



Minutes

Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee

March 3, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

Chair John Tamming

PRESENT:

Member Mary Anne Alton

Mayor Ian Boddy

Member Tom Burri

Member Megan Celhoffer

Member Neil Devlin

Member Constance Maconaghie

Councillor Richard Thomas

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager

Aidan Ware, Director and Chief Curator

Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk

Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk

Kim Skene, Operations Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair Tamming advised the Committee of the recent passing of previous Tom Thomson Art Gallery Board of Management Chair Michael Milhausen.

The Committee observed a moment of silence to honour Mr. Milhausen.

2. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

AG-210303-001

Moved by Member Devlin

"THAT the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee now move into Closed Session to consider one matter relating to a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the

municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value respecting the collection."

Carried.

3. DECLARATION TO MOVE TO THE OPEN SESSION

The business contained on the Closed Session agenda having been completed, Chair Tamming adjourned the Closed Session at 2:30 pm to return to the Open Session.

4. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Chair Tamming advised that in the Closed Session, the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee discussed one matter relating to a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value respecting the collection, and direction was provided to staff.

5. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

The Operations Coordinator provided a presentation to new and returning members reviewing the Advisory Committee's mandate, the gallery's mission, the City of Owen Sound's Code of Conduct and members' roles and responsibilities.

6. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

6.a Chair Tamming Re: The Gallery's Digital Portal

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.a Minutes of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee meeting held on January 27, 2021

AG-210303-002

Moved by Member Alton

"THAT the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2021."

Carried.

9. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no deputations or presentations.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

12. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 12.a Report AG-21-003 from Director and Chief Curator Re: Tom Thomson Art Gallery Update - March, 2021

The Director provided an overview of her report.

Mayor Ian Boddy joined the meeting at this time.

Staff noted that a report will be prepared for the next Advisory Committee meeting on May 5, 2021, regarding the formation and nomination process for the new Tom Thomson Art Gallery Facility Expansion Ad Hoc Committee.

AG-210303-003

Moved by Member Maconaghie

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report AG-21-003 respecting Tom Thomson Art Gallery – March 2021 Update, the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee recommends that City Council receive the report as the Director and Chief Curator's update on the Gallery's Programming and Operations for information purposes."

Carried.

13. REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- 13.a Verbal Report from the Chair of the Membership and Volunteer Sub-Committees

Chair of the Membership and Volunteer Sub-Committees, Member Celhoffer, explained that she met with gallery staff to determine next steps for maintaining the gallery's membership program, and what kind of activities the gallery could offer for members to participate in, pay for and for which people would want to become members. The gallery will need to find community space to offer programming now that the studio space has been converted to offices and storage. There are many opportunities for virtual experiences within the new digital portal, as well as through online talk series, Zoom lectures and customized tours.

Currently, the membership program and any expiries have been deferred for 3 months.

There will be a mail campaign in the coming weeks to re-connect with members.

AG-210303-004

Moved by Member Burri

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided by the Chair of the Membership and Volunteer Sub-Committees on March 3, 2021, the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

13.b Report from the Chair of the Fundraising Sub-Committee

The Chair of the Fundraising Sub-Committee, Member Alton, provided an overview of her report on the TOM Calendar Fundraising Campaign.

Considering the success of the 2021 Group of Seven Fundraising Calendar, the gallery will be producing a 2022 calendar in a new campaign.

The Fundraising Sub-Committee will be meeting March 16 to discuss plans for next year's calendar.

AG-210303-005

Moved by Member Celhoffer

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided by the Chair of the Fundraising Sub-Committee on March 3, 2021, the Tom Thomson Art Gallery Advisory Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

14. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

15. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

16. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

There were no correspondence items presented for information.

17. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

17.a The Gallery's Digital Portal

Considering details contained within the Director's report, Chair Tamming withdrew his additional item.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Tamming adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.