

Ontario Museum of History & Art Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

President Chris Kueng called the Museum Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Kueng

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	President	Chris Kueng
	Board Members:	Rick Caughman, Jerry Weems, Randy delTurco, Shannon Gerstheimer
	Council Liaison	Debra Dorst-Porada
	Museum Associate Liaison	Leslie Sherwood-James
	Assistant Curator	Sam Herrera
	Museum, Arts & Culutre Director	Marissa Gonzalez-Kuchek
	Executive Director	Helen McAlary
	Emergency Manager	Sagar Patel
	Senior Management Analyst	Lacey Rightmer

ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2022 were approved by a 4-0-1 vote with a motion from Board Member Randy del Turco and second from Board Member Rick Caughman. Board Member Shannon Gerstheimer abstained due to being absent. A correction requested by Museum Associate Liaison Leslie Sherwood-James to the comments from City Council Liasion Dorst-Porada to reflect the full name of Robert Lyn Nelson regarding his exhibit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON DORST-PORADA

City Council Liaison Dorst-Porada provided her feedback on the lack of security on Thursday nights, commented on participation and her experience at the Art Walk, discussed the upcoming car garage and bar that will be developed in the arts district, suggested that future surveys be distributed to the organizations and groups that are directly related to the museum and requested to revisit the hours for extension to Saturday night instead. Additionally she discussed downtown development updates, shared that she will be attending DOIA meetings. The Board Member's asked questions about development projects, which City Council Liaison Dorst-Porada answered. She also asked whether artists at the museum can sell their artwork. Conversation ensued about insurance requirements and best practices for selling artwork from an exhibit. Executive Director McAlary suggested making this a

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future agenda item where a presentation can be made about the topic. Museum Associate Liaison Sherwood-James commented on plan to create a policy where the Museum Store can facilitate sales.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report

Museum, Arts, & Culture Director Marissa Gonzalez-Kuchek provided an update about staffing changes, an accreditation update, an education and program updates, and a Bult on Water construction update. She shared that staff are brainstorming VR ideas, and will present their idea to the board prior to going out to bid. President Kueng asked about the location of the VR experience, which Director Gonzalez-Kuchek replied that the location depends on what the VR experience will be. President Kueng advised of his concerns with the VR experience and shared that he would like to see it be in the Historic Council Chambers as opposed to building a new space. Board Member Caughman suggested using Historic Council Chambers as a screening room to expand the exhibit space. Board Member Gonzalez-Kuchek continued with her report including the installation of promotional banners, an update on the ADA restroom construction, shared that the construction of the off-site storage is delayed due to supply chain issues and should be done in late May or early June. She concluded her report with an invitation the State of the City and shared some background on the event. A conversation ensued about the State of the City and the Community Open House event that will be taking place on the Saturday after the State of the City.

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Manager Sagar Patel provided a presentation on Emergency Preparedness to the board. Board Member's asked questions which Emergency Manager Patel answered. City Council Liaison Dorst-Porada suggested that he come back and show the Board Member's how to use the AED. Board Members asked questions about the CERT classes which Sagar answered.

Tour of the 11th Biennial Ontario Invitational Art Exhibition

Assistant Curator Sam Herrera provided some background on the exhibit on display. She shared that there are 54 pieces in the exhibit, and there will be 4 programs that will coincide with the exhibit.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATES COMMENTS

Museum Associate Liaison Sherwood-James provided her feedback about the Exhibit Reception at the Museum on Saturday night including that there were \$120 in sales in the Museum Store that night, and that the Museum Associates Board vacancy was filled by Chris Kueng.

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MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

President Kueng shared his excitement to be appointed to the board.

Board Member Gerstheimer welcomed Director Gonzalez-Kuchek, shared that adding Saturday hours would be inclusive of families with young children, thanked Emergency Manager Patel for his presentation and shared her excitement to attend the State of the City.

Board Member Weems shared his appreciation for the timing of the preparedness presentation by Emergency Manager Patel.

Board member delTurco thanked Director Gonzalez-Kuchek for sharing the brochure for the Her Side of the Story exhibit and shared that he liked the use of the QR code to share stories about the artwork.

Board member Caughman discussed uncertainty about which day should have the extended hours and sees benefits to both, and shared that he really liked the idea of using the neon Thunderbird light as a beacon to the Museum shared at a previous meeting. City Council Liaison Dorst-Porada suggested bringing out the CA 500 bricks from the Gem of the Foothills exhibit and installing them around the post as well. Museum Associate Liaison Sherwood-James suggested making this a fundraiser to help cover costs. Conversation ensued amongst the Board Members about installing the Thundebird and the attention that it would draw to the museum.

President Kueng stated that he enjoys the conversations that take place as things are shared at this meeting and suggested devoting time to have conversations in future meetings. He expressed that he would like to move forward with seeing what is needed to have the Thunderbird moved out of the Gem of the Foothills Exhibit and installed outside of the Museum. Conversation ensued amongst the board about hurdles that may be encountered.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board officer elections in March for President and President Pro Tem.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 6:00pm in Historic Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees Meeting was made by Board Member Caughman with a second by Board Member delTurco with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM

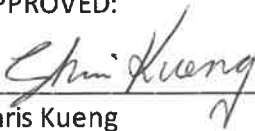
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Submitted:



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APPROVED:



3-22-2022

Chris Kueng
President