



Minutes

Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee

October 29, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Councillor Travis Dodd

STAFF PRESENT:

Aidan Ware, Director and Chief Curator, TTAG
Kristan Shrider, Senior Manager, Corporate and Facility Services
Kim Skene, Operations Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 October 13, 2021

"THAT the minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on October 13, 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-21-016 October 29 Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Director provided an overview of her report.

The Committee discussed the boundary/topographic survey and soil investigation as the immediate next steps in looking at the potential expansion of the gallery facility at its current site, with an estimated cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for this work to be completed.

The Director clarified that there would need to be a subsequent staff report written in early 2022 to determine the costs of remaining steps as indicated in the report.

Committee members discussed the challenges of development at the current site including the demolition of the building, the requirement for temporary relocation of staff and the collection, and the impact of construction on the neighbouring Owen Sound & North Grey Union Library building. The Committee Members then raised the question whether there was an opportunity to look at other sites.

Chair Thomas reminded the group that the mandate of the Committee was to determine the feasibility of an expanded gallery at the current site, which the boundary survey and soil investigation would verify. If Members felt that other sites should be investigated, then the Committee would need to request that Council expand the Committee's current mandate.

The Director stated that building next to the Library has many opportunities to allow for an open and accessible space to all community members and she

suggested that the Committee finish the investigation of the current site first with the survey and soil studies, and then if necessary, look elsewhere for expansion.

In consideration of the costs involved and the future needs of a new gallery facility, Committee Members expressed their desire for due diligence regarding their investigation of both the current site and other options.

AG-211029-002

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report AG-21-016 respecting the October 29 Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee Report, the Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Approve carrying out the immediate next steps in 2022 as outlined in the report (Step B and Step C); and**
- 2. Direct staff to bring forward a report detailing the costs associated with the architectural design for Council approval (Step D)."**

Carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report AG-21-016 respecting the October 29 Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee Report, the Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to expand the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee's mandate to include the investigation of alternate sites in addition to and in tandem with exploration of potential development opportunities at the gallery's current site."

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. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.