



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE HALDIMAND MUSEUMS ADVISORY BOARD**

Thursday December 5, 2024; 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom

**Present:** Nancy McBride, Michaela Chiasson, Dick Passmore, Melissa Lloyd; **Regrets:** Colleen Kelly; **Staff:** Anne Unyi Supervisor, Heritage & Culture; Geneva Gillis, Curator, Heritage Centre, Penny Morningstar, Curator, Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum

1. **Call to Order.** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
  - 1.1 The Chair called for a moment of silence to remember former Council Liaison Marie Trainer who passed away October 31, 2024.
2. **Land Acknowledgement**
3. **Disclosure of conflict of interest and general nature thereof.** None
4. **Approval of the Minutes**

**HM-2024-13** Recommendation by Melissa Lloyd and Michaela Chiasson that the Minutes of the Haldimand Museums Advisory Board dated September 18, 2024 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**
5. **Business Arising**
  - 5.1 Grants
    - 5.1.1 Community Museums Operating Grant (CMOG)

The Supervisor, Heritage & Culture reported that Haldimand Museums were successful in their applications to the Community Museums Operating Grant. Funding was received at 2023 levels.
    - 5.1.2 Young Canada Works 2024-2025

2024 – 2025: Haldimand Museums Content Developer/Videographer begin a 25-week placement September 10 and will be working with staff until March, 2025. The Intern has been busy researching and contacting former employees of Bick’s Pickles for interviews. This material will be the basis of an exhibition proposed to open in October, 2025.

2025 – 2026: Applications for YCW are due January 17, 2025. The Museums will again be submitting requests for additional summer staff (two Collections Assistants) and one Intern (Videographer).
  - 5.2 Grand River Sachem Digitization Project

Haldimand Museums staff met with a representative from Newspapers.com regarding the possible digitization of the microfilm held in the museum archival collections. Additional information will be provided at the March meeting.
  - 5.3 Public Arts and Culture Strategy

In October 2024, CDP/Heritage & Culture staff facilitated two public engagement sessions related to the development of a Public Art and Culture strategy which includes recommendations and priorities including but not limited to:

    - Preservation of cultural legacies (digitization, living archives, oral histories);
    - Creation of cultural hubs (one or more; start small and at the grassroots level);
    - Expanded cultural programming (dance, music, theatre, photography);
    - Expand art installations in public spaces (murals, storyboards, photography).

Another Community Engagement Session is planned for January, 2025. HMAB members will be notified of the date.

Link to Report [CDP-15-2024 Public Arts and Culture Strategy Development Update.](#)

- 5.4 Holiday Market  
Geneva Gillis reported that this year's event went well. Vendors provided input on what worked well and how future events can be improved. The addition of live music (harpist Cherilyn Gibson) was a great hit.

**6. Curator's Reports (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2024)**

- 6.1 Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum  
6.2 Heritage Centre  
6.3 Edinburgh Square Heritage and Cultural Centre

The Curators presented an overview of fourth quarter activities to the Board for discussion.

**HM-2024-14** Recommendation by Michaela Chiasson & Melissa Lloyd that the Curator's Reports dated December 5, 2024 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7. New Business**

- 7.1 **None**

**8. Discussion/Comments from the floor:**

- 8.1 Dick Passmore and Melissa Lloyd attended Haldimand County's Annual Volunteer Appreciation event (October 17<sup>th</sup>) and remarked on the number of dedicated volunteers that contribute to the community.

**9. Adjournment: 7:00 pm**

**Next Meeting: March 27, 2025, 6:00 pm**

- **Location: Haldimand County Administration Building, 53 Thorburn Street S., Cayuga (Haldimand Room)**