

BROCKVILLE MUSEUM BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2015

Dr. John Arnott, Daria Egan, Chuck Quick, Barb Healy, Neil O'Brien

STAFF: Natalie Wood

GUESTS: Doug Moore

CHAIR: Brian Porter

CITY COUNCILLOR:

1.0 Call to Order at 7:04

The first item on the agenda was a visit by Doug Moore who looks after the maintenance activities of the museum.

Firstly the refinishing plan of the wooden floors in the Beecher House was presented. Four quotes have been received and direction was given to further explore them especially as there were two main items of concern: the moving of equipment and furniture to allow the preparation and varnishing and the time required to carry out the work. Several suggestions about timing were discussed and will be followed up with the contractors.

Secondly Doug presented a possible solution to the ice buildup and water entry on the south west corner of the link. He has reviewed the installation and suggests that a sheet metal shield covering all of the area be fabricated and installed over the shingles in the valley, painted to match the rest of the roof. This will not allow the ice buildup and the entry of water back under the shingles. Doug will obtain a quote for fabrication.

The pressure washing of the stucco will be started to see if the dirt can be removed.

2.0 Additions to/Approval of Agenda

Moved by: John Arnott and Seconded by: Daria Egan that we approve the proposed agenda.

Carried.

3.0 Additions to/Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved by: Barb Healy and Seconded by: John Arnott that we approve the minutes of the last meeting held 08 June 2015.

Carried.

4.0 Correspondence and Communication

The Curator/Director received a grant to partially fund the visit of a travelling exhibit from the ROM between February and May of 2016.

5.0 Amendments to/Discussion and Approval of the Staff Reports from June, July and August.

Moved by: Daria Egan and Seconded by: John Arnott that we approve the staff reports as circulated.

Carried.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

None

7.0 Executive Reports

7.1 City Councilor

None

7.2 Chairman of the Board

The Chair was very impressed with the cooperation initiative between the Library, the Genies and the Museum.

He attended and was very impressed with the opening of the cooperative art display at St Lawrence College between the College, the Library and the Museum.

Criminal Past Walks was noted to be a success, although there was some concern into the future with a commercial supplier possibly coming into the area. The Curator/Director noted that this program is planned to repeat next summer and feedback was offered in discussion with the Board.

The Chair noted that 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the Briscoe and maybe something could be planned to celebrate this. A possibility may be to link this to an antique automobile tour.

7.3 Curator/Director

The Curator/Director touched on the upcoming programs: The Pink Pills Dinner on Wednesday 23 September, the bus tour to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on Wednesday 28 October, the silent auction on 2nd and 3rd October and the beer tasting in November.

It was noted that the summer plan for 2016 is being explored, with the cancelling of the children's summer camps, and more focus on the walking tours, looking at longer and shorter routes, different stories etc.

The Curator/Director discussed the presentation she had made regarding the increase from a part time to a full time registrar. She noted that the possibility was remote but all felt that this is a good thing to present and get people thinking about this in the future.

The Curator/Director brought the Board up to date on a discussion held with Dave Paul, Director of Economic Development, concerning various topics including: keeping the Museum up to date on the condo projects, the Museum doing something special for the upcoming tall ships visit in Fall 2016.

A slide show presentation was made to the Board concerning future of the Museum, its possible expansion, and possible relocation. There was considerable discussion by the Board on some of the alternative proposed.

One possibility is to sell the present location to a developer, using the funds to look after a new larger facility. One possibility was to tie this project into the railway tunnel refurbishment and locate the museum at the north end of the tunnel.

Moved by: John Arnott and Seconded by: Barb Healy that the Curator/Director be given permission to discuss museum relocation possibilities with the relevant parties.
Carried.

8.0 New Business

9.0 Date, Time, Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday 19 October 2015 at 7:00 pm in the classroom.

10.0 Adjournment: 9:15