



MINUTES

MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 – 6:00 PM

**THE LOG CABIN
1620 ORR ROAD, MISSISSAUGA, ON**

Members in Attendance

Jeremy Harvey, Citizen Member **(CHAIR)**
Councillor Karen Ras, Ward 2
Councillor John Kovac, Ward 4 (arr. 6:58 pm)
Wendy Davies, Citizen Member
Joyce Delves, Citizen Member
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
Irfan Malik, Citizen Member
John Pegram, Citizen Member

In Attendance

Mira Coughlan, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member **(Vice-Chair)** (via Speakerphone – non-voting)

Members Absent

Fred Durdan, Citizen Member
Barbara Tabuno, Citizen Member
Descendent of the Harris Family (*ex-officio*)

Staff in Attendance

Stuart Keeler, Manager of Museums and Chief Curator
Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chair welcomed J. Zammit to the meeting via telephone due to illness. Mr. Zammit participated in a non-voting capacity.

The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga nomination to MOMAC, Mira Coghlan, was also in attendance in a non-voting capacity until her appointment is confirmed by Council.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED – (J. Pegram)

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS - Nil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) meeting held on March 9, 2015 were approved as presented.

APPROVED – (I. Malik)

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Review and Approval of MOMAC Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and made the following amendments:

- (a) Item 2(a) iii under *Membership* be amended to read, "one (1) representative of the Friends of Museums of Mississauga (Friends) whose term of office shall be in accordance with the term set out by the Friends";
- (b) Under *Role of the Chair*, the following be added as item 7: "In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the role of Chair";

The Chair further noted that at the March MOMAC meeting, a change to the term of Ex-officio was discussed under *Membership*. This was in reference to the continuation of an ex-officio under *Membership* in the Terms of Reference. The Ex-Officio is currently a descendent of the Harris family. He suggested that the

status of Ex-Officio remain unchanged in the Terms of Reference. The Chair stated that many museums have patrons and he undertook to discuss this matter with the Chair of the Friends.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0009-2015

That the Draft Terms of Reference of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) be approved as amended.

APPROVED – (J. Delves)

2. Appointment of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Representative on MOMAC

The Friends have nominated Mira Coghlan as their Representative on MOMAC for a term of one year.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0010-2015

That the appointment of Mira Coghlan, Representative of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga on the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, for a term of one year, be approved.

APPROVED – (Councillor K. Ras)

3. Draft MOMAC 2015 Work Plan

The Chair reviewed the 2015 MOMAC Draft Work Plan. He noted that there are three main components to the Work Plan, the Museums Strategic Plan, Engagement/Outreach and Community Vision.

Members of the Committee raised the following issues:

- That under Engagement/Outreach, the educational community be included along with the engagement of residents, businesses and the political communities;
- If previous strategic studies will be incorporated in the current Museums and Heritage Strategic Plan Review;
- Concern that strategic and planning studies are being conducted every few years;
- In order to move forward with the 2015 Work Plan, the Chair suggested task groups be created for Engagement/Outreach and Community Vision

In response to the question of incorporating previous strategic studies into the Museums and Heritage Strategic Plan Review, Stuart Keeler, Manager of Museums and Chief Curator, advised that this is a new review, however all relevant information from previous studies have been provided to the Consultants.

The following Committee Members were appointed to the Engagement/Outreach Task Group: W. Davies, J. Delves, A. Fabierkiewicz, and I. Malik.

The following Committee Members were appointed to the Community Vision Task Group: M. Coghlan, J. Pegram, B. Tabuno and J. Zammit.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0011-2015

1. That the 2015 Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) 2015 Work Plan be approved as amended.
2. That an Engagement and Outreach Task Group be approved in an advisory capacity to MOMAC composed of Wendy Davies, Joyce Delves, Anne Fabierkiewicz and Irfan Malik.
3. That a Community Vision Task Group be approved in an advisory capacity to MOMAC composed of Mira Coghlan, John Pegram, Barbara Tabuno and Joe Zammit.

APPROVED – (W. Davies)

4. Museums of Mississauga Report from Manager, Museums & Chief Curator

Stuart Keeler, Manager of Museums and Chief Curator, updated the Committee on the activities at the Museums of Mississauga (Museums) over the last quarter.

He noted the following:

- Renovations at the Bradley Museums is scheduled for completion late June;
- As part of the City's public art program, the exterior of Bradley House was transformed into a temporary visual arts display for one week before being restored to its original look;
- In order to be aligned with museum standards, Museums are being reanimated into exhibition spaces such as the Mountie Exhibit at Benares Visitor Centre, which he encouraged Committee Members to view. There are plans to borrow artifacts from the Royal Ontario Museum, Ryerson University and the Textile Museum of Canada. Future MOMAC Meetings will therefore be held in The Log Cabin at Bradley Museum;

- As part of the Museums and Heritage Strategic Plan Review, Committee Members will be participating in focus groups in early Fall along with the Friends of the Museums and other audiences. Mr. Keeler will forward a schedule to the Committee shortly;
- A marketing analysis that will look at ways to increase and engage different audiences;
- Seek ways to build the artifact collections;
- The Anchorage has been refurbished after the flood damage and staff have moved back. The basement is scheduled to be completed in early Fall.
- Mr. Keeler shared the new Museums Vision and Mission Statements. He noted that with the Museums and Heritage Strategic Plan Review underway, the Mission Statement focuses on the relevance of Museums of Mississauga in the present and the future whilst building on the past. Discussion ensued about emphasis on a purpose built facility, making the Statements succinct, and focusing on education, exhibitions, the community and collections.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0012-2015

That the Museums of Mississauga Report from the Manager, Museums and Chief Curator, dated June 8, 2015, be received.

RECEIVED – (W. Davies)

At this point, Councillor Kovac joined the meeting and the Chair and Members of the Committee welcomed him.

5. Friends of the Museums of Mississauga (Friends) Verbal Update

On behalf of the Friends, Ms. Coghlan, reviewed the activities over the Spring as well as upcoming events over the Summer months. She spoke of the success of the Friends' Gala which was held on June 5, 2015 and advised that the amount raised will be confirmed at the next MOMAC meeting. The event garnered a lot of positive comments from the attendees. The Committee thanked the Friends for their efforts in organizing the event. Mr. Keeler echoed his appreciation on behalf of the Museums staff.

Ms. Delves advised that the first two *On the Verandah Concerts* had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. She also sought volunteers to assist at the *Concerts* on Fridays until August 28, 2015, and requested those on the Committee that were interested in assisting to contact her as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked Ms. Coghlan and Ms. Delves for their updates.

6. Items for Information

- (a) *Mississauga News* Article on Art Project at Bradley House

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0013-2015

That the *Mississauga News* article with respect to a temporary art project at the Bradley House dated June 2, 2015 be received for information.

RECEIVED – (Councillor K. Ras)

OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) There were no other items of business.

DATE OF NEXT MOMAC MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:23 p.m.