



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 21, 2022 | 11:30–1:30 pm
Galt Museum & Archives, Learning Studio

Present: Vic Mensch, Gerald Heibert, Heather Oxman, Wilma Spear Chief, Bob Hamilton, Glenn Coulter, Jesse Sadlowski, Devon Smither, Avice DeKolver, Darrin Martens, Mel Mpofo, Hilary Squires, Lea-Ann Owsley, Bailey Yanke

Absent: Dennis Fitzpatrick

1. Call to Order: 11:32 am by Vic Mensch

1.1. Acknowledgement Statement

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Heather Oxman to approve the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Bob Hamilton. CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. March 17, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Jesse Sadlowski to approve the March 17, 2022 Minutes as amended, seconded by Gerald Heibert. CARRIED

3.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- None.

4. Action Agenda

4.1. CEO's Report

- City of Lethbridge through OPCI (Organizational Performance & Continuous Improvement) is interested in meeting (2–2.5 hours) with the board to discuss governance. This will be separate from a regular board meeting time in mid- to late-May. What should the ongoing relationship with the City look like? This will be coordinated by a Doodle poll.
- Tipi transfer ceremony is tomorrow (Friday) and the Blackfoot naming ceremony is Monday. These events have both been moved indoors at the recommendation of the Elders.
- Final draft of the annual report is being finalized by Dryden Roesch who is filling in in Graham's temporary absence.
- Breathe exhibition extended to May 5 as we work to realign our exhibit schedule throughout the institution.

- Lea-Ann Owsley presented on current and upcoming trends and goals related to Rentals.
- Bailey Yanke shared the highlights of changes both made and projected related to Visitor Services and the Museum Store.

Motion by Devon Smither to accept the CEO's report, seconded by Avice DeKolver. CARRIED

4.2. Chair's Report

- River Valley Accessibility
 - o Several years ago the idea of a funicular was considered as an idea to connect the fort to the museum. City money was allocated for a feasibility study. When funds remained, it was decided that the money would be used to test the idea of a trolley car.
 - o Slope assessment from the City is incomplete related to weather considerations (wind, snow runoff, etc.).
 - o The "Culture Connect" bus will travel a route connecting Helen Schuler, Fort Whoop-Up, the Galt, Casa, SAAG, and Nikka Yuko. It will be a dedicated City bus which has been tested for turning corners on the downslope into the river valley. It will run for two summers plus the shoulder season. We're looking for ways to collect both quantitative and qualitative data. 10 hours a day for 156 days total.
- Darrin had an interview with the Lethbridge Herald regarding the decision to allow free admission to folks who self-identify as Indigenous. The editor has decided not to print the racist "Roasts" that were received in opposition to the new policy but will run a story based on Darrin's interview.
- CEO evaluation is due to be done now that Darrin has been here for two years. It was decided at Executive that every other year would be a full-fledged evaluation and the intervening years would be a more anecdotal review.
- Next meeting will see more discussion about initiatives for the next four-year operating budget.
- A preliminary discussion has been held about the potential for an institutional name change.

Motion by Vic Mensch to accept the Chair's report, seconded by Gerald Heibert. CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1. Committee Reports

- Policy Committee
 - o Change "zoom" to "virtual" in new proposed policy.

Motion by Heather Oxman that the policy be implemented as a change to the board manual, seconded by Bob Hamilton. CARRIED

5.2. Friends of the Galt Museum & Archives

- Casino fundraiser July 12 and 13. At a future meeting, Glenn will come with a volunteer sign-up form. The return on this fundraiser has been in the range of \$30,000 in the past. This opportunity comes up every three years or so.

- With the Friends' support, Andrew Chernevych has developed a fund to support rebuilding efforts of heritage institutions in Ukraine following the conclusion of the war there.

Motion by Heather Oxman to accept the Friends report, seconded by Avice DeKolver. CARRIED

5.3. Round Table

- Advocacy Committee will meet this month and will have a report for the next meeting.
- Wilma would appreciate an opportunity for the Indigenous Curator to be introduced to the board.

6. Upcoming meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2022

7. Adjournment

Motion by Gerald Heibert to adjourn the meeting at 1:16.