

THE MUSE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2025 – 4:30 pm – Lake of the Woods Museum Board Room

PRESENT: Lindsay Koch, Hannah Edie, Cheryl Mosindy, Robert Bulman, Lisa Lyle, Reid Thompson, Braden Murray (ex officio)

REGRETS: Karen Ingebrigtsen, Kirsten Fair, Charito Gallivan

- 1 CALL TO ORDER at 16:31
 - Land Acknowledgement was read
- 2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING
 - Moved by Lindsay Koch, seconded by Lisa Lyle that the agenda for the meeting of October 30, 2025 be approved as presented.*
 - Carried.*
- 3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
 - None*
- 4 KNOWLEDGE OF FRAUD AND LEGAL MATTERS
 - None*
- 5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
 - Moved by Cheryl Mosindy, seconded by Reid Thompson that the minutes of the September 25, 2025 meeting be approved as presented.*
 - Carried.*
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - 6.1 Update on Institutional Membership and the "Lodge Pass"
 - Explanation of the new Lodge membership and "lodge pass". This will be going out in the next Sunset Country Tourism newsletter
- 7 FINANCIAL
 - 7.1 Operating Budget vs Actuals for Art Centre and Museum for September 2025
 - There was an explanation of some of the high and low points of the YoY budget.
 - The discussion came to the Community Foundation partial support of the DFAC Q-SyS project. There was a good discussion of options. Ultimately it was decided to go back to the contractor and let them know we only have a certain

amount to spend, and if we can do the project for that, then great, but if not, it's a no go.

- There was some discussion of the expense of the TBaytel installation of fibre lines in the museum and art centre buildings.
- There was also a brief discussion of the CMOG grant funding coming in earlier in the day, the earliest ever.
- Overall the museum and art centre are both on track.

7.2 September 2025 expenses – Museum and Art Centre

Moved by Reid Thompson, seconded by Lisa Lyle that the September 2025 expenses for the Lake of the Woods Museum in the amount of \$24,417.97 be approved.

- *There was an ask about the museum parking situation and reimbursement. It was explained that it was related to travelling for a conference.*

Carried.

Moved by Cheryl Mosindy, seconded by Hannah Edie that the September 2025 expenses for the Douglas Family Art Centre in the amount of \$24,436.33 be approved.

- *There was discussion about the expenses related to the TbayTel fibre install.*
- Carried.*

8 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

None

9 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

9.1 Moved by Lindsay Koch, seconded by Reid Thompson that MU-01-03 Naming Policy be adopted as amended and added to the Muse Comprehensive Policy Manual

- There was a concern at the last meeting that this might conflict with the overall city naming policy. After some investigation it was learned that the city is also writing a naming policy at the moment. As a consequence, they can written in such a way that they do not conflict with each other.
- There was a discussion around the wording, including about how to recognize that a donor, or donor representative might want their name removed, and how that should be included.

Carried.

10 DECISION ITEMS

10.1 Moved by Lisa Lyle, seconded by Reid Thompson that that Dave Fraser be appointed to the Museum Advisory Committee for a first two year term

- There was an introduction about Dave, and how we were first connected at last year's volunteer fair.

11 DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1 Artsvest Funding and Admission Sponsorship

- There was an explanation of the Artsvest programme
- Some businesses have been approached, and we are waiting to hear back
- Northern Credit Union has committed to sponsoring admission on March Break 2026
- There were some suggestions about who the Muse could approach.

12 INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Directors Report

- There was a discussion about the environmentalists at the DFAC building
- We talked about programming, and cemetery tours for all Beaver Brae 7-8s

12.2 Strategic Plan Report Card

- We have completed the first half of the strategic plan.
- There was a discussion about the data collection at the museum and art centre during July and August
- The new QR code to provide feedback was introduced. There was an ask about adding the "How did you hear about us?". Braden will follow up.

12.3 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Report Card

12.4 Museum Advisory Committee Minutes

13 CORRESPONDENCE

None

14 IN CAMERA SESSION

None

15 OTHER BUSINESS

None

16 NEXT BOARD MEETING

At 4:30 in the Museum Board Room on November 27 , 2025

17 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lindsay Koch, seconded by Reid Thompson to end the meeting at 17:31 PM.

Carried.