

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Museum Advisory Committee

AGENDA - April 24, 2018 12:00 PM

MEETING - 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 March 27, 2018; Error or Omissions
4. **Governance:**
 - 4.1 Presentation of Canada 150 pin to Caren Fagerdahl – on hold as away.
 - 4.2 Regional Museums group will meet in Fort Frances for spring meeting. Thurs May 10, 10:00 – 3:30.
5. **Finance:**
 - 5.1 Budget complete. Hallett will be repaired under capital; technology support for museum approved, but no assistant.
 - 5.2 Trillium and FedNor have approved extensions to grants to allow for ramp to be completed by Oct 31st. Good news. Trillium final report required.
 - 5.3 Fagerdahls have followed up with Faragher. Still plans to complete Owandem repairs this summer. Therefore must determine how he is to be paid. \$12,000 raised thru combined efforts of Museum and Friends. Should we ask him to stop work? Must also consider that bug stored on his property. If not working on it, will he ask that we move it?
 - 5.4 Museum has money in reserves through community donations. Considering three initiatives:
 - 1) summer drama program (if not approved for Moffatt);
 - 2) folding light-weight tables to replace those in meeting room;
 - 3) own website for museum – traffic on our site is half what it used to be.

6. Collections:

- 6.1 Accessioning backlog underway. Students will also assist.

7. Exhibitions:

- 7.1 Until May 10: Cher Pruys: Reflections of Realism.
- 7.2 May thru Aug: We Were Taught Differently: the Residential School Experience; additional material on Ste Marguerite's from Glenn Jourdain. Opening reception Wed May 23, 3-7 p.m.
- 7.3 Sept/Oct: Fort Frances Museum 40th anniversary.
- 7.4 Nov/Dec: First Nations veterans.

8. Interpretation & Education:

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- 8.3 Drama programming for youth, ages 10-13 and 14-17, 7-week programming to run July/August.
- 8.4 Have been approached by S.Loney to publish his book (no cost). How will this mesh with town litigation?

9. Research:

- 9.1 Local First Nations history
Museum and building history
Prohibition.

10. Conservation:

- 10.1 Newspaper digitization continues.

11. Physical Plant:

- 11.1 Issues with humidifiers resolved – museum was six months without humidity levels mandated by CMOG standards.
- 11.2 Ramp construction will move forward, for fall completion.
- 11.3 Hallett repairs scoped in preparation for tendering work.
- 11.4 Need to determine final location for Owandem on waterfront.

12. Community:

- 12.1 Involvement with Right Relations Circle and partnership with library on indigenous subjects greatly beneficial.

13. Human Resources / Professional Development:

- 13.1 International student may not happen. No sign of required paperwork yet and time is an issue.
- 13.2 4 students hired; approved for 3 grants thus far.

14. Numbers:

- 14.1 March visitors: 598 (507 in 2017). Includes SnOasis.

15. Ontario Arts Council:

- 15.1 Received contract for 2018 arts funding agreement. Yet to be signed.

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

17. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETING DATE

- 17.1 Meeting adjourned at p.m.
- Next meeting: Tues May 22, 2018 at noon?