

City of Ontario  
Ontario Museum of History & Art  
Board of Trustees  
Faye Dastrup Hamill Historic Council Chambers  
October 30, 2018, 5:00 PM

**Minutes**

- I. Call Meeting to Order: President Chris Kueng called the meeting to order.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call: Board members present were Chris Kueng, Erina Higa Joe Caskey, and Ada Lopez. City Council Liaison Debra Dorst-Porada, Museum Director John Worden, Curator of Collections Michelle Sifuentes, Curator of Education Rebecca Horta, and MA Liaison Leslie Sherwood-James. Absent: Randy del Turco.  
  
Guest Presenters: Steve Farneth, Kimbro Frutiger, Liz MacLean, Architectural Resources Group (ARG).
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - Minutes of September 25, 2018 were approved on a motion by Ada Lopez and seconded by Erina Higa.
- V. Public Comment – None.
- VI. City Council Liaison
  - No comment.
- VII. Staff Report
  - A. Director's Report
    - Polled for holiday plans. Restaurants were suggested.
    - John Worden gave context about the Museum master plan for ARG's presentation.
    - Announced Built on Water exhibit grant notification from IMLS and explained some challenges for exhibit design.
- VIII. Unfinished Business: None
- IX. New Business: ARG Presentation, Master Facilities Plan  
The presentation covered the following goals and aspects of the Master Facilities Plan now being developed into final form:
  - The Master Facilities Plan covers a 20-year outlook.
  - Strengthen visitor experience and value to the community.
  - Clarify gallery organization and circulation.
  - Optimize curatorial and administrative spaces.

- Provide dedicated space for educational programs.
- Preserve historical features of the former City Hall building.
- Meet code and accessibility standards for historic structures.
- Upgrade building systems.
- Position OMHA to receive AAM accreditation.
- ARG also noted that rather than taking a systems-wide approach, instead the South Wing gallery space for the new “Built on Water” exhibit could serve as a pilot model for renovating the space to meet museum standards and historic preservation standards.

Feedback after the presentation was positive. Board President Chris Kueng and City Council Liaison Dorst-Porada both requested that costs associated with the Facilities Master Plan be prepared in time for the plan to be considered for final presentation to the Board of Trustees and the City Council, in time before City budget discussions begin in March 2019 for the upcoming fiscal year.

City Council Liaison Dorst-Porada requested board and staff feedback on why the work enumerated in the Master Facilities Plan is an important funding priority. Museum Director Worden outlined the following points:

- The Master Facilities Plan ensures that the Museum is able to fulfill its stewardship of the community’s artistic, cultural, and historic legacy. Capital improvements are crucial for the Museum to receive accreditation, making the museum better able to attract grant and community funding support.
- The Museum is a historic gem, worth preserving as it gives character to and is a defining feature of Ontario.
- The Museum has spent the last five years increasing its exhibits, programs, and outreach activities, adding to its value to community residents and visitors.
- The Museum is a linchpin at the heart of the growing arts and culture district. The district is not just a location – it is a range of collaborative activities that anchors and activates historic Euclid Avenue and downtown.
- Together, these historic and cultural elements become defining characteristics of what sets Ontario apart from neighboring communities and makes Ontario an attractive place to live, work, and visit.

X. Museum Associates/Liaison Comments – None.

XI. Museum Board of Trustees Comments

- Erina Higa – Thanks to all for supporting the Museum Associates at the art sale on Dec 8. Announced ceramics exhibit at Chaffey high School the next day, Friday.
- Ada Lopez – Enjoyed arts festival and other exciting museum events.

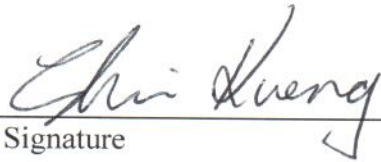
- Joe Caskey – Thank you to ARG. Nice to see how this project connects with the master plan.
- Chris Kueng – Requested budget from ARG. Thank you for presentation.

XII. Future Agenda Items:

- Mission and Vision will be reconvened for a revision.
- Cancellation of December board meeting and it will be replaced by Board of Trustees Holiday dinner.

XIII. Next Meeting: November 27, 2018

XIV. Motion to Adjourn by Joe Caskey and seconded by Ada Lopez, 6:50 PM.



Chris Kueng

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Signature