

# MEETING MINUTES

MEETING	<b>Guelph Museums Advisory Committee</b>
DATE	Thursday, February 23, 2012
LOCATION	Guelph Civic Museum
TIME	5:00 pm
PRESENT	Anne Holman (Chair), Jo Ann Hayter (Executive Member), Debra Nash-Chambers, Rodger Tschanz (Vice Chair), Susan Watson, Katherine McCracken (Director) and Judi Prigione (staff).
REGRETS	Ann Guthrie, Kevin James, Linda Kearns and Patricio Perez.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p><b>Adoption of the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>MOTION 2012/05: That the agenda be adopted.</b>            Moved: Rodger Tschanz            Seconded: Jo Ann Hayter  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
2	<p><b>Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the Guelph Museums Advisory Committee on January 26, 2012</b></p> <p><b>MOTION 2012/06: That the minutes of January 26, 2012 be accepted.</b>            Moved: Debra Nash-Chambers            Seconded: Rodger Tschanz  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
3	<p><b>Business arising from the minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was decided that the meetings will begin at 5:30 pm starting with the meeting of March 22, 2012.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>McCrae Medals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katherine McCracken reported that after 4 years of litigation a favourable settlement has been reached with the McCrae Family.</li> <li>A media release has been issued with the details.</li> <li>The wording of the "Lee Donation" will stand. The plaintiffs did not challenge his donation. Katherine added that the only contact with Mr. Lee was through his lawyer.</li> <li>The Committee asked who represented the City of Guelph (McCrae House) in the</li> </ul>

	<p>litigation and Katherine responded that it was staff in the City’s Legal Services as well as Charity Law expert Terry Carter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine reported that the legal fees as of December 31, 2011 were \$233,000.</li> <li>• Katherine added that Curator Bev Dietrich should also be commended for her work on this litigation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Director’s Report for receipt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine McCracken reported the new website has been launched and that the collection is now searchable on-line. Judi Prigione and Val Harrison will receive training in order to be able to update and maintain the website. Rodger Tschanz asked about selling items on-line and Katherine will look into this.</li> <li>• Katherine reported that the General Contractor is still on site. She added that the Museum had to close for 2 days in order to seal the floors.</li> <li>• She reported that attendance has been very good since the “soft” opening and there were over 500 people on Family Day.</li> <li>• When asked about admission prices, Katherine responded that they will be the same as at the old location.</li> <li>• Katherine reported on the dignitaries coming to the opening on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. They include the Minister of Culture Michael Chan, MP Frank Valeriote, MPP Liz Sandals and Mayor Karen Farbridge. Kevin Church will speak on behalf of +VG Architects and Katherine will be the MC for the event.</li> <li>• Katherine reported that there has been another re-organization at the City of Guelph and Tourism is now part of our division.</li> <li>• Katherine reported that programming staff are planning a Medieval Week in June for schools in conjunction with Blackthorn Productions. The cost will be \$16 per student of which we will keep our normal \$3.00 fee.</li> <li>• Guelph Museums has applied for 4 summer positions through Young Canada Works (YCW). We will not find out if we are successful until April at the earliest.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION 2012/07: That the Director’s Report be accepted.</b></p> <p>Moved: Susan Watson  Seconded: Jo Ann Hayter  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Grand Opening Weekend – Role of the Advisory Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine McCracken reported that a membership table will be set up for Advisory Committee Members to promote and sell memberships.</li> <li>• Katherine reported that the weekend will be an open house where the public can explore the building including the collections areas.</li> <li>• Katherine reported that the Church of Our Lady will allow our visitors to use their parking lot for the grand opening weekend.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On behalf of the Committee, Anne Holman thanked Katherine for all her work regarding the new Guelph Civic Museum.</li></ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None.</li></ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjournment</b> <p><b>MOTION 2012/08: That the meeting be adjourned.</b> Moved: Susan Watson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjournment at 6:03 p.m.</li><li>• The next meeting will be held at Guelph Civic Museum on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at <b>5:30 pm.</b></li></ul>