

Brockville Museum Board of Management

Minutes of the Meeting

December 10, 2020

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

1.0 Call to Order 7:02 PM via Zoom

1.1 Appointment of Acting Secretary

M. Lawrence agreed to continue as Acting Secretary.

2.0 Additions to/Approval of Agenda.

Moved by: H. Veronyak and Seconded by: M. Lawrence that the Agenda be approved as discussed. Carried.

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

Moved by: P. Naylor and Seconded by: D. Buck that the Minutes be approved as discussed. 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

As expected after the close of the "Painting Picnic" exhibit and given the time of year, visitation was down in November; however, there has been a trickle of visitors to the new temporary R&T exhibit.

Staff received very positive feedback following collaboration with a local teacher to bring a curriculum-based virtual version of the "Travel Trunk" exhibit to his classroom. Hopefully, this will lead to other such initiatives with local schools and teachers.

Moved by: M. Lawrence and Seconded by: N. Lavergne that the Staff Report be approved as discussed. Carried.

7.0 Executive Reports

7.1 Chairman of the Board

C. Quick noted that he attended the most recent "Talk & Tea" and commended P. Hause for the presentation. He also reported on a visit to the R&T exhibit, and encouraged other Board members to book an appointment to view it.

C. Quick also raised questions to N. Wood regarding progress on the 2021 budget, and the possibility of gaining new Board members. N. Wood replied that she has not received any further news on either topic.

7.2 Curator/Director

7.2.1 Update Regarding the Federal Government Emergency COVID-19 Funding (MAP)

N. Wood reported that Brockville has been given a second chance to apply, and the completed application has been submitted. She explained that, due to technical difficulties with the application process, the fund had been undersubscribed, and federal officials reached out to encourage a submission.

7.2.2 Motions

N. Wood placed two Motions before the Board, as follows:

Motion #1

“That the Brockville Museum shall be closed to the public from 4:30 PM on Saturday, December 19, 2020 until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.”

Moved by: M. Lawrence and Seconded by: N. O’Brien. Carried.

Motion #2

“That the Brockville Museum continue the current opening hours (Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM-4:30 PM) until May 22, 2021.”

Moved by: N. Lavergne and Seconded by: H. Veronyak. Carried.

7.3 Friends Report

7.4 2032 Committee

M. Lawrence reported that work is progressing with the feasibility study. The consultants were pleased with the public workshop, which was held via Zoom on November 25. An online survey is now available, and she encouraged Board members to complete the survey before it closes on January 5.

8.0 New Business (and Ongoing Business)

None.

9.0 Date, Time, Location of Next Meeting

January 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

10.0 Adjournment 7:45 PM

Moved by: H. Veronyak. Carried.