

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

### MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 25, 2018

The meeting of Museum Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Museum on September 25, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:50 a.m.

PRESENT: Debbie Ballard - Chair, Robert Schulz, Mary Hickling, Caren Fagerdahl, Nell Laur, G. P. Ryan - Councillor

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry George, Museum 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: Tuesday, August 28 at noon. Minutes adopted as sent.

#### **4. Governance:**

4.1 Regional Museums Meeting in Atikokan on Thurs Sept 27. S.George, C.Fagerdahl and L.Gosse attending. N.Laur will cover the museum from 11 till 1. R.Schulz will cover until 4 and lock up. Student, K.Bruyere will set alarms.

#### **5. Finance:**

5.1 Budget items under consideration for 2019: 1) additional security cameras for main floor and Hallett. Currently marina staff cannot see the Hallett due to distance and foliage; 2) upgrades to bathroom and storage space upstairs; 3) travelling exhibit; 4) folding/rolling tables for meeting room; 5) public notice board to replace carousel

5.2 Rental fees for upstairs meeting room during evening hours should reflect need for someone to cover hours.

#### **6. Collections:**

#### **7. Exhibitions:**

7.1 Museum's 40th Anniversary, Building's 120 Anniversary - to run until Nov 3. Opening reception on Sept 19 very well attended; approx 60 people. Jeff O'Brien from FedNor was here to open our roof, ramp & washroom.

7.2 Laura partnering with Kayleigh Speirs of KNCWN and Rainy River First Nations, and Allan Yerxa and Glenn Jourdain of Couchiching to run a veteran's exhibit honouring First Nations participants. November and December.

7.3 Researching travelling exhibits that are out there. Hopefully for 2019.

#### **8. Interpretation & Education:**

8.1 Both our regular fall workshops and the opening workshop for our indigenous classes (with many community partners) are full with long waiting lists.

#### **9. Research:**

- 9.1 Laura working with community partners (see exhibits) to research indigenous veterans in district.

**10. Conservation:**

**11. Physical Plant:**

- 11.1 Care of the courtyard (weeds, etc) will now be the responsibility of the Parks Board.
- 11.2 Snow removal has been arranged for Saturdays throughout the winter; this will mean taking out the carousel, as they want to use larger equipment. We need to look into alternatives for posting notices as many groups besides ourselves post announcements there.

**12. Community:**

**13. Human Resources / Professional Development:**

**14. Numbers:**

- 14.1 August: 691; (680 in 2017)

**15. Recommendations to be made to the Executive Committee of Community Services...**

**16. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETING DATE - Adjourn: 12:50; Next meeting: Tues Oct 23**

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D. Ballard, Chair

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S. George, Museum Curator