting Stories from the local elders and community members. The website is http://storynations.utoronto.ca/storynations_wp/

9. Research:

10. Conservation:

11. Physical Plant:

- 11.1 Technician here to repair elevator on July 23. Confirmed that it was fixed, but when Sherry used it the following morning, she became stuck in the elevator for about 10 minutes. After forwarding a complaint to OTIS, they sent back their technician at no charge. Elevator is once again working.

12. Community:

13. Human Resources / Professional Development:

- 13.1 Bev set up Naloxone training through the Health Unit for our staff - July 25.

14. Numbers:

- 14.1 June: 732 (June 2018: 725)

15. Strategic Plan:

- 15.1 As part of our strategic plan, the committee will be working on policy updates; starting with the museum's Statement of Purpose.

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

17. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETING DATE

- 17.1 Adjourned: 12:49 p.m. Next meeting: Wed Aug 28 at noon. Mary away.

D. Ballard, Chair

S. George, Museum Curator