

THE MUSE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2025 - 4:30 pm - Lake of the Woods Museum Board Room

PRESENT: Robert Bulman, Lisa Lyle, Reid Thompson, Charito Gallivan, Lindsay Koch, Cheryl Mosindy, Braden Murray (Ex Officio)

REGRETS: Kirsten Fair, Karen Ingebrigtsen, Hannah Edie

1 CALL TO ORDER at 16:31

- Land acknowledgement was read

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING

Moved by Charito Gallivan, seconded by Reid Thompson that the agenda for the meeting of December 18, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried.

3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

- Robert Bulman declared that his wife was included on the roll of expenses because she taught a class at the Art Centre for which she was paid.

4 KNOWLEDGE OF FRAUD AND LEGAL MATTERS -Nil

5 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Lisa Lyle, seconded by Cheryl Mosindy that the minutes of the November 27, 2025 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 November 2025

- The YoY of the Museum was first
- It was noted that an invoice was just issued to Scugog Shores Museum for renting the Mijijim exhibition
- Admission in the Museum is down slightly over last year, but we will still be quite close to the budgeted number.

- Book sales are strong on \$3000 worth of We Were Taught Differently books sold to GCT#3
- The 2023 audit is apparently on the way, and the 2024 is coming in short order too.
- The capital project of the workroom window was slightly delayed but will be started on January 5th. The window is original, and will be framed in to have a solid wall.
- For the Art Centre, a great year for Community Education and Grants.
- We have made slightly less on community education, but we have also spent less, for a net gain.
- The Equipment line appears so blown out because the Community Foundation supported QSYS A/V project.
- There will be some bills to pay in January, but overall both buildings are in great shape headed to year end.

7.2 November 2025 expenses – Museum and Art Centre

Moved by Charito Gallivan, seconded by Lisa Lyle that the November 2025 expenses for the Lake of the Woods Museum in the amount of \$11,284.33 be approved.

Carried.

Moved by Cheryl Mosindy, seconded by Reid Thompson that the November 2025 expenses for the Douglas Family Art Centre in the amount of \$23,099.69 be approved.

Carried.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

8.1 Recommended by de-accessions by Museum Advisory Committee:

Moved by Lindsay Koch, seconded by Reid Thompson that 1981.19.1 "Creighton Milk Can" be de-accessioned from the Lake of the Woods Museum Collection. – The can is rusted and damaged, and not fit for display or educational use. – There is a Rat Portage tag on the can that will be retained.

- Carried.

Moved by Charito Gallivan, seconded by Lisa Lyle that 1983.1.1095 "wood strip picnic basket" be de-accessioned from the Lake of the Woods Museum collection.

- The basket is damaged and not useful for education or display

- Carried.

Moved by Lindsay Koch, seconded by Cheryl that 2005.62.1 "small wicker stroller" be de-accessioned from the Lake of the Woods Museum collection – The museum has similar strollers that aren't damaged.

- There is no local significance to the item.
- Carried.

9 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- There was a question about when the new policies would be included in the council agenda. Some of them were bounced back in the fall because of particularly long council agendas. Everything has been resent as a package to be included in the January council meeting.

10 DECISION ITEMS

- 10.1 Moved by Lisa Lyle, seconded by Reid Thompson that Greg Zdep be re-appointed to the Museum Advisory Committee for a second two year term. - Carried.

11 DISCUSSION ITEMS

12 INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Directors Report

- There was an update on the TODS sign situation. The signs themselves have been printed, but we are still waiting on the contractors to install them.
- There was a discussion about the environmental readings at the Art Centre. They are still good. Staff have access to the BAS (Building Automated System) and can check the status of the temp/humidity any time, as well as run averages and checks over custom time frames.
- Young Canada Works and Provincial Summer Employment Opportunities grants have been sent in

12.2 Strategic Plan Report Card

- There was a report on the meeting Tammy and Braden had with a OAC rep about the OAC operational funding. The staff remain cautiously optimistic that the OAC funding stream will be open to the Art Centre after the January announcements.
- There was a brief discussion of the new button machine, as well as PD opportunities in the new year.
- There was a report on the capital projects that were sent to Council
- There was a brief discussion on the meeting date with GCT#3 regarding repatriation policy, it will be held here at the Museum on January 7. Former Board Member and long time IAC member Geraldine Kakeeway will be joining for the meeting.

12.3 Museum Advisory Committee Minutes

- circulated

12.4 Art Centre Advisory Committee Minutes

- circulated

12.5 Indigenous Advisory Committee Minutes

- circulated

12.6 2026 Meeting Schedule

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Galeries Ontario Galleries Nomination - Update (we didn't win)

- The winning project was a partnership between the Aga Khan and Ontario Science Centre. Always an honour to be nominated.

14 IN CAMERA SESSION - Nil

15 OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

16 NEXT BOARD MEETING

At 4:30 in the Museum Board Room on January 29, 2026

17 ADJOURNMENT

- Moved by Lisa Lyle, seconded by Charito Gallivan to adjourn the meeting at 5:20