

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Guelph Museums Advisory Committee**

DATE Thursday, March 27, 2014

LOCATION Guelph Civic Museum

TIME 5:30 pm

PRESENT Jo Ann Hayter (Vice Chair), Anne Holman, Debra Nash-Chambers (Executive Member), Darina Griffin, Ann Guthrie, Linda Kearns, Andrew Ross, Eleanor Ross, Tammy Adkin (Manager), Bev Dietrich (Curator) and Judi Prigione (Staff).

REGRETS Rodger Tschanz (Chair) – **Note: Jo Ann Hayter acted a Chair for the Meeting**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

| ITEM # | DESCRIPTION |
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| 1 | <p>Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>MOTION 2014/12: That the agenda be adopted with the change that the Collection Presentation by Bev Dietrich be next on the agenda.</p> <p>Moved: Debra Nash-Chambers Seconded: Andrew Ross</p> <p>CARRIED</p> |
| 7 | <p>New Business – Collections Presentation by Bev Dietrich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev Dietrich, Curator of Guelph Museums, circulated a report on artifact donations from 2008 - 2013. • Linda Kearns asked if the quality of donations was “good” and Bev Dietrich responded that all items must meet our collection mandate in order to be accepted into the artifact collection. • Bev Dietrich discussed the main storage “blitz” that curatorial staff and volunteers are undertaking this week. • Linda Kearns asked about “jaw dropping” items and Bev Dietrich responded that we have received a James Gay publication, a silent movie projector and a birch bark book and cane made by members of the Italian community that were interned during the Second World War. <p>Note: Bev Dietrich left the meeting at this time – 5:40 pm.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the Guelph Museums Advisory Committee on February 27, 2014.</p> <p>MOTION 2014/13: That the minutes of February 27, 2014 be accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Linda Kearns Seconded: Ann Guthrie</p> <p>CARRIED</p> |

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| 3 | <p>Business arising from the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No items to report. |
| 4 | <p>Manager's Report for receipt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy Adkin discussed recent attendance figures. There is a decline YTD from 2013 but for Family Day 2013 attendance was 1000+, whereas it was 500+ in 2014. Tammy Adkin also discussed the decline in education programs. She detailed how she is meeting with educators from other museums, as well as, school board officials. Anne Holman suggested participating in a PD Day activity for teachers and Jo Ann Hayter suggested being involved in the new teacher event in the summer. Andrew Ross asked how programs were marketed. Tammy Adkin replied that basic marketing is done and that we hope to increase this once we have a new marketing staff position. Debra Nash-Chambers asked if there were going to be new programs in 2015 for McCrae House and Tammy Adkin responded yes. Debra Nash-Chambers stated how much she enjoyed February's Fourth Friday that featured Black History. Tammy Adkin presented Jo Ann Hayter with her five year award from the recent Provincial Volunteer Recognition Event. |
| 5 | <p>In Flanders Fields Commemoration Task Force Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Kearns who is chairing the task force reported that the February meeting of IFF Commemoration Task Force was cancelled due to inclement weather. She added that the group will be meeting next week. |
| 6 | <p>Landscape Task Force Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy Adkin reported that this group will also be meeting next week. At the meeting the Landscape Architects will be presenting 3 design proposals. The Landscape Architects have met with different stakeholders, including Fr. Noone from Church of Our Lady, Marty Williams from Downtown Guelph Business Association, and parks maintenance staff. There has been good support of the project. |
| 7 | <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann Guthrie reported that the Citizen's Group fundraising for the McCrae Statue met yesterday and fundraising will begin soon. |
| 8 | <p>Adjournment</p> <p>MOTION 2014/14: That the meeting be adjourned. Moved: Anne Holman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Guelph Civic Museum on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 5:30 pm. |