

**FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF
MISSISSAUGA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 8th, 2023, 7PM**

**LOCATION: BENARES HISTORIC
HOUSE**

DRAFT MINUTES

Meet and Greet on Zoom: 6:45 - 7:00pm

Call to Order: Joe Zammit, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Joe greeted everyone and delivered the land acknowledgement. We had a quorum.

Approval of Minutes from AGM on May 8, 2022 - The minutes were accepted as they had been circulated last year and posted on the FOMM website. Motion of Approval: Moved by Wanda Hall seconded by Sue Shanly. Carried

Chairperson's Report:

- Joe Zammit, Chair, reported on the past year. There has been an uptick on the attendance to events. We are entering the "post-COVID" world. Mississauga residents are appreciating the city and are realizing events that they didn't know existed.
- On the Verandah, Blooms and Berries, photos with Santa, Maple Magic, Park your Pumpkin and other museum events were very well attended.
- Joe indicated that he is the VP of a High School, Saint Martin, and shared that as gas prices go up it's becoming untenable to take students to the ROM or Fort York. The cost to bus a student to these

Toronto museums is almost \$50 per student. Schools are starting to look more local now for children's education programs and Joe is proud to say that On the Verandah raises money to bus children to the museums.

- Joe spoke about the upcoming 50th anniversary of Mississauga and how museums are a reflection of your community.
- Museums are the anchor of a country and a city.

Financial Report – Don Harrington

- Don reported that our net assets have increased over 2022
- Support over the museums increased in 2022 and included Blooms and Berries through the Community Foundation of Mississauga Grant.
- In 2022, FoMM brought back OTV and Santa photos. Both combined brought in an additional \$5000 we didn't have in 2021 as these events were cancelled due to COVID.
- We continue to get support from donors like The Community Foundation of Mississauga, HF Sinclair, Meridian Financial and Southdown Dental.
- Don shared that copies of the financials are available for anyone who would like one. To obtain a copy, provide your email address to Don Harrington or to any of the other directors and we will send a PDF copy. FoMM decided not to print copies of the financials as in past years they have just remained behind on the chairs.

Motion of Approval of the Financial Report: Christine Batiuk moved, seconded by Tanya Caruana - Carried

Members Resolution – Joe Zammit

Be it resolved that all contracts, acts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, and done and taken by the Board

of Directors & Officers since the last Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga referred to on written resolution of the Board are hereby approved and confirmed.

Motion of Approval: Moved by Jenny Dale, seconded by Sue Shanly - Carried

Election of Directors - Liz Duran

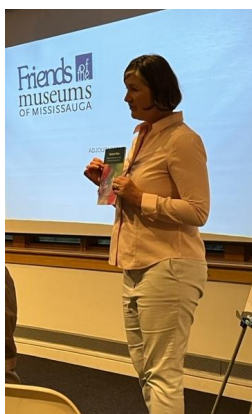
Liz Duran, Past Chair, presented the slate of Directors for the 2023/2024 year. There are 3 openings.

Gail Clark
Joyce Delves
Liz Duran
Sue Shanly
Wanda Hall
Sadaf Zuberi
Joe Zammit

Christine Batiuk
Don Harrington
Anne Fabierkiewicz
Tanya Caruana
June Newhouse

Motion of Approval: To approve the slate of Directors for the 2023/2024 year. Moved by: Liz Duran, seconded by June Newhouse – Carried.

Museum Report: Lisa Abbott, Curator and Manager of the Museums of Mississauga and Small Arms Inspection Building, reported on the events of the 2021/2022 year.



- Didn't get going until month of March 2021 due to COVID
- Maple Magic returned & Camp Sugar Shack for the maple programs
- Halloween Harvest and Blooms and Berries returned. Approximately 2500 attended Maple Magic and Halloween Harvest and 400 for Blooms and Berries.

- There were several exhibitions and projects in 2022. Lisa discussed them and discussed three that were taken “on the road” and the two exhibits that were run by Masters Students from U of T.
- Lisa shared some unique collections that they acquired in 2021/2022. One was a jump suit which was worn by a Mississauga councillor and was the first woman to ride Fighter.



- Stephanie Meeuwse joined Lisa to share that they acquired more contents for Benares including some art, a bed and a slipper chair that was Captain Harris' chair. Most of the new pieces are now at Benares.
- 12,000 was the total on site attendance which is lower than usual but likely just a sign of people coming out of COVID.
- They did 77 in person programs last year and they also delivered virtual programs.
- Offsite exhibitions in 2022 they had over 40,000 interact with the exhibitions.
- Lisa shared what is currently on exhibit now as well as what's upcoming in 2023 and 2024.
- 2024 will be a big year for Museums of Mississauga. Mississauga will be turning 50 so there will be an anniversary exhibit.
 - Series of self guided city wide scavenger hunt
 - Physical exhibition featuring 50 artifacts rarely seen by the public in Fall 2024.
- Lisa shared the “Visitor Journey” to get you to the scavenger hunt or to the museums website.

- They are partnering with Heritage Mississauga on the 50th anniversary event.
- She shared an example of a mock-up of what artifacts may be shown.
- Lisa opened the floor to questions. There were none.
- * After the meeting, Lisa shared copies of Serene Seas. This poetry anthology was created by The New Youth Council with a grant from the Community Foundation of Mississauga.

New Business: First board meeting with the new board will take place at 7:00pm on June 5th over Zoom.

Guest Speaker - John Dunlop, Manager, Indigenous Relations, City of Mississauga

Topic: Truth and Reconciliation – Museums and Heritage. The role of Heritage in Truth and Reconciliation

Joe Zammit introduced John Dunlop, who led us through an informative presentation. The key message was that we need to tell the whole story.



A question and answer period followed the presentation.

Joe thanked John for his interesting presentation.

Joe thanked the board members and moved to adjournment.

Adjournment

Joe raised a motion to adjourn the FoMM AGM at 8:14pm. Moved by Liz Durdan seconded by June Newhouse. Approved by all.