
(Approved September 20, 2016)

Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee

Date

2016/03/22

Time

6:00 PM

Location

Civic Centre, Committee Room A - Second Floor,
300 Civic Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1 Ontario

Members Present

Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Karen Ras, Ward 2
Councillor John Kovac, Ward 4
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
Irfan Malik, Citizen Member
Barbara Hazel Tabuno, Citizen Member
Mira Coughlan, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

Members Absent

Wendy Davies, Citizen Member
Joyce Delves, Citizen Member
Fred Durdan, Citizen Member
John Pegram, Citizen Member
Descendent of the Harris Family (*ex-officio*)

Staff Present

Stuart Keeler, Manager and Chief Curator
Paul Damaso, Acting Director, Culture Division
Sonja Banic, Manager, Culture Operations
Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk, called the meeting to order.

2. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVES

2.1 Appointment of Chair

Ms. Alikhan called for nominations for appointment of Chair for the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) for the term ending November 30, 2018 resulting from the resignation of Jeremy Harvey on January 18, 2016.

M. Coghlan nominated Joe Zammit for appointment to the office of the Chair. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Kovac.

No further nominations were received.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0001-2016

That Joe Zammit be appointed Chair of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee for the term ending November 2018, or until a successor is appointed.

APPROVED – (M. Coghlan)

The appointment of Mr. Zammit left a vacancy for the position of Vice Chair and Ms. Alikhan called for nominations for appointment of Vice Chair for the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) for the term ending November 30, 2018.

I. Malik nominated Barbara Tabuno for appointment of Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by M. Coghlan.

No further nominations were received.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0002-2016

That Barbara Tabuno be appointed Vice Chair of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee for the term ending November 2018, or until a successor is appointed.

APPROVED – (I. Malik)

J. Zammit took over the Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED (Councillor K. Ras)

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - November 24, 2015

APPROVED (I. Malik)

6. DEPUTATIONS

- 6.1 Jeremy Harvey, former MOMAC Member, spoke to the Committee to bid it farewell in person and his plans to create an advocacy group for a new Museum as he expressed concern that the focus has moved away from one. He proposed to call the group *Museum for Mississauga*.

The Chair thanked Mr. Harvey and expressed regret at his decision to resign from MOMAC.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0003-2016

That the deputation from Jeremy Harvey, former Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) Member, dated March 22, 2016, be received.

RECEIVED (A. Fabierkiewicz)

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 7.1. Museums & Heritage Planning Strategic Plan Final Report

The Committee noted that the joint discussion with the Heritage Advisory Committee was valuable.

In response to the Chair's concern with respect to the statistics reported regarding interest in a dedicated museum facility, Stuart Keeler, Manager and Curator of Museums, stated that if the Museums of Mississauga continues to empower and engage the residents of Mississauga, and the numbers and viewership continue to increase, the conversation for the need and relevancy of a new Museum facility will shift in time.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0004-2016

That the Museums and Heritage Planning Strategic Plan Final Report dated March 2016 prepared by TCI Management Consultants entitled *Heritage Management Strategy* be approved as presented.

APPROVED (B Tabuno)

7.2. Interim Recommendations for staff consideration - Community Vision Task Group and Engagement and Outreach Task Group (Deferred from 11/24/15 Meeting)

The Chair advised that as a result of the recommendations in the Museums and Heritage Planning Strategic Planning document just approved, MOMAC will need to reassess its work plan and possibly the Task Groups.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0005-2016

That the Interim Recommendations for staff consideration resulting from the Community Vision Task Group and the Engagement and Outreach Task Group dated November 24, 2015, be received.

APPROVED (Councillor J. Kovac)

7.3. Update - Museums of Mississauga

Mr. Keeler updated the Committee on the activities and exhibits held at the Museums, as well as those planned in the coming months.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0006-2016

That the Museums of Mississauga Update from the Manager of Museums and Chief Curator dated February 29, 2016, be received for information.

RECEIVED (A. Fabierkiewicz)

7.4 Verbal Update from Friends of Museums of Mississauga (Friends)

M. Coghlan gave an update with respect to the Friends' activities to-date and those planned for the months ahead. She noted that the Friends would appreciate MOMAC members' assistance during the upcoming *On the Verandah* series planned for the Summer because at least three volunteers are needed for each event.

Ms. Coghlan also advised that there will not be a Friends Gala this year but discussions are underway for one in June 2017 to coincide with Canada's 150th celebrations, most likely held at a Museums site. She noted the Friends' Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2016

Mr. Malik suggested that more information on the Friends be made available on programs and at Museums events such as *Maple Magic*, at which hundreds of people attend, to promote awareness and increase membership. Ms. Coghlan thanked Mr. Malik and agreed that this was an opportunity to boost awareness of the Friends' in addition to their quarterly newsletter.

The Chair thanked Ms. Coghlan for her update and the efforts of the Friends.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1. Temporary traditional Aboriginal Sweat Lodge at the Bradley Museums; and
8.2. Wrapped Tied Tucked Debrief

Mr. Keeler provided a review of the events.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0007-2016

That the Memorandum under Item 8.1 entitled *Temporary Traditional Aboriginal Sweat Lodge at the Bradley Museums*, and the Memorandum under Item 8.2 entitled *Wrapped Tied Tucked Debrief*, both from the Manager of Museums and Chief Curator, dated February 24, 2016, be received for information.

RECEIVED (I. Malik)

- 8.3. Regional Roundtable on Diversity (RDR)

Mr. Stuart advised that Museums staff have received training on diversity. He said that he will arrange a session for Members of MOMAC as it is in keeping with the objective of reaching out to the diverse community that makes up Mississauga. The Committee agreed to two tentative dates of May 3rd or May 9th, and Mr. Keeler advised that once details are finalized, he will email Members accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0008-2016

That the Memorandum dated February 24, 2016 entitled *Regional Roundtable on Diversity (RDR)*, from the Manager of Museums and Chief Curator, be received for information.

RECEIVED (B. Tabuno)

- 8.4. Vacancy on MOMAC

Ms. Alikhan advised that a vacancy has resulted on MOMAC from Jeremy Harvey's resignation. The Committee felt it was important that the vacancy be filled.

Councillor Ras noted that there were a number of candidates interviewed early in 2015 and a suitable replacement can be drawn from this pool. I. Malik felt that a member from the Aboriginal community be appointed. Ms. Alikhan advised that the Corporate Policy dictates that the City first draws from applications on file before advertising externally. She stated, however, that Committee Members are encouraged to contact interested people in the community to submit applications in the meantime.

Mr. Malik also expressed concern that there are members of MOMAC who remain consistently absent. Ms. Alikhan advised that the Council Procedures By-law dictates the rules regarding member absences and the Office of the City Clerk is responsible for ensuring the By-law is upheld when appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-0009-2016

That as a result of Jeremy Harvey's resignation, a vacancy exists on the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, and that the City Clerk be requested to fill the vacancy.

APPROVED (I. Malik)8.5 Advisory Committee Role

Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator, advised that the document is for the Committee's information and being shared with all Committees of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

MOMAC-00010-2016

That the document entitled *Advisory Committee Role* dated November 2015, be received for information.

RECEIVED (M. Coghlan)

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) The Chair noted that the Britannia Farm property was in the news and that the Peel Board of Education and the City of Mississauga may be in the process of signing a memorandum of agreement on how the property is to be developed. He advised that the previous Mayor, Hazel McCallion, had once hoped the land could host a Museum facility, and felt that it was important for MOMAC to be included in the discussions. The Committee felt that given MOMAC's approval today of the Museums and Heritage Strategic Planning Strategy, this would be premature.
- (b) The Chair suggested that Mayor Crombie be invited to attend a future MOMAC meeting for a meet and greet and to provide her view with respect to a new Museum facility. Staff will extend an invitation on behalf of MOMAC to one of its fall 2015 meetings.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 21, 2016 in Committee Room 'A', Civic Centre

11. ADJOURNMENT – 7:35 pm