



MINUTES

MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009 – 6:00 PM

BENARES VISITOR CENTRE

1503 CLARKSON ROAD NORTH, MISSISSAUGA, ON L5J 2W8

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2
Councillor Eve Adams, Ward 5
Lawrence Cook, Citizen Member (Chair)
Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Wendy Davies, Citizen Member
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
John Pegram, Citizen Member
Tamara Pope, Citizen Member
Jeremy Harvey, Citizen Member
John Van Camp, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joyce Delves, Citizen Member
Fred Durdan, 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

Those present introduced themselves.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

DEPUTATIONS

A Benares Historic House Online Virtual Tour

Stephanie Meeuwse, Museums Collections and Exhibit Coordinator and Wilson Santos, Web Designer, took the Committee through the Benares Historic House virtual tour launched on the Museums of Mississauga website (www.museumsofmississauga.com). This interactive tour provides a room-by-room virtual tour of the museum with stories, images, and artifacts from the Harris Family. It features information and descriptions of artifacts within the house as well as video and audio from Barbara Sayers Larson and Geoffrey Harris Sayers who once lived in the Benares. Committee discussed the ability to track the user traffic on the virtual tour and indicated that this would be useful information to measure public awareness of Benares. Discussion took place regarding the ability for online donations to the Museums of Mississauga.

Councillor Pat Mullin moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0001-2009

That the presentation by Stephanie Meeuwse, Museums Collections and Exhibit Coordinator and Wilson Santos, Web Designer, regarding Benares Historic House virtual tour project, to Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be received for information.

Received for Information (Councillor Pat Mullin)

MG.30

B Benares Historic House DVD

Sonia Basu and Richard Collins, Museum Interpreters, explained the purpose and the scope of the Benares Historic House interactive DVD to be launched on June 7, 2009 at the Gallery in the Garden event at Benares Historical House. The DVD will be shown in the summer kitchen at Benares Historic House and sold in the gift shop and/or for promotion to schools. This added component at Benares will allow visitors to take a guided tour of Benares from the summer kitchen in the event that a visitor had a mobility concern. The DVD will be available in up to seven different languages and the City Accessibility Coordinator will be consulted in regard to City accessibility standards for the video.

Councillor Pat Mullin moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0002-2009

That the presentation by Sonia Basu and Richard Collins, Museum Interpreters, regarding the Benares Historic House audio-visual project, to Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be received for information.

Received for Information (Councillor Pat Mullin)
MG.30

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councillor Pat Mullin moved that the Minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting of this Committee be adopted as presented. The motion was voted upon and carried.

ADOPTED AS PRESENTED (Councillor Pat Mullin)
MG.30

1.2 Confirmation / Additions to the Agenda of this Meeting

The agenda prepared for this meeting was confirmed and no items of business were added.

APPROVED
MG.30

2. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PRIOR MEETINGS - Nil

3. BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PRIOR MEETINGS - Nil

4. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

4.1 Report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee meeting on December 10, 2008

Discussion took place surrounding the timing of the letter to the Chief Librarian of Mississauga regarding the Mayor's memorabilia collection as well as the items which CASS sought from Mayor McCallion. Committee determined that further consultation is required regarding the Mayor's memorabilia. Committee directed that Museums staff consult the City Solicitor and Mayor McCallion to resolve concerns regarding the ownership of the Mayor's memorabilia and that Space

Planning and Accommodation Ad Hoc Committee be kept apprised throughout the process.

Councillor Pat Mullin moved the following alternate recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0003-2009 (CASS-0006-2008)

That the report on the Collections and Storage Subcommittee meeting on December 10, 2008 and the verbal report by Collections and Storage Subcommittee Chair Joseph Zammit to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be received for information.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION / DIRECTION (Councillor Pat Mullin)
FA.16 / MG.30

Wendy Davies, Citizen Member moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0004-2009 (CASS-0007-2008)

That Museums staff arrange for the Collections and Storage Subcommittee of Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee to conduct a site visit of the Doon Heritage Crossroads Collections Storage Centre in Kitchener, Ontario.

APPROVED (Wendy Davies)
CS.07

4.2 Report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee meeting on March 3, 2009

Tamara Pope, Citizen Member moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0005-2009

That the report on the Collections and Storage Subcommittee meeting on March 3, 2009 to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be received for information.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Tamara Pope)
MG.30

5. REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

John Van Camp, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga discussed the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga support in the Museums of Mississauga events. Mr. Van Camp discussed the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum award from the Ontario Heritage Trust and advised that signs will be installed at the site to acknowledge the various donations received for the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum project as well as provide information on the Museums of Mississauga. He advised that the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga have requested to make their annual deputation to City Council on May 6, 2009.

Councillor Pat Mullin moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0006-2009

That the verbal report by John Van Camp of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be received for information.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Councillor Pat Mullin)

MG.30

6. REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS MANAGER

Museums Manager's Report November 17, 2008 to February 28, 2009

Memorandum dated March 16, 2009 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presenting the Museums Manager's Report for the period of November 17, 2008 to February 28, 2009.

Committee directed that Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager prepare two letters of appreciation: one letter from Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee ("MOMAC") and Friends of the Museums of Mississauga ("FOM") to the local community to be published in the Meadow Wood Rattray Ratepayer's Association newsletter for their patience, cooperation and accommodation during Maple Magic at Bradley Museum; and the other letter from MOMAC to staff and volunteers for Maple Magic at Bradley Museum.

Committee discussed the Leslie Log Cabin and Annemarie Hagan responded to questions of the Committee regarding funding and possible grants as well as the role of FOM in the project.

Councillor Pat Mullin moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0007-2009

That the memorandum dated March 16, 2009 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presenting the Museums Manager's Report for the period of November 17, 2008 to February 28, 2009 to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be received for information.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION / DIRECTION (Councillor Pat Mullin)

MG.30

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Benares Historic House Capital Projects

Memorandum from Friends of the Museums of Mississauga dated March 16, 2009 regarding capital projects at the Benares Historic House.

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager responded to questions from Committee members in regard to the process for City approval of the projects, the cost outline and City contractors.

Subsequently, Tamara Pope, Citizen Member moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0008-2009

That the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009 approved in principle the Benares Historic House summer kitchen refurbishing and picnic table projects as outlined in the memorandum from Friends of the Museums of Mississauga dated March 16, 2009, subject to a final project outline to be submitted to General Committee in the form of a Corporate Report from the Commissioner of Community Services.

APPROVED (Tamara Pope)
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8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Councillor Pat Mullin moved the following recommendation which as voted upon and carried:

MOMAC-0009-2009

That the following items presented to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be received for information:

1. *Letter dated March 10, 2009 from Ken Owen, Director of Facilities and Property Management in response to Lawrence Cook's, Chair of MOMAC, letter regarding the repairs to the Anchorage handrail.*
2. *Museums of Mississauga News Volume 3 Fall 2008.*
3. *The Booster article dated November 19, 2008 titled "Clarkson's 200th Christmas".*
4. *Mississauga Arts and Culture Master Plan strategic directions workshop report dated December 4, 2008.*
5. *The Booster articles dated December 12, 2008.*
6. *Snap articles dated December 2008.*
7. *Community Foundation of Mississauga Newsletter Volume 6, Issue 1, Winter 2009.*
8. *Snap South Mississauga article dated January 2009 titled "Edwardian Style Christmas at Benares".*
9. *Ontario Museum Association communiqué dated February 5, 2009 titled "Promoting a Creative Approach to the Ontario Economy".*

10. *The Mississauga News* article dated February 7, 2009.
11. *Goodlife Infocus*.
12. *Information regarding the Museums of Mississauga programming for Family Day.*
13. *Information regarding the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Starlight and Candlelight Gala.*
14. *Information regarding Heritage Four Speakers Series 2009.*
15. *Mississauga press release dated March 10, 2009 titled "Discover Mississauga this march break through award winning activities".*
16. *Information regarding the program "Your Home on Native Land featuring Alan Skeoch".*
17. *Information regarding A Complex Verdict Gala for the Peel County Courthouse.*
18. *Information regarding Lay it away in the Larder.*

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION (Councillor Pat Mullin)
CS.07.MUS

9. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Collections and Storage Subcommittee:

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Bradley Museum, The Anchorage

Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee:

Monday, June 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Benares Visitor Centre

ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 p.m.