



Museum Committee Agenda

Thursday, June 15, 2017
Council Chambers
County Administration Centre, Walkerton

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

2. Information Items

- A. Business & Sponsorship Report (attached)
- B. Education & Outreach Report (attached)
- C. Partnership Report (attached)
- D. Programming Report (attached)

3. Closed Meeting

- A. Minutes for approval - May 4, 2017 (emailed under separate cover)
- B. That the Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act relating to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (report emailed under separate cover)

4. Next Meeting

July 6, 2017

5. Adjournment



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Museum Committee

From: Cathy McGirr
Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Date: June 15, 2017

Re: Business/Sponsorship Report

Recommendation:

The Business/Sponsorship Report, dated June 15, 2017, is for information.

Background:

Enabling Accessibility Grant

The Museum has enhanced the accessibility of 4 washrooms across all three levels, by adding Automatic Door Openers, Locks and Emergency Call Features. The objectives in this project were to improve accessibility, ease of use and safety for those with disabilities. The initiative resulted from the research and community input by the Bruce County Accessibility Committee created in 2010. With the completion of this work, the Museum has completed all projects resulting from the Multi Year Accessibility Plan. This initiative was funded in part by Employment and Social Development Canada's Enabling Accessibility Grant - Community Accessibility Stream.



The following applications for funding or sponsorship have been approved.

The Leflar Foundation

The Leflar Foundation - \$2,000 Museum Munchkins Program



The following applications for funding or sponsorship are pending.

J.P. Bickell Foundation

J.P. Bickell Foundation - \$5,000 Operating Expenses

The Charles H. Ivey Foundation

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Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.
Financial impact towards achieving projected funds for 2017 budgets.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There has been no consultation with other County departments.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal # 3 - Find creative ways to engage the public.

Element - no specific element, however funds received allow us to offer a variety of services and programs.

Goal #6 - Find alternate options to improve efficiency, service.

Element - no specific element, however this funding enables us to provide services and programs that the County would have to otherwise fund directly.

Museum Strategic Plan Alignments:

Strategic Pillar #1 - Forge Partnerships and Relationships.



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Written by: Janice Mewhinney, Business Manager

Approved by:

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Kelley Coulter
Chief Administrative Officer



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Museum Committee

From: Cathy McGirr
Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Date: June 15, 2017

Re: Education/Outreach Report

Recommendation:

The Education/Outreach Report, dated June 15, 2017 is for information.

Background:

Ancient Civilizations

Between April 6th and May 4th the BCM&CC hosted 228 students from ten different schools as they participated in our annual Ancient Civilizations program. Students were invited to dress up as peasants for the day as they spent the morning learning about Medieval Europe through activities like creating chainmail, doing brass rubbings and illuminating manuscripts. Some schools opted to order the "Monastery Lunch" where they enjoyed eating a simple but delicious meal with their hands in silence like medieval monks. In the afternoon students learned about three more ancient civilizations: the ancient Greeks, Romans, and Maya. Activities included writing their names with ancient Maya glyphs, participating in the Olympics, and creating "Medusa hats" while listening to ancient Greek and Roman myths.

The Ancient Civilizations program received fantastic feedback from teachers and students alike. It is a fun, immersive day for the students and is aligned with the grade 4 social studies curriculum. This year the program was proudly sponsored by the Port Elgin Lion's Club.



Students create illuminated manuscripts like medieval monks.



Students dressed as peasants and a knight, complete with heavy chainmail shirt, skirt, helmet and shield!

Eco Explorers

On May 6th, nine children ages 7-12 participated in a two-hour “Birding for Beginners” program delivered by special guests from MacGregor Point Provincial Park. Children were invited to be “bird detectives” as they learned to identify features of birds that can give clues about their habitat, their food, whether they are male or female, and more. The afternoon featured a lot of hands-on learning with feathers, wings, bones, and bird guides. For the Eco-Explorers stewardship component, children created bird-friendly suet feeders to take home and feed local birds. The children finished off the afternoon by learning how to properly adjust and use binoculars, then put their skills to the test as they did some bird watching over Fairy Lake.



The Eco Explorers program culminates with a P.A. day bus trip to Lauren Creek Nature Centre in Waterloo on June 2nd. Eco-Explorers and non-Eco Explorers youth are invited to get up close and personal with pond life and learn about some of the native species of the area in this fun filled day. This year's Eco Explorers Program is proudly sponsored by Ontario Power Generation.



Eco Explorers making suet feeders with Kathleen from MacGregor Point Provincial Park.



Eco Explorers making suet feeders with Madeline from MacGregor Point Provincial Park.



Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There were no interdepartmental considerations.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #3 - Find creative new ways to engage our public

Museum Strategic Plan Alignments:

Strategic Pillar #2 - Provide Relevant, Compelling Programming

Written by Lauren Ellis, Education & Outreach Coordinator

Approved by:

Kelley Coulter
Chief Administrative Officer



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Museum Committee

From: Cathy McGirr
Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Date: June 15, 2017

Re: Partnership Report

Recommendation:

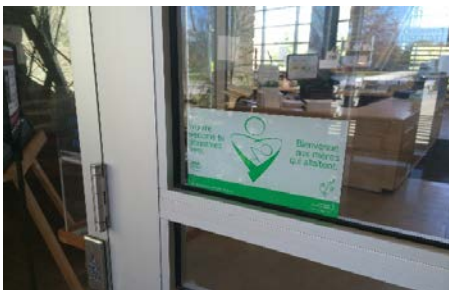
The Partnership Report, dated June 15, 2017, is for information.

Background:

In our continuous efforts to support and enhance our Strategic Pillar to Forge Partnerships and Relationships the BCM&CC recognizes the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit as an important partner. Efforts in the past with the health unit have focused around partnering to provide a space for public workshops specifically related to Municipal Alcohol related policy or Safe Food Service handling.

In recent discussions with representatives from the Health Unit the Museum will endeavor to continue our relationship for these public workshops as well as broaden our engagement with some new programming and project initiatives.

The BCM&CC is pleased to announce that we will officially join the Grey Bruce Health Unit's Baby-Friendly initiative by becoming a partner in the Breastfeeding Friendly Business Project. This project creates awareness about breastfeeding and provides a supportive community environment. While the Museum has been a long supporter of services that encourage a family friendly environment including breastfeeding, we will now promote this further through the use of the "Breastfeeding Toolkit and Sticker".



"You are welcome to breastfeed here", front door signage courtesy of Public Health.



The second program will be focused specifically for youth. In the past the Museum had been involved with the Saugeen Shores Youth Coalition and provided facility space for the group and their summit. Currently through the Youth Roots of Grey Bruce four youth groups remain: Georgian Bay, Grey Highlands, Peninsula and Kincardine. The Museum been asked to invited to upcoming meetings with the four groups to discuss possible programming and or services where the Museum can provide support and ideas towards programming both for these groups and marginalized youth.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Consultation with Library regarding the Breastfeeding Program as well as with Economic Development on the Youth Strategy has also taken place.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #3 - Find creative new ways to engage our public

MUSEUM STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENTS:

Strategic Pillar #1 - Forge Partnerships and Relationships

Strategic Pillar #2 - Provide Relevant, Compelling Programming

Written by: Cathy McGirr, Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Approved by:

Kelley Coulter
Chief Administrative Officer

Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Museum Committee

From: Cathy McGirr
Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Date: June 15, 2017

Re: Programming Report

Recommendation:

The Programming Report, dated June 15, 2017, is for information.

Background:

9th Annual Wine Tasting Event: Sandbanks Winery May 4th

The Annual Wine Tasting Event was another successful event at the BCM&CC with 60 participants attending who were able to sample a selection of wines from Sandbanks Winery. Participants also listened to a presentation by Sommelier Christine Micheals from Sandbanks Winery to learn about the vineyard and specific variety of grape used for each type of wine. The guests also enjoyed 5 paired Canapés prepared by the Elk and Finch which accentuated the flavours in the wines. This event was proudly sponsored by Meridian Credit Union.



Volunteers Julie and Diana helping to pour wine for the wine tasting



Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There has been no interdepartmental consultation.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #3 - Find creative new ways to engage our public

Museum Strategic Plan Alignments:

Strategic Pillar #1 - Forge Partnerships and Relationships

Strategic Pillar #2 - Provide Relevant, Compelling Programming

Written by: Adrienne Mason, Program Coordinator

Approved by:

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