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MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 – 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
Francis Goddu, Citizen Member (Chair)
Lawrence Cook, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Wendy Davies, Citizen Member
Joyce Delves, Citizen Member
Fred Durdan, Citizen Member
Tamara Pope, Citizen Member
Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member
John Van Camp, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
John Pegram, 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

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DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Those present introduced themselves.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- April 21, 2008

Citizen Member John Van Camp made mention of the circulation of a replacement page within the paper copy of the Power Point presentation in Deputation B.

Mr. Van Camp also commented that felt that the fees for The Community Foundation of Mississauga were not explained at the meeting and would like clarification on how it is being handled. Tamara Pope added that her notes from the meeting indicated that staff would arrange for a representative to speak to the Committee at a later date. Museums Manager Annemarie Hagan concurred with Ms. Pope. Subsequently, Chair Francis Goddu moved a motion that staff arrange a deputation from the Community Foundation of Mississauga at the next Committee meeting. Tamara Pope seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Citizen Member Joseph Zammit moved that the Minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting of this Committee be adopted as presented. Citizen Member John Van Camp seconded this motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Subsequently, Committee reviewed the Recommendations out of this Committee's meeting on April 21, 2008 as well as their respective Council Decisions.

Adopted as Presented / Direction (Joseph Zammit)
MG.30

DEPUTATIONS: Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. CONFIRMATION / ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA OF THIS MEETING

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

MG.30

2. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Benares Historic House Ontario Heritage Trust Conservation Easement

Memorandum from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager dated August 28, 2008 regarding the Benares Historic House Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement with the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Ms. Hagan advised that this information was sought from Ontario Heritage Trust to provide the Committee and staff with clarification on the Benares Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement, which needs to be considered in the planning of any changes, such as the proposed summer kitchen project. Ms. Hagan proposed that Museums staff and volunteer group as well as Friends of the Museums of Mississauga develop a work plan for the Benares Historic House summer kitchen project and present the work plan to the Commissioner for Community Services who would then submit a report to the Committee for consideration. Councillor Pat Mullin suggested that Facility and Property Management staff also participate in the development of the work plan to determine if there would be an opportunity for the City to generate revenue from renting the space for meetings. Ms. Hagan responded that they have not pursued that avenue as the other Museums' meeting rooms have approximately twenty-five percent usage and the vision for the summer kitchen is of a welcoming area for visitors of the Museum and they could possibly incorporate the viewing of the DVD project into the work plan. It was also noted that the summer kitchen would hold a capacity of approximately eight people for a meeting due to the existing accessible ramp. Ms. Hagan mentioned that she consulted with the Accessibility Coordinator Diana Simpson regarding updating the ramp and had some suggestions for improving its function within the space. Councillor Mullin concurred with Ms. Hagan's suggestion for the use of the summer kitchen. Vice-Chair Lawrence Cook and Citizen Member Fred Durdan suggested that the City procedure should remain as straightforward as possible and to keep in mind that there will be smaller projects at the Benares Historic House for which the Benares Endowment Fund could provide funds.

Mr. Durdan moved that staff be requested to develop a process for undertaking Benares Historic House capital projects funded by the Benares Endowment Fund including approval of the Ontario Heritage Trust and commence the use of this process for the summer kitchen project. Citizen Member Joseph Zammit seconded this motion. This motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information / Direction (Fred Durdan)
Recommendation MOMAC-0017-2008
CS.07

3. BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PRIOR MEETINGS - Nil

4. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

Report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee meeting on June 24, 2008

CASS Chair Joseph Zammit advised that due to the Federal Election on October 14, 2008, the next CASS meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Mr. Zammit reviewed the highlights of the Subcommittee report and explained that the Fusion Park building would have been a great location for Museums programming as it represents a gateway to the City of Mississauga from Oakville and it is a shame that the building is in such disrepair. Councillor Pat Mullin spoke to the state of the building and explained that the rehabilitation of the building is included in the City's Master Plan. In the interim, she has communicated with the Commissioner for Community Services the suggestion of opening the land for pedestrian and bicycling paths.

Mr. Zammit advised that staff will be working with the Mayor's office in the Fall of 2008 regarding Mayor McCallion's donation. He distributed to the Committee a copy of his letter to the Mayor dated July 17, 2008.

Mr. Zammit mentioned the business cases for the Leslie Log Cabin for the Streetsville Historical Society and Artifact Storage Feasibility Study projects in the Museums Manager's report and the immense amount of work involved in the proposals to the Leadership Team. Museums Manager Annemarie Hagan advised that staff will be pursuing alternate funding options for these business cases. Ms. Hagan also advised that there may be grant opportunities for the Feasibility Study for the Museums of Mississauga storage facility.

Citizen Member Fred Durdan questioned how the \$117,000 capital funds for the Leslie Log Cabin would be used and Ms. Hagan advised that Museums staff and the Streetsville Historical Society are developing a work plan while pursuing alternative funding.

Citizen Member Tamara Pope questioned due to the CASS meeting date change, would the site visit at the Leslie Log Cabin take place prior to the meeting and Ms. Hagan advised in the affirmative.

Subsequently, Citizen Member Wendy Davies moved receipt of the Report of the CASS meeting on June 24, 2008, for information. Citizen Member Joyce Delves seconded this motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Wendy Davies)
Recommendation MOMAC-0018-2008
CS.07.STR

5. REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

Representative of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Fred Durdan provided a verbal report to the Committee outlining the past events hosted by the Friends of the

Museums of Mississauga ("Friends") and noted the following: that the Friends had a booth on Lakeshore Road for the Clarkson 1808 Celebration in June 2008 and provided literature and applications to local citizens to develop awareness of Friends; that On the Verandah at Benares Historic House concert series was well attended having approximately 125 attendees when they were not rained out and expressed gratitude to the performers; the Fall Fair will be held September 13 and 14, 2008 at the Bradley Museum and the Friends will be supporting the event through activities creating fun and fellowship for the entire family.

Subsequently, Mr. Durdan also noted the Friends support for the Communities in Bloom breakfast on August 7th and that Parks staff were able to provide a series of tents shielding participants from the rain. Museums Manager Annemarie Hagan expressed appreciation that the Log Cabin was chosen as the location where the city's Leadership Team welcomed the Communities in Bloom judges. She also commented that this event continues to increase community involvement.

Subsequently, Citizen Member Councillor Eve Adams moved receipt of the verbal report of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, for information. Citizen Member Tamara Pope seconded this motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Councillor Eve Adams)
Recommendation MOMAC-0019-2008
MG.30

6. REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS MANAGER

Museums Manager's Report April 13, 2008 to August 31, 2008

Memorandum dated September 8, 2008 from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager presenting the Museums Manager's Report for the period of April 13, 2008 to August 31, 2008.

Ms. Hagan reviewed her report noting the wonderful relationships and partnerships built at the Clarkson 1808 Celebrations. Ms. Hagan advised that the Museums of Mississauga will participate in the first Christmas in Clarkson later this year. She also mentioned the sponsor thank-you breakfast for Clarkson 1808 to be held at the Benares Historic House will raise awareness of the Museum.

Ms. Hagan is hopeful that staff will make significant progress this fall on the work plan for the Museums marketing "Branding" to develop online resources for the Museums of Mississauga as well as the Benares Historic House DVD project.

Ms. Hagan encouraged Members' involvement in the Fall Folk Festival Environmental Fair and requested volunteers to contact Kelly Kubik, Museums Community Program Supervisor.

Ms. Hagan advised that the Museums are seeking donations of corn husks for their dolls and used games and books for programming at the Bradley Museum.

Councillor Pat Mullin commented on the extreme success of the Clarkson 1808 Celebrations due to the incredible relationship between the Friends of the Museums and the Museums of Mississauga, making special mention of the momentum created by the Museums staff. Ms. Hagan advised that an acknowledgement of thanks to the community for its involvement in Clarkson 1808 will be located at Oak Tree Park.

Ms. Hagan highlighted the upcoming special events in her report.

Subsequently, Vice-Chair Lawrence Cook moved that the Museum Manager's Report be received for information. Citizen Member Joseph Zammit seconded this motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Lawrence Cook)
Recommendation MOMAC-0020-2008
MG.30

Subsequently, Citizen Member Tamara Pope questioned whether the capital projects itemized in the Museums Manager's report will be completed by the end of the year and if there is a risk of losing the funds if they are not completed. Ms. Hagan responded that she anticipates that projects within her responsibility will be completed before 2008 year end. Ms. Hagan expressed concern with the delays of the capital projects and Councillor Eve Adams requested being notified by Ms. Hagan if there is a future concern for completion of significant projects. Further discussion took place regarding capital project completion and subsequently, Councillor Pat Mullin moved that Facilities and Property Management staff be requested to attend the next Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee meeting to provide a status of the Museums outstanding capital projects and provide timelines for their completion. Ms. Pope seconded this motion. This motion was voted on and carried.

Direction (Councillor Pat Mullin)
Recommendation MOMAC-0021-2008
CS.07

Further, the Committee discussed regarding repairs to the Anchorage and subsequently, Citizen Member Tamara Pope moved that Museums staff be requested to engage the Heritage Coordinator to review the repairs to the exterior hand railing at the Anchorage in a heritage context and report back to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee. Citizen Member Joseph Zammit seconded this motion. This motion was voted on and carried.

Direction (Tamara Pope)
Recommendation MOMAC-0022-2008
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7. NEW BUSINESS

2009 Scheduling of Meetings

Memorandum dated August 28, 2008 from Jessica Reid, Legislative Coordinator to advise the Chair and members of the meetings scheduled in 2009.

Councillor Eve Adams declared a conflict with the June 22, 2009 meeting date and requested that staff survey for a viable alternate date at the end of May. Chair Francis Goddu advised that there was great thought put into this schedule and that it complies with the specifications that the Committee and Museums Manager requested.

Citizen Member Tamara Pope moved receipt of the 2009 schedule of meetings. Citizen Member John Van Camp seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received (Tamara Pope)
MG.30

8. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Councillor Eve Adams moved that the following items be received for information. Vice-Chair Lawrence Cook seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried.

8.1 Letter from Mayor McCallion to the Honourable John Baird, Minister of the Environment and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, dated August 5, 2008 regarding the plaque commemorating the national historic significance of Mazo de la Roche.

8.2 Letter from Mazo de la Roche Society to the Executive Secretary of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada dated August 8, 2008 regarding the plaque commemorating the national historic significance of Mazo de la Roche.

Chair Francis Goddu advised that he is waiting for a reply from the Board and for the installation of the plaque.

8.3 Museums of Mississauga Museum News Volume 2 / Spring 2008.

8.4 The Star advertisement dated June 10, 2008 titled "Stolen Casa Loma guns recovered".

8.5 Communiqué from Thomas A. Reitz, Manager/Curator of the Doon Heritage Crossroads dated June 19, 2008 regarding a new museum at Doon Heritage Crossroads.

8.6 The Booster Clarkson Celebrates 200 years edition dated June 18, 2008.

- 8.7 Ontario Museums Association Current e-News dated June 26, 2008 regarding the Community Museums Operating Grant program.
- 8.8 Communiqué from the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga regarding On the Verandah concert series for July and August, 2008.
- 8.9 Mississauga News advertisement dated July 9, 2008 titled "Century-old barn destroyed by blaze".
- 8.10 Communiqué from Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager dated July 8, 2008 regarding a public meeting for the Peel Heritage Complex program review.

Citizen Member Tamara Pope requested the outcome of the public meeting and Ms. Hagan responded that the Museums of Mississauga will continue to participate in the public meetings; however, there is no anticipated integration for Mississauga in the program at this time.
- 8.11 City of Guelph News Release dated July 21, 2008 titled "Firm selected for new Guelph Civic Museum design".
- 8.12 The Booster advertisement dated July 23, 2008 titled "Join teddy for a picnic".
- 8.13 Communiqué from the Canadian Museums Association dated August 20, 2008 titled "Key messages and actions – cuts to federal programs".
- 8.14 Communiqué from the Museums of Mississauga regarding the Summer/Fall 2008 Events.
- 8.15 Communiqué regarding the Clarkson 200 Lecture Series for September, October, November and December 2008.
- 8.16 Communiqué regarding the fall folk festival & environmental fair taking place on September 13 and 14, 2008.
- 8.17 Communiqué regarding Doors Open Mississauga taking place on September 27, 2008.
- 8.18 Communiqué regarding the Mississauga Library System Historic Images Gallery.
- 8.19 Communiqué regarding Sleepovers at the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum.

Received for Information

Recommendation MOMAC-0023-2008
CS.07 / CS.07.MUS

9. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- CASS – Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:00 p.m. (Date change recorded in Item 4)
- MOMAC Committee - Monday, November 24, 2008 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:18 p.m.

REPORT 3-2008

TO: MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee presents its third report for 2008 and recommends:

MOMAC-0017-2008

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(MOMAC-0017-2008)

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That the Report of the Collections and Storage Subcommittee of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee from its meeting on June 24, 2008, be received for information.

MG.30.COL

(MOMAC-0018-2008)

MOMAC-0019-2008

That the verbal report by Fred Durdan of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 8, 2008, be received for information.

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(MOMAC-0019-2008)

MOMAC-0020-2008

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(MOMAC-0020-2008)

MOMAC-0021-2008

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(MOMAC-0022-2008)

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(MOMAC-0023-2008)