



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 | 11:30–1:30 pm
Galt Museum & Archives, Learning Studio

Present: Devon Smither, Avice DeKolver, Vic Mensch, Heather Oxman, Wilma Spear Chief, Bob Hamilton, Jesse Sadlowski, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Glenn Coulter, Mel Mpofo, Hilary Squires, Kristin Krein, Nicole Wilkinson

Absent: Gerald Heibert, Darrin Martens

1. Call to Order: 11:39 am by Vic Mensch

1.1. Acknowledgement Statement

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bob Hamilton to approve the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Avice DeKolver. CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. June 16, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Heather Oxman to approve the June minutes as amended, seconded by Bob Hamilton. CARRIED

Motion by Heather Oxman to approve the September minutes as amended, seconded by Bob Hamilton. CARRIED

3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- With the change to Wednesday board meetings, the location will have to move to Fort Whoop-Up for November and December as the Learning Studio is already booked.

4. Action Agenda

4.1. CEO's Report

- Kristin Krein introduced themselves and highlighted some of the changes coming to the museum's Community Programs.
- Budget process updates were shared by Mel.
 - o Invitation from Michael Fox (Community Services Director) in regards to initiatives for Indigenous relations. Requested a 0.6 FTE for an Indigenous Curator. It was suggested that we request some funding from Indigenous Relations Office to fund our initiatives. This would be for two years (or

three at most). Working with Charlene Bruised Head-Mountain Horse to make these arrangements.

- It seems that not all members of Council are aligned with the pilot projects that were planned around the City's strategic initiatives. Dennis suggested that we remind Council of the commitment that they are expected to have for established policies and strategic plans.
- There was some discussion about the optics of acquiring this money and if it might be seen as skirting the rules. Discussion was further shared about how this position might be funded including the possibility of it being combined and/or absorbed by the Curator position. Further discussion is in order for the November meeting.
- Space usage findings were shared by Mel which was completed to see how extending the gallery space might affect the buildings other uses: community programs and rentals. How would service levels be reduced if we took away space in the Viewing Gallery?

Motion by Wilma Spear Chief to accept the CEO's report as presented by the Operations Manager, seconded by Avice DeKolver. CARRIED

4.2. Chair's Report

- A board retreat should be planned for the spring
 - Discovery Hall Renovation committee
 - Strategic Plan revisiting for potential changes including the new UNDRIP recommendations for museums
 - River valley accessibility
- Some discussion was held about the possibility of Tourism Lethbridge being dissolved and for tourism to instead be managed by the Lethbridge Lodging Association.
- Christmas party may make the December meeting obsolete, tbd. It could also be held remotely if required. Carry on as usual with door prizes. Doodle poll to choose a suitable evening.

Motion by Heather Oxman to accept the Chair's report, seconded by Devon Smither. CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1. Committee Reports

- Advocacy
 - Will focus advocacy on communicating with City Council about our shared strategic goal of uplifting Indigenous projects as a step in reconciliation.
- Audit & Budget
 - Operating forecast for the year.
 - Next meeting will show the third quarter statements.
- Cultural History Collections Committee
 - Nicole Wilkinson reported that 195 items have been determined not to be relevant to our historical region and the museum's mandate.
 - Contacting 25 institutions and the Alberta Museums Association to try to relocate them to more appropriate museums.

- Education and Programming may accept up to 44 for hands-on use.
- The final option is an estate auction.

Motion by Devon Smither to accept the recommendations of the Cultural History Collections Committee to deaccession 195 items, seconded by Heather Oxman.

CARRIED

- Policy Committee
 - No report.

5.2. Friends of the Galt Museum & Archives

- Brian Keating fundraiser on November 16. News release is going out today. Cold Leadership is a talk about the Shackleton expedition. The second half will be more focused on southern Alberta.

Motion by Bob Hamilton to accept the Friends' report, seconded by Heather Oxman. CARRIED

5.3. Round Table

- Thanks to Mel for taking the reins while Darrin is away this month.
- There is no update on the receipt of the company van.

6. Upcoming meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

7. Adjournment

Motion by Bob Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 pm.