

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE NORTH VANCOUVER MUSEUM & ARCHIVES COMMISSION
COMMENCING AT 5:30pm ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016
AT THE COMMUNITY HISTORY CENTRE
3203 INSTITUTE ROAD, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7K 3E5**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR DON BELL (City)
CATHARINE DOWNES
VICTOR ELDERTON (Chair)
KEVIN EVANS
SHERYL FISHER-RIVERS
JAMES FOX
COUNCILLOR ROBIN HICKS (District)
TERRY HOOD
RICHARD NOVEK (Vice-Chair)
SANFORD OSLER
NANCY KIRKPATRICK, Director
LAUREL LAWRY, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Novek, seconded by Mr. Evans.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Evans MOVED and Ms. Downes SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Ms. Fisher-Rivers MOVED and Mr. Novek SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held on September 15, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. REPORTS FOR APPROVAL

Recommended Museum Deaccessions #8

The deaccession project has been reinvigorated by the new curator, with a new scope of timing and space requirements. Discussion surrounding the process of deaccessioning ensued, including the potential for transferring items to other institutions, auctioning to the public, and disposal.

Mr. Osler MOVED and Mr. Evans SECONDED

THAT the North Vancouver Museum & Archives Commission approves the deaccessioning and disposal of all 64 objects on the attached lists, and recommends to the municipal owner of each (City and/or District of North Vancouver as appropriate) that all 64 items be deaccessioned and disposed of, according to the provisions of the Commission's Collection Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Aboriginal Voices Working Group

Ms. Fisher-Rivers reported that a productive meeting was held with participation from First Nations representatives as well as cultural organizations located in the Lower Lonsdale area. Progress on visions, cohesion and potential projects is being achieved. There is a goal to support projects including the exhibit on Chief Dan George and other initiatives. A plan for collaborations to infuse themes throughout the New Museum is anticipated for January. New participants and networks are being identified and sought out, as are opportunities for funding for public art.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

2016 Operating Statement update

Ms. Lawry presented an updated operating statement to the Commission indicating budgets to actual variance.

Approval of 2017 Budget

Mr. Osler MOVED and Ms. Fisher-Rivers SECONDED

THAT the 2017 Operating Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. REPORTS

Director's and Museum & Archives Operations Reports

- Report to BC Arts Council for the 2nd year of funding was submitted.
- A *Young Canada Works – Building Careers in Heritage* grant for an intern position was received.
- A Federal government grant available through the Dept of Canadian Heritage Museums Assistance Program, *Access to Heritage*, for travelling exhibit funding, has been applied for to further the Chief Dan George exhibit project. U'mista Cultural Society in Alert Bay, BC has expressed an interest in the Exhibit. The Squamish Lil'wat Centre is potentially a place to which the exhibit could travel. There has been progress toward telling stories of the area First Nations, here in BC and in other parts of the country. Discussions with various people and stakeholders have been taking place, including relating to potential sponsors for the Exhibit. Access and rights to film footage will be a necessary component of the project. The curator will meet with the family and may be offered access to the family's multimedia collection. The timing of the 2017 exhibit will be important as the famed Chief Dan George speech ("Lament for Confederation")

took place on July 1, 1967 (Canada's 100th birthday) and next year will be Canada's 150th anniversary.

- A great article about the Archives was printed in the *North Shore News* on September 30, 2016 and it resulted in a number of visitors to the Archives.
- The Lower Mainland Archivists meeting took place in the Community History Centre recently.
- *Where Mountains Meet the Sea* continues to appear on the BC Books Best Seller list and is attracting a wide readership.
- *Time Travel in North Vancouver*, by Sharon Proctor, is about to be reprinted in a second edition.

Friends Society

The Friends Society held an Annual General Meeting on September 22, 2016, for a 3-month fiscal year as it transitions to a new fiscal year end of March 31. The Square reader implementation as a method of payment has been successful and will allow online membership renewals.

Governance Committee

Governance Committee Meetings will be held in future with the Commission Vice-Chair acting as Chair of the Governance Committee meetings. At the last meeting, held October 18, the committee reviewed the fundraising campaign prospects, the 2017 budget and 2016 projections, the applications of a new potential District appointee, and the municipalities' surplus policies.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Councillor Hicks brought the Blue Cabin project update to the attention of the Commission.

Mr. Evans reported that during his book purchase at Indigo of *Where Mountains Meet the Sea* the staff provided great feedback about the book, and noted that a Rotary function with Dan Francis as speaker was sold out. It was decided that he would write a letter on behalf of the Commission thanking Mr. Francis for being an ambassador for the NVMA and send it to the Chair to sign.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 5:30 pm on November 24, 2016, with a meet and greet reception with staff at 4:30 pm.



Victor Elderton, Chair
NORTH VANCOUVER MUSEUM & ARCHIVES COMMISSION

Minutes prepared by: 
Laurel Lawry, Commission Secretary

