

THE MUSE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2025 - 4:30 pm - Lake of the Woods Museum Board Room

PRESENT: Robert Bulman, Cheryl Mosindy, Lisa Lyle, Lindsay Koch, Charito Gallivan, Braden Murray, Reid Thompson (Arrived 5:10)

REGRETS: Kirsten Fair, Hannah Edie

1 CALL TO ORDER - 4:34PM

Land acknowledgement read by Lisa Lyle

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING

*Moved by Lindsay Koch, seconded by Charito Gallivan that the agenda for the meeting of January 30, 2025 be approved as presented.
Carried.*

3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

- Nil

4 KNOWLEDGE OF FRAUD AND LEGAL MATTERS

- Nil

5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

*Moved by Cheryl Mosindy, seconded by Lisa Lyle that the minutes of the December 18, 2024 meeting be approved as presented.
Carried.*

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Nil

7 FINANCIAL

7.1 Operating Budget vs Actuals for Art Centre and Museum for December

- There was a discussion looking at various lines that were higher or lower than expected.

- the big takeaway was that there was work to be done on growing Muse membership. Members are dying or otherwise not renewing at an alarming pace. There is much work to be done to renew this user base.

7.2 December 2024 expenses - Museum and Art Centre

Moved by Lisa Lyle, seconded by Charito Gallivan that the December expenses for the Lake of the Woods Museum in the amount of \$13,931.57 be approved.

Carried.

Moved by Cheryl Mosindy, seconded by Lindsay Koch that the December expenses for the Douglas Family Art Centre in the amount of \$19,097.61 be approved.

Carried.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Nil

9 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- Nil

10 DECISION ITEMS

10.1 Advisory Committee Appointments

Moved by Lindsay Koch, seconded by Lisa Lyle that Ryanne White be appointed to the Muse Indigenous Advisory Committee

Carried.

Moved by Lisa Lyle, seconded by Lindsay Koch that Alexis Boucha be appointed to the Muse Indigenous Advisory Committee

Carried.

Moved by Charito Gallivan, seconded by Lisa Lyle that Gloria Harvie be appointed to the Museum Advisory Committee for a second two year term

Carried.

11 DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 Long Term Museum Capital Planning

- The meeting moved to the upper section of the Museum. There was a conversation around the front of the building, and how if we need to renew the stairs we should be thinking a little bigger than simply replacing what is there.

- There was a rendering done last year of a renewed front of the building that was an unsolicited throw in when a local company was asked to design a ramp on the front of the building.

- Board members were encouraged to think really big on the project. How can we make the building more accessible? How can we make the building better programmes and exhibits? How can we position this building for success over the next 40 years?
- After the conversation the meeting moved back to the Board room.

5:10 - Reid Thompson enters the meeting

12 INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Directors Report

- Several points of interest were highlighted, include the Miijim exhibit traveling around to all of the Catholic Schools in the area during this winter, grants submitted for summer students, and the meeting with the city accessibility committee.

12.2 Strategic Plan Report Card

- several points were highlighted including the work on a rate schedule, Sophie in talks with April White to travel The Herring People, and staff's work around sponsorship and advertising.
- the HVAC issues at the Art Centre were touched on briefly, and identified as the #1 priority of the staff.

12.3 Kaatagoging St. Mary's (Kenora) IRS Book Release

- There was a report and info on the Tuesday launch of the Kaatagoging publication.
- The Museum copy of the Kaatagoging publication was shown to the Board. The Museum is happy to have been able to help on the project.

5:25 - Lindsay Koch left the meeting

12.4 Community Foundation Agency Fund(s) update

- Braden Murray and Robert Bulman met with Lynn McAughey and Darlene McGillivray of the Community Foundation earlier on Thursday.
- The Muse has three funds with the Community Foundation— The DFAC Legacy Fund, the Gail Konantz Art Education Fund, and the Lori Nelson Legacy Fund.

- The funds are quite healthy, and the Community Foundation values our partnership.
- During the meeting there was some discussion about how the Muse and the Community Foundation can work together on growing the funds, as well as the potential for joining together for PD opportunities.

12.5 Indigenous Advisory Committee Minutes - January 11, 2025

- distributed

12.6 2024 Annual Report

- the 2024 Annual Report was distributed.
- print copies will be sent to Muse patrons and will be available at the Museum and Art Centre

13 CORRESPONDENCE

- Nil

14 IN CAMERA SESSION

- Nil

15 OTHER BUSINESS

- there was a discussion about what to do when there are mentions of the Museum or Art Centre on social media that are less than flattering. A specific example was mentioned. Board members were encouraged to not engage, but to forward mentions they see to Braden Murray.
- There was an update about the new City of Kenora communications policy that will include using the same fonts on City communications, and also being explicit that the Museum and Art Centre (and all city departments) are identified as part of the city.

16 NEXT BOARD MEETING

At 4:30 in the Museum Board Room on February 23rd, 2025

17 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cheryl Mosindy, seconded by Reid Thompson to end the meeting.
Carried.

Meeting ended at 5:46PM