



Town of Fort Frances
Museum Advisory Committee
Meeting
January 22, 2020 @ 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: Nov 27, 2019; Errors or Omissions?
4. **Governance:**
5. **Finance:**
 - 5.1 Final grant payments came through prior to end of year: CMOG \$21,600 and federal student grant: \$1323.34.
 - 5.2 Fundraising meeting for Owandem held on Jan 15 (John, Caren, Eric, Deb, Sherry). Several ideas proposed. John will look for a volunteer to spearhead a committee that will look for in-kind donations for a berth. Subject was brought forward at Friends meeting on Jan 16; group still feels that \$23,000 raised by museum and Friends group is substantial. Not eager to do more.
6. **Collections:**
 - 6.1 Donation of archival documents from the Fort Frances Police Department is of concern to town clerk. Strongly feels that some material should not be included and wants to shred. She and I will set a day to look more closely at the material before making a decision.
7. **Exhibitions:**
 - 7.1 Current exhibit is Canada: Day One. Material is still being added.
 - 7.2 Apr - June exhibit will be on climate change, but with a different focus.
 - 7.3 Bev is in preliminary discussions around an exhibit put together by a former Couchiching resident, Shawn Johnston. His focus is to challenge the 'whiteness' of travel photography.
8. **Interpretation & Education:**
9. **Research:**
10. **Conservation:**

11. Physical Plant:

- 11.1 Lots of little problems around humidity. Jim addresses them quickly, but the units are failing often.

12. Community:

- 12.1 We want to streamline workshop sign-up; will look at methods to register and pay on-line.
- 12.2 Friends thank-you wind-up held Jan 16. Museum provided a supper and small gift.
- 12.3 Friends have begun planning for this year's SnOasis winter carnival, tentatively scheduled for March 7 at the Rainy Lake Square.

13. Human Resources / Professional Development:

- 13.1 Bev, Nell and Sarah will be attending training on collections and deaccessioning in Gimli, MB, Jan 31 and Feb 1. The museum is paying costs for Bev and Nell. Sarah's costs paid for by the Metis.
- 13.2 As Sherry retires end of April, discussion with HR around a replacement is taking place.

14. Numbers:

- 14.1 November 2019: 455 (Nov 2018: 529); December 2019: 223 (Dec 2018: 132)

15. Strategic Plan:

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

17. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETING DATE

- 17.1 Next meeting: Wed Feb 26 at 12 noon?