



Town of Fort Frances
Museum Advisory Committee
Meeting
August 28, 2019 @ 12:00 PM
Museum

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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: July 24. Errors or Omissions?
4. **Governance:**
 - 4.1 Reminder of Code of Conduct training on Sept 18 at noon. If you plan to attend, you need to RSVP Lisa Slomke.
 - 4.2 Next regional museums meeting will be in Dryden on Thurs Sept 26. Both Sherry & Bev will attend but will require coverage.
 - 4.3 Sherry and former intern, Laura Gosse, will attend the OMA conference Oct 23-25 in Brantford. Will present along with Kayleigh Speirs of Manitou Historical Centre.
5. **Finance:**
 - 5.1 NOHFC final payment of \$16,329.60 wasn't showing up in budget line. Accounting located the problem. \$8468.25 has been allocated for 2018 and \$7861.35 as revenue for 2019.
 - 5.2 Received 3-week extension on YCW student grant, therefore an additional \$992.51.
6. **Collections:**
 - 6.1 Received an inquiry about our Morrisseau from a group at Carlton University that is compiling a history and art research project on Norval Morrisseau. Nell put together the requested information file and forwarded it on.
7. **Exhibitions:**
 - 7.1 Until Sept 29: Echoes in the Ice, Finding Franklin's Ship
Oct-Dec: Prohibition & Profit, the Business of Smuggling Booze
Jan-Mar: Canada, Day 1
8. **Interpretation & Education:**

- 8.1 Children's programming (Rec'n Crew visits, RL Square Tues afternoons, Day Care visits) is over for the summer. Successful.
- 8.2 Two information sessions will be held around the Language Party: Sept 12 at 6 p.m. and Sept 14 at 1 p.m. The Right Relations Circle will be partnering with us on this event that will take place mid-October.
- 8.3 As introduced by Bev at our last meeting, we are looking to partner with UofT on a research project. This could be a fit with our Rainy River history project (with S.Loney and J.Leonard) or could be around another topic like storytelling. We haven't had the opportunity to discuss this further with our contact.

9. Research:

- 9.1 Research taking place on three main subjects: our next exhibit, prohibition; our project, Rainy River history; and local military by a new volunteer, Nolan Faragher.

10. Conservation:

11. Physical Plant:

- 11.1 Some capital items seeing work: town has tendered for a new HVAC system; work continuing on Hallett upgrades.

12. Community:

- 12.1 Fall line-up of workshops will be advertised soon. Caren Fagerdahl is finalizing list of Saturday workshops. Bev Cochrane is meeting with indigenous workshop partners next week.

13. Human Resources / Professional Development:

- 13.1 Bev will be attending a CCI (Canadian Conservation Institute) course at the Mounds on exhibit case design Sept 10/11.
- 13.2 Summer students are done as of today. At this time, none will be returning next year. Alyssa Armstrong is entering her last year of university; Naomi McManaman will be looking for employment with an Ottawa museum in the coming year; and Katelyn Bruyere hopes to find summer employment in her field. We will miss them. Excellent group.
- 13.3 Hired high school student Anna Gagne for Saturdays and future summer employment. She has worked a few days and is learning fast.

14. Numbers:

- 14.1 July: 904; (July 2018: 725)

15. Strategic Plan:

15.1 In order to continue to meet museum standards, we are reviewing and updating museum policies. We begin 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 Next meeting date: Wed Sept 25?