

## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

### MINUTES

### MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 23, 2018

The meeting of Museum Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Museum on October 23, 2018 from at noon,

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sherry George, Museum Curator; Jason Kabel, Community Services Manager

#### **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: Sept 25, 2018; Minutes accepted as sent.

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

4.1 Reminder to committee members to submit their applications should they wish to continue on the committee. Can submit directly to Lisa Slomke or email: lslomke@fortfrances.ca

4.2 Once mayor and council have been elected, the museum will require a councillor be appointed to sit on our committee as Paul Ryan not running. The committee wishes to thank Paul for his years of service and knowledgeable advice on matters pertaining to governance.

4.3 Three from Fort Frances attended regional museums meeting in Atikokan. Next meeting: Kenora scheduled for May 9.

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

5.1 The Museum has received notice that this year's CMOG funding has been approved. \$21,519.

5.2 Mid term report for NOHFC has been submitted. Four months remaining in L.Gosse's contract.

5.3 Trillium report due Nov 30 for roof, ramp and washroom.

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

6.1 Accessioning continues.

6.2 Some questions arising out of sleigh given/loaned to museum. Following discussion, recommendations around the ownership of the sleigh, possibilities for storage, and solutions for display will be forwarded to Executive Committee.

6.3 E.Fagerdahl has drawn some ideas for a berth for the Owandem. He and Sherry will draft a proposal for the next meeting.

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

- 7.1 We are receiving the latest reports in exhibitions that are out there. I am particularly interested in two. Letters of interest have been sent on one (approx \$10,000) and waiting for a timeline on another (\$9,300). The intent is to use donation funds, but will also apply for grant funding.
- 7.2 Current exhibit: Museum's 40th, Building's 120th. Will run until after gala; comes down Nov 3.
- 7.3 Nov/Dec exhibit: First Nations veterans. These tend to be missed as early Legions did not recognize them. Our intern, L.Gosse is researching and designing the exhibit.
- 7.4 Jan-Mar: our Fibre Festival upstairs in conjunction with Fibre Content, travelling exhibit that will display in main gallery Feb/Mar.

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

- 8.1 Two grade five classes visited in October; interested in Canadian government and residential school system.
- 8.2 Workshops underway. Very good comments on evaluations. Participants enjoying very much and want more.
- 8.3 First indigenous workshop - ribbon skirts at Nanicost - well attended. Several more lined up. Tourtiere will run at the Mounds; capote making here or at the Metis hall. Soap stone carving in the works. The purpose of these is to circulate through the communities. We have many partners on these (TD, Copper River Inn, KNCWN, 7Gens, Sunset Country Metis, the Library, Gizhiwaadiziwiin; many who financially contribute so that workshops are affordable.

## **9. Research:**

- 9.1 L.Gosse is working with Kayleigh Speirs from the Mounds to interview FN veterans in preparation of Nov/Dec exhibit.

## **10. Conservation:**

## **11. Physical Plant:**

- 11.1 Humidity for the building remains good following the change to heat... a greatly improved situation over the last 4 years when numbers bottomed out and stayed low.

## **12. Community:**

- 12.1 Plans for Friends Fundraising Gala underway. Thurs Nov 1, 6:30-9:30. Novemberfest theme with both beer and wine. Lauren Hyatt chairing. \$30 or \$35 at the door. Missed sending request to buy tickets to council (election).
- 12.2 Right Relations Circle trying to organize trip to Human Rights Museum. May postpone now until spring as schedules fill up.

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

- 13.1 L.Gosse and M.Hayes attended First Aid recert class.
- 13.2 Incident Investigation as N.Laur, covering for staff, sustained an injury.

**14. Numbers:**

14.1 September: 470; (Sept 2017: 343)

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

15.1 Should we enter into an agreement with Bob & Linda Hamilton for the display and storage of the sleigh?

**16. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETING DATE - 11:56/ Tues Nov 27 at noon.**

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D. Ballard, Chair

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S. George, Museum Curator