



## Minutes

### Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee

July 5, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

#### MEMBERS

##### PRESENT:

Chair Richard Thomas  
Member Tom Burri  
Councillor Travis Dodd  
Councillor Marion Koepke  
Member Harry Marshall  
Deputy Mayor Brian O'Leary

##### STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager  
Aidan Ware, Director and Chief Curator, TTAG  
Kristan Shrider, Senior Manager of Property and Parks and Open Space  
Kim Skene, Operations Coordinator

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### 2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on June 23, 2021

**"THAT the minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on June 23, 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."**

Carried.

**5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were no depositions or presentations.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED**

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

**8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF**

- 8.a Report AG-21-009 from Director and Chief Curator Re: July 5 TTAG Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Director provided an overview of her report and the documents contained therein.

The Committee discussed the information provided by the Director's report, noting that many of the current concerns were cited in studies and reports dating back 15 years, and the same concerns are only compounded by the continued growth of the Collection.

The Committee discussed options for off-site storage as part of an expansion plan. The Director noted that the whole Collection should be stored onsite and must be above grade. If accessible storage is not a viable option, then increased exhibition space to curate more of the Collection is necessary.

The Committee discussed options for staff being situated offsite. The Director indicated that other institutions have looked at that model but have not opted for staff to be offsite. There are security and safety issues for the Collection, facility and visitors that require staff oversight, as well as programming that requires staff facilitation.

The Committee also discussed the long-term vision for both the Gallery as an institution and for any new and/or expanded facility. It was agreed that future needs of the Gallery, its exhibitions and programming, as well as the continued care and growth of the Collection, need to be considered within any development plan. The Director noted that the new Art Collection Committee will determine the

future development of the Gallery's Collection. She stated that capacity needs to be built into any expansion plan for the continued collecting of Canadian Art.

The Director also noted that professional consultation will be required to assess future needs of the Gallery, in consideration of sector standards, along with any development opportunities and challenges of the current facility site.

Committee agreed that all options for expansion, including any re-builds or new builds must be explored for the current site, noting that past efforts at the current site revealed challenges and limitations.

It was noted that if the Committee determines that it no longer wants to look at the current site, the Committee would have to bring a request to City Council to change its mandate, as the current mandate of the Committee is site-specific.

AG-210705-002

Moved by Councillor Dodd

**“THAT in consideration of Staff Report AG-21-009 respecting July 5 TTAG Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee Report, the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes.”**

Carried.

**9. MATTERS POSTPONED**

There were no matters postponed.

**10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION**

There were no correspondence items presented for information.

**12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

There was no additional business.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**14. GALLERY SITE VISIT**

The Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee participated in a tour of the Gallery site and facility provided by the Curator of Collections.

The Facility Expansion Committee walked the perimeter of the Gallery property. All public and non-public areas of the building were accessed and toured.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.