



MINUTES

MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 – 6:00 PM

BENARES VISITOR CENTRE

1507 CLARKSON ROAD NORTH, MISSISSAUGA, ON L5J 2W8

- MEMBERS PRESENT:
- Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
 - Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2 (departed at 7:20pm)
 - Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
 - Fred Durdan, Citizen Member
 - 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 7:15pm)
- MEMBERS ABSENT:
- Lawrence Cook, Citizen Member
 - Tamara Pope, Citizen Member
 - Descendent of the Harris Family (ex-officio)
- 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 - Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

- June 20, 2011

Adopted as presented (Councillor Pat Mullin)
MG.30

2. Draft Terms of Reference

A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee was circulated for review, and comments/amendments were to be considered at the September MOMAC meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0018-2011

That the approval of the draft Terms of Reference of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee be deferred to the next MOMAC meeting scheduled to be held on November 28, 2011.

Approved: (Councillor Pat Mullin)
MG.30

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT(S)

3. Report of the Collection and Artifact Storage Subcommittee meeting held August 30, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0019-2011

That the report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee from its meeting held August 30, 2011, be received and that recommendations CASS-0003-2011 through to CASS-0004-2011 be approved as presented:

1. *That Joe Zammit be appointed as Chair of the Collection and Artifact Storage Subcommittee for the 2010-2014 Council term, or until a successor is appointed (CASS-0003-2011).*
2. *That the Report dated August 30, 2011 from Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator, be received (CASS-0004-2011).*

APPROVED (Councillor Pat Mullin)

MG.30.COL

Joe Zammit, Chair of CASS commented on the importance of working in a partnership with the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM).

Fred Durdan commented on the original role of CASS and how it relates with MOMAC.

Jeremy Harvey, Chair of MOMAC suggested that additional resources will be needed for the proper implementation of MOMAC's strategy.

Councillor Pat Mullin advised that the outcome of the Feasibility Study indicates that partnerships are critical for the success of a Collection and Artifact Storage Facility.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Report of The Friends of The Museums of Mississauga

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

- Attendance at the "On The Verandah" series increased by 30%.
- Visitation of a delegation from Kariya, Japan and opening of the Japanese Exhibition at the Anchorage.
- Fall Fair completed.
- Christmas Party for Museums volunteers and supporters has been organized for November 30, 2011.

Fred Durdan was of the opinion that events at the Museums should focus on generating revenue.

John van Camp advised that the Leslie Log House is up and running as a live museum outside of south Mississauga.

Councillor Pat Mullin recognized the importance of seeing museums as providing a City-wide service.

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager advised of displays in the Great Hall at Civic Centre and also at the various Community Centres.

5. Museums Manager's Report

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presented the Museums Manager's Report for the period June 1 to August 31, 2011 as contained in her Memorandum dated September 19, 2011.

Responding to a question from Councillor Jim Tovey with regard to parking for events at the Leslie Log House, Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager advised that parking is organized on City Parks grounds through the City's Recreation and Parks Department.

Councillor Jim Tovey suggested the use of "Haze FM" to promote Museums activities and events.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0020-2011

That the Memorandum September 19, 2011 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, presenting the Museums Manager's Report for the period June 1 to August 31, 2011, be received.

RECEIVED (Councillor Jim Tovey)

MG.30

6. Capital Projects Update

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presented an update on the Museums of Mississauga's Capital Projects as contained in her Memorandum dated September 19, 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed repairs to the two chimneys at Benares, which is a Heritage Designated property. The alterations have been approved by the City's Heritage Advisory Committee, and a request for approval of the repairs has been submitted to the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT), as the OHT holds a heritage easement on the property.

Fred Durdan advised that the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga would be happy to fund the repairs for the Dutch Oven.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0021-2011

That the Memorandum dated September 19, 2011 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, presenting the Museums of Mississauga Capital Projects Update, be received.

RECEIVED (John van Camp)

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7. Update on the Benares Funds – Fiscal Year 2010. Benares Historic House, 1503 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga Ward 2

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.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0022-2011

That the Corporate Report dated September 12, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services, providing an update on the Benares Funds for the 2010 fiscal year, be received.

RECEIVED (Councillor Pat Mullin)

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8. 2012 MOMAC Work Plan

Based on the outcome of discussions, Jeremy Harvey, Chair of MOMAC summarized the following four key priorities for the 2012 Work Plan:

- Museums Vision
- Collection Strategy
- Collection & Storage Facility project
- Improved citizen engagement.

The first three priorities would be led, initially, by CASS, and the fourth priority by MOMAC.

Joe Zammit, Chair of CASS advised that the Feasibility Study has identified five interpretive themes.

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager advised that the Museums have passively collected artifacts and are limited due to lack of storage space and staff resources.

Councillor Pat Mullin advised that MOMAC has made good progress over a number of years. She further advised that the priority is to recognize the work of MOMAC. Councillor Mullin suggested that MOMAC Chair and Vice-Chair extend a formal invitation to the Mayor to attend a future MOMAC meeting, and a presentation on MOMAC's successes be made at that meeting.

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager suggested that we need to look at creative ways to increase visitor numbers and decrease costs.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9. Copy of Corporate Report entitled *Request to alter a Heritage Designated Property – Benares Main House, 1503 Clarkson Road North (Ward 2)* dated August 2, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services to the Chair and Members of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

MOMAC-0023-2011

That the copy of Corporate Report entitled *Request to alter a Heritage Designated Property – Benares Main House, 1503 Clarkson Road North (Ward 2)* dated August 2, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services to the Chair and Members of the Heritage Advisory Committee, be received.

RECEIVED (Joe Zammit)

MG.30

10. Letter dated August 18, 2011 from Chuck Scott, Peel Heritage Complex, Advisory Board Chair with respect to the appointment of Claire Loughheed as Manager of the Heritage Program.

MOMAC-0024-2011

That the Letter dated August 18, 2011 from Chuck Scott, Peel Heritage Complex, Advisory Board Chair with respect to the appointment of Claire Loughheed as Manager of the Heritage Program, be received.

RECEIVED (Councillor Jim Tovey)

MG.30

11. Letter dated August 26, 2011 from The Honorable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture with respect to the approval of a grant of \$53,953 under the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) program for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

MOMAC-0025-2011

That the Letter dated August 26, 2011 from The Honorable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture with respect to the approval of a grant of \$53,953 under the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) program for the 2011/2012 fiscal year, be received.

RECEIVED (Fred Durdan)

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 28, 2011, Benares Visitor Centre.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT - 7:40pm