



MINUTES

MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 – 6:00 PM

**BENARES VISITOR CENTRE
1507 CLARKSON ROAD NORTH, MISSISSAUGA, ON L5J 2W8**

Members in Attendance

Jeremy Harvey, Citizen Member **(CHAIR)**
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
Pat Mullin, Ward 2
Wendy Davies, Citizen Member
Joyce Delves, Citizen Member Councillor
Fred Durdan, Citizen Member
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
John Pegram, Citizen Member
John Van Camp, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

Members Absent

Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member **(Vice-Chair)**
Lawrence Cook, Citizen Member
Descendent of the Harris Family (*ex-officio*)

Staff in Attendance

Annemarie Hagan, Museums & Traditions Manager
Paul Damaso, Manager, Cultural Operations, Culture Division
Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair declared a conflict of interest with respect to Tilda Rice with whom he facilitated a sponsorship for the sale of Tilda Rice in the Museums Gift Shop for which he was compensated.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED – (J. Pegram)

5. DEPUTATIONS - Nil

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With respect to Item 10(a) Collections Policy Communications Plan, the Chair clarified that there is not sufficient information to raise awareness of the Committee's Role in the Executive Summary. Ms. A. Hagan, Museums and Traditions Manager, advised that there are more details in the Plan than contained in the Executive Summary.

The minutes of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) meeting held on November 25, 2013 were approved as amended.

APPROVED – (A. Fabierkiewicz)

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

(a) Update on Terms of Reference Task Group

The Chair noted that due to the unavailability of several members away on vacation, a meeting has not convened of the Task Group, but that one will be convened prior to the next MOMAC Meeting.

(b) MOMAC 2014 Work Plan

The Chair advised that he has developed a MOMAC work plan for the last year of the Committee's term. The priority areas for the Committee's focus are Artifact Collection and a City Wide Museum. He noted that the Artifact Collection priorities include proactive communication to raise awareness in the community that the Museums of Mississauga are collecting against a specific mandate, and to proactively engage with citizens and collectors

regarding potential for donations and acquisitions. The City-wide Museum priorities include an Advocacy Program, formulating a Vision for the new city-wide museum, work with City staff in evaluation of any potential sites and advise as required, and to champion a "Museum Design".

The Committee commented as follows:

- Collection will not be limited to, but will focus on 1939 and onwards;
- Utilize newsletters from Members of Council to their respective residents;
- Engage the public through information meetings such as an Annual General Meeting;
- Connecting with estate planners, lawyers and financial planners with Mississauga Community Foundation for endowments.

Councillor Tovey advised that the Inspiration Lakeview Master Plan has recommended a Museum facility on the Ontario Power Generation site along with an art gallery. The Chair advised that he would be attending the public meeting on the Inspiration Lakeview Master Plan on March 18, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0001-2014

That the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) 2014 Priorities and Work Plan from J. Harvey, Chair, dated March 17, 2014, based on the new MOMAC Mandate, be approved.

APPROVED – (J. Delves)

8. MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA REPORT

Ms. Hagan reviewed the activities at the Museums of Mississauga since mid-November 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0002-2014

That the Museums of Mississauga Report dated March 12, 2014 from Annemarie Hagan, Manager, Museums & Traditions, highlighting Collections and Exhibits activities, Museums Events, and an update on Capital Projects, for the period November 15, 2013 to March, 2014, be received. Of note was the fact that the Benares Historic House is closed for 5 weeks to allow for the restoration of the original painted patterned floor which was revealed after the hardwood floor was removed in the hallway.

RECEIVED – (Councillor P. Mullin)

9. UPDATE ON PLANS FOR MUSEUM ARTIFACT COLLECTION STORAGE AND A NEW MUSEUM FACILITY

Ms. Hagan noted that this was a progress update highlighting the fact that Museums and Traditions will have more storage space for its artifacts as the collection grows with a new Museum facility proposed in the 10 year Capital Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0003-2014

That the Memorandum dated March 11, 2014 from Annemarie Hagan, Manager, Museums & Traditions, entitled "*Update on Plans for Museum Artifact Collection Storage and a New Museum Facility*," be received.

RECEIVED – (Councillor J. Tovey)

10. FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA UPDATE

J. Delves and F. Durdan, Citizen Members, provided a verbal update and highlighted several events, successes and plans of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga (Friends) including:

- The resounding success of the Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala held on February 21, 2014 which raised over \$13,000
- Maple Magic which attracted over 3,100 visitors

The Friends of the Museums were gearing up for a series of Summer activities including the Friday on the Verandah Series from June to the end of August.

The Chair thanked Mrs. Delves and Mr. Durdan for their update.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Items (a), (b), (c) and (d) were received for information. Ms. Hagan, Manager, Museums & Traditions, also distributed copies of the Museums of Mississauga Fact Sheet under Item 11(d).

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0004-2013

That the following Items for Information be received:

- (a) Mississauga News Article entitled "*Workers angered after museum hours reduced*" dated March 6, 2014;
- (b) Mississauga News Article entitled "*Sticky situation: Maple Syrup fest gets under way*" dated March 9, 2014;
- (c) Pictures of the Opening of Mississauga's 40th Anniversary Display dated January 2014 with Madam Mayor;

(d) Museums of Mississauga Background and Fact Sheet dated March 2014

RECEIVED – (Councillor P. Mullin)

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business.

DATE OF NEXT MOMAC MEETING

Monday, June 16, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Due to Mississauga's 40th Anniversary Exhibit at Benares, place of meeting will be confirmed nearer the time.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:09 p.m. (Councillor P. Mullin)