

Museum and Archives Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 10, 2019

5:00 p.m.

Fine Annex

Peterborough Museum & Archives

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Museum and Archives Advisory Committee Minutes

June 13, 2019

Present Debbie Flieler
 Jodi Aoki
 Karen Carter-Edwards
 Linda Lumsden
 Claude Dufresne
 Gayle McIntyre
 Ann Sullivan
 Councillor Parnell

Regrets Laura Duarte

Staff Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Coordinator
 Susan Neale, Museum Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Gayle McIntyre, Chair, in the Fleming Annex, Peterborough Museum & Archives.

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee minutes of April 11, 2019 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Claude Dufresne

That items 5.a, 5.b and 5.c be approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Carried

Reports and Communications

Peterborough Museum & Archives: Museum Drive
Report MAAC19-009

Moved by Claude Dufresne

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-008, dated June 13, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the Museum Director's update on the future of Museum Drive be received for information.

Carried

Peterborough Museum & Archives: 2020 Draft Budget
Report MAAC19-010

Moved by Claude Dufresne

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-010 dated June 13, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the 2020 DRAFT Budget information be received for information.

Carried

Peterborough Museum & Archives: Report on Activities
Report MAAC19-011

Moved by Claude Dufresne

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-011, dated June 13, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the Museum Director's report on the upcoming activities of the Peterborough Museum & Archives be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

The Committee congratulated Karen Carter-Edwards on receiving a Civic Award.

Next Meeting

The Chair indicated that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2019.

Adjournment

Moved by Ann Sullivan

That this meeting adjourn at 5:13 p.m.

Carried

Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Coordinator

Gayle McIntyre, Chair



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To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: October 10, 2019

Subject: Report MAAC19-014
Ice Age Mammals - Update

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that the Museum Director will present an update on the Ice Age Mammals Project.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-014 dated October 10, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the update on the Ice Age Mammals Project be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no immediate budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

The completion of the Museum Renewal Project (2010-2017) opened the door for the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) to host large, unique and popular temporary exhibitions. The PMA hosted the traveling blockbuster exhibition, "Ice Age Mammals", which served as a prototype in terms of facility capacity and community appetite.

The Ice Age Mammals Project was a 6-month project, March 1 to September 8, 2019 (refer to Report MAAC18-011).

Ice Age Mammals Project - Results

The Ice Age Mammals Project met and/or exceeded expectations in terms of:

- attendance;
- public programming;
- educational programming;
- revenue generation;
- and, community engagement.

The success of the Ice Age Mammals Project demonstrates the community and regional interest in unique, relevant and contemporary exhibitions and programming (Appendix A). PMA staff hope to build on this success through future projects.

Summary

The Ice Age Mammals Project was a one-time opportunity to bring life-size ice age mammals to Peterborough. The PMA continues to develop and offer creative and unique experiences for its community and beyond.

Submitted by,

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Attachments

Appendix A – Definition of Museum, ICOM – CANADA



Peterborough Museum & Archives

PROPOSED DEFINITION OF MUSEUM, SUBMITTED BY ICOM – CANADA
May 9, 2019

1. PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, The ICOM Kyoto 2019 General Conference September 2019 plans to consider revisions to the 2007 Museum definition; and
WHEREAS, Museum practice has evolved significantly in the last twelve years; and
WHEREAS, ICOM - Canada represents a dedicated group of Canadian museologists, professionals who are passionate about museums and international networking; ICOM - Canada Members at their annual meeting on April 16, 2019, therefore, propose to REAFFIRM the importance of retaining the following elements of the existing definition:

- the museum as a non-profit, permanent institution;
- the tangible and intangible nature of heritage; and
- reference to the core functions of collecting, preserving, documenting, researching, educating and exhibiting;

but also HIGHLIGHT the following emergent concerns, priorities and directions:

- the interrelation of natural and cultural heritage, both in their preservation and presentation;
- the need for renewed relationships with Indigenous peoples, based on mutual respect and reciprocity;
- the need to increase diversity in the museum workforce;
- an emphasis on the museum's capacity to practise cultural diplomacy; and
- the reconsideration of museum core functions and new digital technologies for their ability to promote social good and climate justice.

2. TOWARDS A REVISED DEFINITION:

Building on the above commentary, ICOM - Canada proposes the following modifications to the current definition:

“A museum is a non-profit, permanent, **dynamic and responsive** institution in the service **of a living planet**. It is a public place that **welcomes all people, fosters cooperation, cross-cultural exchange and public understanding of human and environmental interdependence**. The museum acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits arts and cultures, the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study, enjoyment and **the promotion of social and climate justice**.”





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To: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

From: Susan Neale, Museum Director

Meeting Date: October 10, 2019

Subject: Report MAAC19-012
East City School Project - Update

Purpose

A report to advise Committee that Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) staff will present an update on the East City School Project.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-012, dated October 10, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the update on the East City School Project be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no immediate budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB) acquired 1.9 acres of Museum property to accommodate the construction of a new East City School and associated bus access. Construction commenced in June 2019.

KPRDSB and the City of Peterborough are working together to consider and address any impacts on Peterborough Museum & Archives service delivery, collection care, access and safety.

Impacts on PMA Facilities and Collection

In anticipation of the possible impacts on PMA facilities and collection during the East City School construction, PMA staff have identified the following risks and mitigation strategies:

1. Museum Drive: Construction vehicles and heavy machinery use Museum Drive daily, which can pose risks to regular users, i.e., pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular traffic. KPRDSB is providing road signage and construction flaggers, as required.
2. Site vandalism: The removal of the south treeline has rendered the Curatorial Centre visible from both Hunter Street and Downtown Peterborough. The building's surveillance system captured the recent graffiti incident; repairs are in the planning stages.
3. Power outage: Site electrical work will involve remapping the transformer box that feeds the PMA facilities. KPRDSB has been directed to, and agreed to, ensure a zero loss of power to the PMA.
4. Vibration: PMA staff have installed a vibration monitor in the Curatorial Centre to register any excessive vibrations. Building codes mandate a level higher than that being monitored. Should the monitor register an event, PMA staff will communicate with the KPRDSB Project Architect directly, and inspect the vulnerable collections.
 - a. Facility - vibrations can cause damage to buildings. PMA staff have documented the pre-construction condition of the Curatorial Centre. The vibration monitor will inform whether a repeat inspection is required.
 - b. Collection – vibrations can cause light objects to move on shelves. The small, fragile objects in the Curatorial Centre will be temporarily wrapped, boxed and relocated prior to April 2020, the scheduled peak period of heavy construction adjacent to the Curatorial Centre.
5. Increased dust: The air filters in the Curatorial Centre may require more frequent replacement than usual due to the increased dust from construction.
6. Increased pest ingress: The pest management program will be maintained, and enhanced as required, because the disturbance of habitat may drive pests to seek other shelter, namely the Curatorial Centre.

Summary

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB) and the City of Peterborough are united in the goal to develop a positive East City community.

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TO: Members of the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee

FROM: Susan Neale, Museum Director

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Report MAAC19-013
Report on Activities

Purpose

A report to advise Committee on the current and upcoming activities of the Peterborough Museum & Archives.

Recommendation

That the Museum & Archives Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MAAC19-013, dated October 10, 2019, of the Museum Director, as follows:

That the Museum Director's report on the upcoming activities of the Peterborough Museum & Archives be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

The Peterborough Museum & Archives develops and delivers programs throughout the year. The following is a summary of current and upcoming public events:

Exhibitions (suggested donation of \$10 per family)

1. “We Were Taught Differently”, on loan from the Lake of the Woods Museum; on exhibit from September 14 to December 8.
2. “Tracing Ancient Routes: Highlights from the Robert Hunter Map Collection, Trent University Library and Archives” (working title); on exhibit from December 14 to March 22, 2020.

Children’s Programming (register in-person, by phone or on-line)

1. Discovery After Dark – Saturday, October 26, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
2. PA Day Camp – Friday, November 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
3. Education Programs – throughout October, November and December

Youth Programming

1. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) – fully subsidized camp, for disadvantaged girls; dates to be determined.

Adult Programming

1. Museum Management & Curatorship Program, Fleming College – applied projects throughout the academic semester
2. MUSE Fine Film Series – RUSH tickets available 10 minutes prior to each screening, October 21 and 28, November 4
3. Peterborough Public Library Volunteer Appreciation Event - October 24.

Outreach Programming

1. Pop Up Gift Shop – Peterborough & the Kawarthas Tourism at Venture North, November 14, 11:30 am to 1:30 p.m.

Summary

For information on all of the Peterborough Museum & Archives events and programs:

www.peterboroughmuseumandarchives.ca



<https://www.facebook.com/PTBOMuseumArchives/>



<https://twitter.com/OntheHill3>



<https://www.instagram.com/ptbomuseumarchives/>

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