## City of Mississauga

# **Minutes**



(Approved June 20, 2017)

## **Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee**

#### **Date**

2016/12/06

#### Time

6:08 PM

#### Location

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

#### **Members Present**

Joseph Zammit, Citizen Member (Chair)
Barbara Hazel Tabuno, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Councillor John Kovac, Ward 4
Wendy Davies, Citizen Member
Joyce Delves, Citizen Member
Anne Fabierkiewicz, Citizen Member
Irfan Malik, Citizen Member
John Pegram, Citizen Member
Geoffrey Gooderham, Descendent of the Harris Family (ex-officio)

#### **Members Absent**

Councillor Karen Ras, Ward 2 Mira Coughlan, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

#### **Staff Present**

Stuart Keeler, Manager and Chief Curator Sonja Banic, Manager, Culture Operations Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:08 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Mayor Bonnie Crombie to the Meeting. The Chair also introduced and welcomed Mr. Geoffrey Gooderham, Ex-Officio of the Harris Family Decedent to the meeting.

## 1.1. Remarks by Mayor Crombie

Mayor Crombie spoke to the City's 4-year goal focusing on building and engaging new audiences. She said that for too long, the Museums of Mississauga has focused only on European pioneer story. She stated that one of the ways to engage residents is through *The Story of M (Mississauga)*, the first of its kind in Canada, which will engage residents in the collection of stories that will tell the story of Mississauga and to celebrate its diversity. She said the new projects with the Indigenous Community are notable. Mayor Crombie noted that a museum building has been discussed for years, but the goal at this time is to focus on building audience and engagement, and to expand the Museums' function beyond the heritage houses with new exhibitions, programs and events that are inclusive and tell Mississauga's diverse story.

In response to the Chair's question regarding consideration of a shared facility with the Arts Gallery of Mississauga (AGM), Mayor Crombie responded this was a possibility and the City is exploring opportunities. She suggested bringing this matter to Ward 5 Councillor Carolyn Parrish's attention with respect to the plans for the development of the Britannia Farm lands. With respect to funding, Mayor Crombie advised that funding from the federal and provincial governments is normally dedicated for specific projects.

The Chair and Committee Members thanked Mayor Crombie for her support.

# 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA APPROVED (B. Tabuno)

- 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST Nil
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 4.1. Approval of Minutes

John Pegram noted that the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Representative on the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) can only be appointed on an annual basis per their Terms of Reference, but at the September 20, 2016 meeting it was noted that the representation adopted will be ending November 2018. Ms. Alikhan advised that each time a change in membership occurs, it requires Council adoption Sonja Banic, Manager, Culture Operations, suggested that as there are several MOMAC members also on the Friends Board, one could represent Friends on the Committee. Ms. Alikhan noted that prior to the change in the Terms of Reference, a member of

MOMAC represented the Friends. Ms. Alikhan also confirmed that the Friends representative is a voting member in accordance with the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.

The Minutes of Meeting held on September 20, 2016 were approved as presented.

## **APPROVED** (Councillor J. Kovac)

- 5. DEPUTATION Nil.
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD Nil.
- 7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED
- 7.1. Draft 2017-2018 MOMAC Work Plan

Stuart Keeler, Museums Manager and Chief Curator, spoke to *The Story of M* being rolled out.

The Chair encouraged Committee Members to ensure representation of MOMAC on focus groups and engagement with communities and associations in the City.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

MOMAC-0016-2016

That the 2017-2018 Work Plan for the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, be approved.

**APPROVED** (I. Malik)

## 7.2. <u>Museums Update from Manager</u>

Mr. Keeler reviewed the events and exhibitions that have

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

MOMAC-0017-2016

That the Museums Manager's Update, as outlined in the Memorandum dated November 28, 2016 from Stuart Keeler, Manager and Chief Curator, be received for information.

**RECEIVED** (J. Delves)

## 7.3. <u>Museums: 2017 - Exhibitions, Events, Education and Collections</u>

Mr. Keeler gave a detailed overview of the Museums of Mississauga plans for exhibitions, events, education and collections in 2017.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

MOMAC-0018-2016

That the Memorandum dated November 28, 2016 from Stuart Keeler, Manager and Chief Curator, Museums of Mississauga, entitled "Focus Inspiration/Conceptual Direction for 2017", be received for information.

**RECEIVED** (A. Fabierkiewicz)

## 7.4. <u>2017 MOMAC Meeting Schedule</u>

Memorandum dated November 25, 2016 from Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

MOMAC-0019-2916

That the 2017 Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee Meeting schedule be approved as outlined in the Memorandum dated November 25, 2016 from Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator.

**APPROVED** (B. Tabuno)

## 7.5. Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Verbal Report

Ms. Delves gave a verbal report on the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga (Friends) activities in Ms. Coghlan's absence.

She spoke to the loss felt by the Friends of Fred Durdan. Ms. Delves also noted that Becky Ryder had resigned from the Friends on November 21, 2016 and her leadership and dedication will be missed as a member and Chair. She spoke about the Christmas events, including a live nativity scene. She said that work is underway for the *On the Verandah* Summer Concert series, the possibility of hosting the Gala in 2017 is being discussed which raises funds for bussing school children to the Museums. Ms. Delves noted that 800 additional artifacts were collected for the Bradley House and the Friends continue to solicit grants for the Museums.

The Chair thanked Ms. Delves for the update.

- 8. INFORMATION ITEMS Nil.
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS

## 9.1. <u>Vacancy on MOMAC</u>

Councillor Kovac asked if there would be any benefit to fill the vacancy considering MOMAC already has great membership. The Committee felt that it will be beneficial to fill the vacancy left by the resignation and subsequent death of Fred Durdan as there are two years remaining of the Committee's Term. Ms. Alikhan spoke to the process and

requested Committee members to forward to her the names of any residents they are aware of in the community who would be interested in joining MOMAC.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

MOMAC-0020-2016

That due to the resignation of Fred Durdan, a vacancy exists on the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, and that the City Clerk be directed to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Corporate Policy #02-01-01 on Citizen Appointments to Committees, Boards and Authorities.

**APPROVED** (W. Davies)

9.2. Harris Family Ex-Officio on Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee

The Chair thanked Mr. Gooderham for attending the meeting. Mr. Gooderham said that he hopes to attend future MOMAC meetings although he currently has commitments on Tuesdays.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

MOMAC-0021-2016

That the email dated November 17, 2016 from Geoffrey Gooderham, descendent of the Harris Family, confirming the continuation of the Harris Family's membership as *Ex-Officio* on the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, be received.

**RECEIVED** (B. Tabuno)

- 9.3. The Chair noted that he was pleased that Mayor Crombie was able to attend today's meeting and of her receptiveness of the desire for a dedicated Museums facility. He said however that at this time, financially, it is a long way away. The Chair stated that the Museums of Mississauga's best days are yet to come as it builds a greater audience comprised of all Mississauga residents.
- 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING March 21, 2017
- 11. ADJOURNMENT 8:12 pm