



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

Thursday March 27, 2025; 6:00 pm  
Via Zoom

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

1. **Call to Order.** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.  
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### **2. Land Acknowledgement**

3. **Disclosure of conflict of interest and general nature thereof.** None

### **4. Approval of the Minutes**

**HM-2025-01** Recommendation by Colleen Kelly and Dick Passmore that the Minutes of the Haldimand Museums Advisory Board dated December 5, 2024 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **5. Business Arising**

#### **5.1 Appointment of Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair)**

As per the Terms of Reference, the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair were declared vacant and nominations were accepted by the Supervisor, Heritage & Culture.

**HM-2025-02** Recommendation by Dick Passmore and Michaela Chiasson that for the position of Chair, Nancy McBride be re-elected.

**CARRIED**

**HM-2025-03** Recommendation by Michaela Chiasson and Dick Passmore that for the position of Vice-Chair Colleen Kelly be re-elected.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.2 Grants**

##### **5.2.1 Community Museums Operating Grant (CMOG)**

Requirements for 2025 have been provided – this year the Ministry would like to see a Digitization Strategy reflect the museum's overall digital capacity and future plans to demonstrate that the museum is well positioned to provide digital services moving forward. Application deadline, June 30, 2025.

##### **5.2.2 Young Canada Works 2024-2025 and 2025-26**

YCW Internship will conclude March 31 after 27.5-weeks; great success completing oral histories (Bick's Pickles and Hagersville 150<sup>th</sup>); and additional content for HCTV and the Museums on-line resources). 2025-2026: Confirmation of three successful grant applications. Haldimand Museums has received funding for two 12-week summer placement (Collections Assistant) and a 25 week Intern (Videographer/Content Developer) beginning in September.

#### **5.3 Grand River Sachem Digitization Project**

Update provided by staff – Haldimand Museums are in the final stages of finalizing an agreement with Newspapers.com that will see microfilm of Grand River Sachem digitized and indexed and made available both on-line, via Newspapers.com and at the Museum sites. Additional details will be brought to the Board in June.

#### **5.4 Public Arts and Culture Strategy**

Supervisor, Heritage & Culture provided a brief report noting that the Public Arts and Culture Strategy and Policy would be presented to Council April 29, 2025.

**6. Curator's Reports (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2025)**

- 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 first quarter activities to the Board for discussion.

**HM-2025-04** Recommendation by Michaela Chiasson & Colleen Kelly that the Curator's Reports dated March 27, 2025 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Meeting Schedule 2025**

- June 19: Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum, Selkirk
- September 18: Edinburgh Square Heritage & Cultural Centre, Caledonia
- November 20: Heritage Centre, Cayuga

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

- 8.1 None.

**9. Adjournment: 7:35 pm**

**Next Meeting: Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum, 2025, 6:00 pm**