

## 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 be 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 environmentals 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.*