# MEETING MINUTES



**MEETING** 

**Guelph Museums Advisory Committee** 

DATE

Thursday, October 26, 2017

LOCATION

Guelph Civic Museum

TIME

5:30 pm

**PRESENT** 

Paul Baker, Jeremy deWaard, Jo Ann Hayter, Robert Hohenadel, Linda Kearns (Vice

Chair), Jayne Osborn, Debra Nash-Chambers (Chair), Eleanor Ross, Tammy Adkin

(Manager and Judi Prigione (Staff)

**REGRETS** 

Shannon Coles (Executive Member)

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

| ITEM # | # DESCRIPTION  |
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| 1      | Adoption of the Agenda  MOTION 2017/23: That the agenda be adopted.  Moved: Robert Hohenadel Seconded: Jayne Osborn  CARRIED   |
| 2      | Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the Guelph Museums Advisory Committee of September 28, 2017.  MOTION 2017/24: That the minutes of September 28, 2017 be accepted.  Moved: Paul Baker Seconded: Linda Kearns CARRIED  |
| 3      | Business arising from the minutes  None.   |
| 4      | <ul> <li>Manager's Report for receipt</li> <li>The Guelph Museums Management Report – September 2017 is attached and forms part of these minutes.</li> <li>Tammy Adkin reported that the Guelph Civic Museum now has Wi-Fi.</li> <li>Tammy Adkin also reported that the City of Guelph released today the draft of the 2018 Budget. She added that the Visitors Services staffing request she submitted did not go forward.</li> </ul> |
| 5      | Commemoration Committee Report  Linda Kearns reported the Committee met this evening before the Advisory Committee Meeting.  Linda Kearns discussed the commemoration event for the 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the   |

passing of John McCrae to be held on January 28, 2018. The Committee is planning a ticketed event at the River Run Centre with Hugh Brewster and the Elora Festival Singers. Tammy Adkin reported that increased marketing has begun for the 2018 Commemoration Trip to Belgium and France. The deadline for registration is December 15, 2017. Tammy added that she is working on all the details with local and international partners for the graveside commemoration event. 6 **Community Connections Committee Report** The Minutes of the Guelph Museums Community Connections Committee meeting of October 16, 2017 are attached and form part of these minutes. Jeremy deWaard reviewed the minutes and discussed some of the trends regarding the 55+ community. Negative impressions were also discussed. 7 **Fundraising Committee Report** Eleanor Ross discussed the Febulous Event being held on February 22, 2018. She reported that the theme will be "Young at Heart" and proceeds will go to intergenerational programming at Guelph Museums. Eleanor Ross also reported that they may bring back the silent auction at 2018 event. She added that the "pick & pull" activity will be included again and that the "buy-in" parities will be scaled down to 4 parties. She also reported that the live auction will consist of 7 items. The Advisory Committee discussed marketing opportunities for the fundraiser. **New Business** 8 The Karios Blanket exercise that some Advisory Committee members, museum staff, City of Guelph of Guelph Staff and museum colleagues participated in at the Guelph Civic Museum on Monday, October 23, 2017 was reviewed and discussed. Tammy Adkin noted that there will be more Truth & Reconciliation training and education opportunities in the future. Tammy Adkin asked if there we other metrics that should be added to the Manager's report in 2018. There was a consensus that some way of measuring multiple visits and experience satisfaction should be included. Linda Kearns suggested now that there is Wi-Fi, that a tablet/laptop could be used for an exit survey of visitors. 9 Adjournment MOTION 2017/25: That the meeting be adjourned. Moved: JoAnn Havter Adjournment at 6:57 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Guelph Civic Museum on Thursday, November 23. 2017

# GUELPH MUSEUMS MANAGEMENT REPORT September 2017

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|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Friday, October 27    | 7:00 PM      | Oh Canada Concert: Andrew Craig       | Civic Museum |
| Wednesday, November 1 | 7:00 PM      | Storytelling: Jan Sherman             | Civic Museum |
| Sunday, November 5    | 1:30-3:30 PM | Thank A Veteran                       | McCrae House |
| Wednesday, November 8 | 7:00 PM      | Building Canada: Why Research Matters | Civic Museum |
| Sunday, November 11   | 9:30 AM      | RCL Remembrance Service               | McCrae House |
| Friday, November 24   | 7:00 PM      | Oh Canada Concert: The Cocksure Lads  | Civic Museum |

| community engaganent |      |      |          |          |        |        |          |   |
|----------------------|------|------|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|---|
| Attendance           | 2017 | 2016 | Variance |          | YTD 17 | YTD 16 | Variance |   |
| Civic Museum         | 1959 | 1909 | 50       | <b>^</b> | 19965  | 17023  | 2942     | 个 |
| McCrae House         | 320  | 324  | -4       | ¥        | 3473   | 3595   | -122     | 4 |
| Outreach             | 162  | 50   | 112      | 个        | 697    | 277    | 420      | 小 |
| Total                | 2441 | 2283 | 158      | <b>1</b> | 24135  | 20895  | 3240     | 个 |

| Memberships     | 2017 | 2016 | Variance |          | Dec-16 | Variance |   |
|-----------------|------|------|----------|----------|--------|----------|---|
| Individual      | 82   | 60   | 22       | 1        | 62     | 20       | 个 |
| Family          | 473  | 396  | 7.7      | <b>1</b> | 348    | 125      | 4 |
| Individual Life | 30   | 30   | 0        | _        | 30     | 0        | _ |
| Family Life     | 51   | 51   | 0        | _        | 51     | 0        | _ |
| Total           | 636  | 537  | 99       | 个        | 491    | 145      | 个 |

|                       | 201      | .7     | 2016     |          |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Education Programs    | Programs | Guests | Variance |          |
| Downtown Walking Tour | 2        | . 55   |          |          |
| McCrae House Tour     | 1        | 54     |          |          |
| Civic Museum Tour     | 1        | .4     |          |          |
| Total                 | 4        | 113    | 4&89     | <b>ተ</b> |

|                    | 20:    | 17     | 2016     |          |
|--------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Parties & Meetings | Events | Guests | Variance |          |
| Rentals            | 10     | 171    | 6&173    | <b>ሰ</b> |
| Birthday Parties   | 6      | 100    | 2&25     | <b>1</b> |

| Research Requests | 2017 | 2016 | Variance |          | YTD 17 | YTD 16 | Variance |          |
|-------------------|------|------|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Email             | 84   | 142  | -58      | Ψ        | 1594   | 1153   | 441      | <b>ተ</b> |
| Phone             | 13   | 18   | -5       | ¥        | 163    | 148    | 15       | 个        |
| In Person         | 9    | 11   | -2       | Ψ        | 108    | 62     | 46       | <b>1</b> |
| Web Users         | 1726 | 1467 | 259      | <u>^</u> | 17457  | 16470  | 987      | <b>1</b> |
| Total Researchers | 1832 | 1638 | 194      | ተ        | 19322  | 17833  | 1489     | 个        |
| Web Searches      | 1446 | 1683 | -237     | Ψ        | 19330  | 18581  | 749      | 个        |

| Social Media        | 2017 | 2016 | Variance |                   | YTD 17 | YTD 16 | Variance |          |
|---------------------|------|------|----------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Twitter Followers   | 60   | 21   | 39       | 个                 | 3193   | 2666   | 527      | <b>1</b> |
| Mentions            | 67   | 31   | 36       | 个                 | 644    | 364    | 280      | 1        |
| Retweets            | 335  | 63   | 272      | ተ                 | 2311   | 304    | 2007     | 个        |
| Facebook Page Likes | 19   | 5    | 14       | <b>1</b>          | 945    | 653    | 292      | Λ        |
| Facebook Post Likes | 915  | 492  | 423      | <b>ሰ</b>          | 7188   | 1171   | 6017     | 小        |
| Facebook Shares     | 134  | 266  | -132     | $\overline{\Psi}$ | 919    | 585    | 334      | ♠        |

## Fundraising 3 Community of the Community

|                    | 2017    | 2017   | Variance | 个        | YTD    | Annual | %        |
|--------------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
|                    | Actuals | Target |          | ¥        | Actual | Target | Achieved |
| Earned Revenue     | 10057   | 9692   | 365      | <b>1</b> | 91160  | 116300 | 78%      |
| Grant Revenue      | 2905    | 10333  | -7428    | Ψ        | 51722  | 124000 | 42%      |
| Fundraised Revenue | 14592   | 4583   | 10009    | <b>^</b> | 34226  | 55000  | 62%      |

## MEETING MINUTES



MEETING Guelph Museums Community Connections Committee

DATE Monday, October 16, 2017

LOCATION Guelph Civic Museum

TIME 4:00 pm

PRESENT Jeremy deWaard, Jo Ann Hayter, Paul Baker, Tammy Adkin, Val Harrison, Dawn

Owen

Guests: Brooke Thompson (St. Joseph's Health Centre), Doris Thornington (Guelph Wellington Seniors Association), Susan Brown, Manon Germain (Age-Friendly

Guelph), Bonnie Burgess (Age-Friendly Guelph)

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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#### ITEM # DESCRIPTION

#### Community Conversation about attracting and serving the 55+ community

#### Market segments:

- People in supported living/long-term care
- Older seniors living at home
- Grandparents
- Active retirees
- Downtown residents
- Immigrants, new residents

#### Trends:

- People are staying in their homes longer; coming into long-term care with high needs; therefore, number of outings have decreased; the nature of outings has changed – country drives rather than educational programs; sensory rather than cognitive; museum outreach opportunities would be appealing
- Desire for multi-generational experiences. "I don't want to live with just old people."
- Increase in downtown residential
- Grandparents are serving as caregivers to their grandchildren; looking for PD Day and March Break opportunities
- Technology touches all generations

#### Needs:

- Social inclusion
- Affordable
- Adequate seating
- Clear directions/signage outside and inside the museum
- Large print
- Auditory considerations
- Interactive experiences

Not to be "typecast"; recognize diversity; avoid ageism and stereotypes

#### Perception of Guelph Museums:

- Lucile exhibition well-received
- Challenge attending at night dark, limited parking, downtown
- Not interested in museums; content with current knowledge
- Low profile
- Unsure about accessibility
- Disappointment when calling for additional information about programming; told it was available on website; not everyone has access to internet

#### **Barriers**

- Lighting
- Hill
- Signage
- Downtown location
- Transportation

#### Opportunities

- Cross-generational program about technology now and then
- Encourage seniors to share their stories consider as interpreters rather than audience
- Encourage community conversations amongst generations environment, industry, education
- Reach the audience through GWSA promotional/programming partnerships; targeted advertising (GWSA website, newsletter, magazine; Arboretum publication;)
- Daytime programming; backyard theatre matinees at McCrae House
- Grandparent/Grandchild programming during school holidays
- Senior/Youth exchange or buddy programs
- "Grandparent in residence" program
- Experiences that involve reminiscing
- "Show and Tell" programs
- Grandparent memberships
- Outreach, particularly in the south end where there is limited services and isolated seniors
- Outreach at Evergreen
- Encourage those who already attend to bring a friend
- Oral history
- Partnership with Women's Institute, veterans

#### Channels of communication

- Call for information
- Online very specific information; unusual to find information by surfing
- Print Mercury Tribune
- Street banners

### Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 Event

Tammy shared with the committee the thank you letter from the Chamber

| 4 | Next meeting         |
|---|----------------------|
|   | • TBD                |
|   |                      |
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| 5 | Adjourned at 5:15 pm |