

Minutes of the Meeting

January 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Present: Margaret Lawrence, David Buck, Paul Naylor, Haley Veronyak, Neil O'Brien, Coun. N. Lavergne
Staff: Natalie Wood
Chair: Chuck Quick

1.0 Call to Order 7:02 PM via Zoom

1.1 Appointment of Acting Secretary

Margaret Lawrence agreed to serve as Acting Secretary for the meeting.

2.0 Additions to/Approval of Agenda

Moved by: N. Lavergne and Seconded by: M. Lawrence that we approve the proposed agenda. Carried.

3.0 Additions to/Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved by: N. O'Brien and Seconded by: P. Naylor that we approve the minutes of the last meeting after discussion. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5.0 Correspondence and Communication

None.

6.0 Amendments to/Discussion and Approval of the Staff Report

Moved by: H. Veronyak and Seconded by: P. Naylor that we approve the Staff Report as issued and discussed. Carried.

7.0 Executive Reports

7.1 Chairman of the Board

C. Quick expressed frustration with regard to the lack of City direction, both in response to the provincial lockdown/pandemic and the budget process. He noted this is not a unique problem to the Museum.

7.2 Curator/Director

N. Wood noted that the annual Lecture Series has been announced and launched. The Series will be a virtual event this year, with tickets available through the Brockville Arts Centre box office.. Attendance is limited to 100 due to the nature of the Zoom platform.

N. Wood also noted that the virtual Talk & Tea held on January 14 was the first where attendees were given the option of making a donation (until now, virtual Talk & Tea has been offered as a free event). Attendees were generous, donating a total of \$35.

The Friends of the Brockville Museum have paid to upgrade the Museum's Zoom package to Zoom Webinar, which will facilitate the Lecture Series, among other events and activities.

Viktor Kaczowski was furloughed as of January 9, following the City's decision to furlough all part-time employees. Board members expressed dismay with this decision, given the key role Viktor undertakes in community engagement, and offered to assist in any way deemed appropriate.

7.3 Friends Report

None.

7.4 2032 Committee

M. Lawrence reported that work is progressing on the feasibility study. The committee will meet on January 15 to discuss questions brought to it by the consultants, regarding the concept of a regional museum, and projected staffing levels for an expanded museum. The draft Phase I report should be received by early February.

8.0 New Business (and Ongoing Business)

Some discussion took place on ways for the Museum to increase its presence in the community during lockdown and the ongoing pandemic. N. Lavergne suggested using a surplus supply of postcards (currently in storage) to highlight upcoming events. It was also suggested that Board members could provide some public outreach via local media.

9.0 Date, Time, Location of Next Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

10.0 Adjournment 8:03 PM

Moved by: P. Naylor. Carried.