



MINUTES

MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009 – 6:00 PM

BENARES VISITOR CENTRE
1503 CLARKSON ROAD NORTH, MISSISSAUGA, ON L5J 2W8

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2
Lawrence Cook, Citizen Member (Chair)
Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Wendy Davies, Citizen Member
Joyce Delves, Citizen Member
Fred Durdan, Citizen Member
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
John Pegram, Citizen Member
Tamara Pope, Citizen Member
John Van Camp, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councillor Eve Adams, Ward 5
Jeremy Harvey, Citizen Member
Descendent of the Harris Family (ex-officio)

STAFF PRESENT: Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, Recreation and Parks
Division, Community Services Department
Jessica Reid, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- March 23, 2009

ADOPTED AS PRESENTED (Joseph Zammit)
MG.30

1.2 Confirmation / Additions to the Agenda of this Meeting

APPROVED
MG.30

2. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PRIOR MEETINGS

2.1 Update on Benares Historic House Capital Projects
(March 23, 2009 MOMAC-0008-2009)

Memorandum dated June 10, 2009 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager regarding the status of the Benares Historic House summer kitchen refurbishing and picnic table projects.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Joseph Zammit)
See recommendation MOMAC-0010-2009
FA.04.BEN

3. BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PRIOR MEETINGS - Nil

4. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE

4.1 Collections and Storage Subcommittee - Canadian Conservation Institute Report on Museums' Storage

Canadian Conservation Institute Report on Museums' Storage dated February 16, 2009 with respect to the Museums of Mississauga collections storage ("CCI Report").

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, emailed a copy of the CCI Report to Committee Members prior to the meeting and distributed hardcopies at this meeting. She reviewed the report and noted the suggestion for a purpose built facility for Museums' collections. She indicated that such a facility may cost approximately ten-twelve million dollars (\$10,000,000-\$12,000,000) and there may be grant opportunities from the Provincial and Federal governments. Ms. Hagan explained that the CCI Report contained a facility concept for a warehouse type facility with spaces for quarantine, exhibit / gallery, archival collections, archaeology collections, dark spaces and compact art storage. Ms. Hagan advised of preliminary discussions with respect to the feasibility of a joint facility with the Art Gallery of Mississauga.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Tamara Pope)
See recommendation MOMAC-0010-2009
CS.07.STR / MG.30.COL

4.2 Collections and Storage Subcommittee Site Visit – Doon Heritage Crossroads

CASS Chair, Joseph Zammit, provided a verbal report and displayed photos with respect to the site visit conducted by the Collections and Storage Subcommittee on May 23, 2009 of the Doon Heritage Crossroads collections storage centre in Kitchener, Ontario.

Discussion ensued with respect to the storage needs of Museums of Mississauga as well as possible City owned locations for a facility.

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4.3 Report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee meeting on May 19, 2009

Recommendation: CASS-0008-2009

Based on the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga annual presentation to Council on May 13, 2009 and Council's feedback thereto; the pending Mississauga Culture Master Plan; and the pending report from Siegfried Rempel, Canadian Conservation Institute, that CASS recommend to MOMAC to move forward with a feasibility study around the long-term collections storage needs of the Museums of Mississauga.

CASS Chair, Joseph Zammit explained that new information has come forward since the recommendation was passed at CASS and discussion ensued with respect to the wording of the recommendation. It was mentioned that staff were requested to prepare a Corporate Report with respect to a feasibility study. Committee referred the CASS recommendation back to CASS for review and expression of support and requested that the final recommendation be presented to General Committee in conjunction with the Corporate Report prepared by staff.

Referred (Councillor Pat Mullin)
See recommendation MOMAC-0011-2009
MG.30

5. REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

Fred Durdan of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga ("Friends") advised that City Council presented the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum project with an award from the Ontario Heritage Trust. The Friends provided its annual update to Council at its meeting on May 13, 2009. The Friends annual general meeting was held on May 13, 2009 where they elected a new Board of Directors which included two new members and left one vacancy. As well, Susan Burt, Director of Office of the Arts & Culture, gave a presentation of the Mississauga Culture Master Plan at Friends annual general meeting.

Subsequently, Mr. Durdan discussed the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga support in the Museums of Mississauga past and upcoming events and programming.

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6. REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS MANAGER

Memorandum dated June 10, 2009 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presenting the Museums Manager's Report for the period of March 1, 2009 to May 31, 2009.

With respect to the window and dishwasher upgrades at Bradley, it was noted that funds would not be lost if there were delays with the projects.

Committee discussed mitigation of vandalism which occurred at Bradley.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Tamara Pope)
See recommendation MOMAC-0010-2009
MG.30

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Community Foundation of Mississauga - Benares Fund

2008 Community Foundation of Mississauga - Benares Fund Statement.

Chair Lawrence Cook explained the action that the Foundation took to mitigate the losses.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Councillor Pat Mullin)

See recommendation MOMAC-0010-2009

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7.2 Benares Endowment Fund

2008 Benares Endowment Fund Statement.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Councillor Pat Mullin)

See recommendation MOMAC-0010-2009

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8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Alterations to The Anchorage main entrance and ramp at Bradley Museum

Memorandum dated June 10, 2009 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager with respect to alterations to The Anchorage main entrance and ramp at Bradley Museum.

Museums Manager, Annemarie Hagan explained the project through photographs and concept plans. It was suggested that special care be given to the material selection for the floor of the ramp to prevent moss growth while being non-slip for pedestrians.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Fred Durdan)

See recommendation MOMAC-0010-2009

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9. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- 9.1 Letter dated April 28, 2009 from Barbara O'Neil, President of Heritage Mississauga to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Education regarding the Peel District School Board's proposed development of Britannia Farm property.

- 9.2 Letter dated April 2009 from the Ministry of Culture with respect to the 2009 community museum operating grant application.
- 9.3 Ontario Museum Association Newsletter, Volume 32, Issue 3, May 2009.
- 9.4 Communiqué dated May 5, 2009 from Ontario Museum Association.
- 9.5 Article dated May 6, 2009 The Mississauga News titled "Luck and skill put Hazel on top, author says".
- 9.6 Article dated May 8, 2009 The Mississauga News titled "Dunn Park left for 'the people of Mississauga'".
- 9.7 Article dated May 16, 2009 The Globe and Mail titled "Splashy, interactive – and falling apart".
- 9.8 Ministry of Culture News dated May 20, 2009 titled "Ontario modernizing history through new technologies".
- 9.9 Article dated June 3, 2009 eyeweekly.com titled "Why don't we have a city museum?".
- 9.10 Article dated June 3, 2009 The Mississauga News titled "Taking art outdoors".
- 9.11 Communiqué dated June 10, 2009 with respect to the Mississauga Culture Master Plan.
- 9.12 Advertisement dated April 2009 The Mississauga News Volunteer Week Special.
- 9.13 The Mississauga News Special Souvenir Edition May 30-31, 2009 Ron Lenyk.
- 9.14 Article dated January 21, 2009 The Booster titled "What absolute dolls!".
- 9.15 Communiqué with respect to 2009 On the verandah.
- 9.16 Communiqué with respect to Gallery in the Garden and Strawberry Fair at Benares Historic House 2009.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Anne Fabierkiewicz)
See recommendation MOMAC-0010-2009
MG.30.INF

10. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee
Monday, September 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Benares Visitor Centre

ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 p.m.