



MINUTES

MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011 – 6:00 PM

BENARES VISITOR CENTRE

1507 CLARKSON ROAD NORTH, MISSISSAUGA, ON L5J 2W8

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (arrived at 6:05pm)
Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
Fred Durdan, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
Jeremy Harvey, Citizen Member (**CHAIR**)
John Pegram, Citizen Member
John Van Camp, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member (Vice Chair)
Joyce Delves, Citizen Member
Wendy Davies, Citizen Member (departed at 6:50pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence Cook, Citizen Member
Tamara Pope, Citizen Member
Descendent of the Harris Family (ex-officio)

SPECIAL INVITEE Mayor Hazel McCallion (from 6:30pm to 7:45pm)

STAFF PRESENT: Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager
Stephanie Meeuwse, Museums Collections Coordinator
John Britto, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved (Joe Zammit)

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

A. Update on Artifact Preservation Centre

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presented an overview of the roles of MOMAC and The Friends of the Museums and an update on the progress towards a Collection and Storage Facility for the City of Mississauga.

Councillor Jim Tovey sought clarification on the Ministry of Culture Guidelines for Museums and its impact on the museums and artifact collection.

Annemarie Hagan advised that Mississauga's museums meet the standards which makes them eligible to receive grants from the Ministry of Culture.

Mayor Hazel McCallion commented on the importance of partnerships in realising the project for an artifact centre and museum.

Fred Durdan commented that the original drive behind the project was not primarily a museum, but rather to provide needed storage space for collecting and storing artifacts.

Mayor McCallion commented on the fact that Mississauga residents are contributing towards funding of the Peel Heritage Complex, by way of taxes paid to the Region of Peel. Mayor McCallion further advised that the University of Toronto in Mississauga (UTM) would be an ideal location for an Artifact Collection Centre and Museum.

Councillor Jim Tovey commented that the project required four key elements:

1. A Plan
2. A Vision
3. A Suitable Site
4. A Phasing Strategy

Responding to a question from John Pegram, Jeremy Harvey advised that the consultants who conducted the Feasibility Study for the Collection and Artifact Centre had made suggestions for the criteria and size for deciding on an ideal location for the centre.

Responding to a question from Councillor Pat Mullin, Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager advised that discussion between City and UTM staff involve mitigating parking needs. Annemarie further advised that UTM has been requested to prepare a site plan.

Joyce Delves suggested that the Britannia Farms would be an ideal site, considering the access restrictions at UTM.

Joe Zammit, CASS Chair advised that access to UTM and parking at the campus is freely available on weekends, and especially during summer months.

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager advised that UTM could be a potential partner, even if the chosen site was not on the UTM campus.

Mayor Hazel McCallion accepted the suggestion to visit the new Waterloo Regional Museum along with interested MOMAC members.

Jeremy Harvey, MOMAC Chair summarised the required actions as:

- formalize a plan and vision;
- consider a Canadian / International architecture competition;
- Continue to pursue a link to UTM;
- Further consider the potential of the Britannia Farms site;
- Finalise arrangements for a trip to the Waterloo Regional Museum

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- September 26, 2011

Adopted as presented (Joe Zammit)
MG.30

Fred Durdan, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga requested that the MOMAC agenda be distributed as an email attachment.

John Pegram, Citizen Member suggested that the Legislative Coordinator add a “Read Receipt” to email when sending out the agenda.

John van Camp, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga requested that the agenda be sent out as an attachment, irrespective of the size of the document.

2. MOMAC Terms of Reference

John Britto, Legislative Coordinator in the City Clerk's Office advised that the City Manager's Office is currently conducting a comprehensive review of all Committees of Council, and a report on the review will be presented at a future General Committee meeting for consideration by Council. In view of this, it is recommended that MOMAC continue to operate under the current Terms of Reference.

Councillor Jim Tovey informed that the newly stuck Governance Committee will consider a report to align all Committees with Council's Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0026-2011

That the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) continue to operate under the current Terms of Reference, pending the review of Committees of Council.

Approved: (Joe Zammit)

MG.30

3. Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2012

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0027-2011

That the 2012 MOMAC meeting dates, as contained in the Memorandum dated November 1, 2011 from John Britto, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk, be approved.

Approved: (John Pegram)

MG.30

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT(S)

4. Report of the Collection and Artifact Storage Subcommittee meeting held October 4, 2011

Joe Zammit, Chair of CASS presented the CASS report of October 4, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0028-2011

That the report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee from its meeting held October 4, 2011, be received and that recommendations CASS-0005-2011 through to CASS-0006-2011 be approved as presented:

1. *That the Report dated October 4, 2011 from Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator, be received. (CASS-0005-2011).*
2. *That the Museums of Mississauga acquire the Cy Saddington desk and two chairs manufactured by H. Krug Furniture, Kitchener, and used by Cy Saddington, Mayor of the Town of Port Credit, until his retirement in 1975. (CASS-0006-2011).*

APPROVED (Fred Durdan)

MG.30.COL

Councillor Jim Tovey sought clarification on the collections policy and the new collections facility.

Joe Zammit suggested that a copy of the Feasibility Study be provided to Councillor Tovey.

Councillor Jim Tovey suggested that CASS make a formal presentation on the collection policy to the MOMAC.

Jeremy Harvey, Chair MOMAC suggested that a presentation be prepared for the March 26, 2012 MOMAC meeting. Jeremy further advised that a Draft Museums Vision and Mission Statement will be circulated to the Committee prior to the January 2012 MOMAC meeting.

5. Report of the Collection and Artifact Storage Subcommittee meeting held November 1, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0029-2011

That the report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee from its meeting held November 1, 2011, be received and that recommendations CASS-0007-2011 through to CASS-0008-2011 be approved as presented:

1. *That the Report dated November 1, 2011 from Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections & Exhibit Supervisor, be received. (CASS-0007-2011)*
2. *That the news article from the Toronto Star of October 9, 2011, be received for information. (CASS-0008-2011)*

APPROVED (Fred Durdan)

MG.30.COL

NEW BUSINESS

6. Report of The Friends of The Museums of Mississauga

Fred Durdan presented a verbal update on the following activities of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga:

- Recognition event for Volunteers of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga on Wednesday, November 30, 2011
- Home for the Holidays event on scheduled for December 11, 2011 at both the museums sites
- Starlight Gala on February 24, 2012
- A possible extra weekend of Maple Magic in March 2012.

Joe Zammit, Chair CASS inquired whether suggestions from the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Think Tank is being shared with others.

Fred Durdan advised that the report has not yet been adopted by the Board of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.

7. Museums Manager's Report

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presented the Museums Manager's Report for the period September 1 to November 15, 2011 as contained in her Memorandum dated November 28, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0030-2011

That the Memorandum November 28, 2011 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, presenting the Museums Manager's Report for the period September 1 to November 15, 2011, be received.

RECEIVED (Councillor Pat Mullin)

MG.30

8. Capital Projects Update

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presented an update on the Museums of Mississauga's Capital Projects as contained in her Memorandum dated November 28 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0031-2011

That the Memorandum dated November 28, 2011 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, presenting the Museums of Mississauga Capital Projects Update, be received.

RECEIVED (Joyce Delves)

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9. Request for Funding from Benares Endowment Fund

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager provided an update on the Benares Funds for the 2010 fiscal year, as outlined in the Corporate Report dated September 12, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services, titled Update on the Benares Funds – Fiscal Year 2010 – Benares Historic House, 1503 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga, Ward 2.

Annemarie Hagan explained the priority to conserve and preserve the wedding dress of Mary Magrath Harris, which is damaged and cannot be displayed.

Joe Zammit suggested that pictures be taken of the current condition of the damage to the dress and also document the importance of funding for conservation and preservation of artifacts.

Annemarie Hagan advised that there is a process in place to document ‘Before’ and ‘After’ situations of artifacts.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0032-2011

That staff prepare a Corporate Report for the next MOMAC meeting requesting an amount of \$4,983 (four thousand nine hundred and eighty three dollars) from the Benares Endowment Fund for the conservation and preservation of Mary Magrath Harris’ wedding dress.

APPROVED (Councillor Pat Mullin)

FA.24.BEN

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10. MOMAC-0033-2011

That the copy of Ontario Museum Association (OMA) e-News Alert, Toronto – November 14, 2011 – Citizens line up to save Toronto’s heritage, be received.

RECEIVED (Councillor Pat Mullin)

MG.30

11. MOMAC-0034-2011

That the copy of the article titled New Waterloo museum tells powerful story of man who escaped slavery, by Luisa d'Amato, The Record, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, be received.

RECEIVED (Councillor Pat Mullin)

MG.30

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2012, Leslie Log House, 4415 Mississauga Road.

OTHER BUSINESS

Members suggested that condolences be sent to Tamara Pope on the death of her father-in-law.

Jeremy Harvey, Chair of MOMAC wished all members a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

ADJOURNMENT - 8:10pm