

**Old Mill Heritage Centre
Billings Museum Committee
Agenda**

November 4, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Old Mill Heritage Centre
15 Old Mill Rd.

- 1) OPEN
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 3) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
- 4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES
- 5) TREASURER'S REPORT
- 6) CURATOR'S REPORT
- 7) OLD BUSINESS:
 - Christmas In Kagawong
 - Remembrance Day
 - 2020 Exhibits
 - Committee Reporting
- 8) NEW BUSINESS:
 - Preservation of Records / Organization of Artifacts / Storage
 - Summerfest
 - Council Developments
- 9) NEXT MEETING
- 10) ADJOURNMENT

Billings Museum Committee
October 7, 2019 Meeting

PRESENT: Nora Bath-Haring, Barb Edwards, Deb Flaxman, Dianne Fraser, Sabine Huge, Aus Hunt, Michael Hunt (Chair), Brad MacKay, Kathy McDonald (staff), Rick Nelson (staff)

1) Open The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Michael Hunt.

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Nora Bath-Haring, seconded by Dianne Fraser

That the agenda for the October 7, 2019 meeting be accepted as amended.

Carried

The agenda was amended to add under 8. New Business – Island Wide Museum Meeting and Flowers for Alan Tustian

3) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

4) Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Barb Edwards, seconded by Deb Flaxman

That the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5) Treasurer's Report

Motion by Barb Edwards, seconded by Deb Flaxman

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Carried

6) Curators Report

Motion by Sabine Huege, seconded by Barb Edwards

That the Curators report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Dianne mentioned that the letters and receipts for donations have gone out.

7) Old Business

Christmas in Kagawong – Discussion regarding the lunch. This year it will not be able to be served downstairs. Friends of the Library may be willing to use the Old Church on the Hill, if the museum moved their lunch to that locations. Other options could be using the coat room at the Park Centre not serve lunch this year. The decision was not to have a lunch this year.

Sharon Alkenbrack told the group that the EDC is trying organize a story telling festival in place of Summerfest. They are opening it up to other groups. If the Museum Board wants to be part of it please let her know. The Museum can do a barbeque if they would like. The committee has a few months to decide.

The Museum Committee will still have a vendors booth at Christmas in Kagawong. Dianne will Work Friday night, Rick will set up Friday and will work Saturday.

Remembrance Day – Dianne needs help to set up the Veterans display. Deb, Dianne, Rick and Barb will help starting at 1 p.m. at the museum.

Rick suggested that the Museum Board send a card and flowers for the visitation and service of Alan Tustian.

Motion by Sabine, seconded by Brad

That the Museum Board buys flowers and a card for Alan Tustian's visitation for a maximum of \$50.

Carried

Island Wide Museum Meeting: The Billings Museum Committee is hosting the Island wide Museum Board meeting this year on October 16, 2019. Any committee member can attend. Rick needs to have a table brought over from the Park Centre. The committee will need to supply cheese, crackers, cookies, coffee and a second beverage. There will be no more than 20 people, most meetings average about 10.

Motion by Barb, seconded by Deb

That the Museum Committee provide lunch for the Island Wide Museum meeting to a maximum of \$50.

Committee Reporting: Discussion regarding the Annual Report to be prepared and sent to the Township from the Museum Committee. The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference. Also discussed was the Achievements in 2019 and Goals and Objectives for 2020. The workplan and budget were also discussed.

Motion by Nora, seconded by Sabine

That the Annual Report for 2019 be accepted as amended.

Carried

8) New Business

Council Developments: Michael reported on the October 1, 2019 Council meeting. The Climate Change Coordinator made a presentation to Council regarding the Township trying to become energy neutral. There are 22 different drawings completed on the waterfront. Staff will be moving into the Park Centre on October 22.

9)Next Meeting: November 4, 2019 at the Museum

10)Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. on a motion by Nora.

Curators Report for November 4th 2019

The museum closed for the season after the Thanksgiving long weekend. There will be one last public viewing and that will be on Remembrance Day. Attendance at this point is approximately 2700 for the 2019 season. That's about 520 less than last year.

I attended the 140th anniversary celebrations of the Janet Head Lighthouse on October 15th. Spoke with Lambac rep Brad Hawke who said he was working on a meeting to talk about the potential of a Manitoulin Island Lighthouse video project. I reminded him this is something I would want to have ready for History Day in Kagawong next August.

The museums meeting was held at the *Old Mill Heritage Centre* on October 16th. It was poorly attended with the exception of the Centennial Museum from Sheguiandah and the Ministry of Culture rep. The highlight was confirmation that other museums were dealing with a drop in tourism this season as well. Next meeting is in the spring.

So far, the *Empress of Ireland* exhibit for next season is still a go pending grant approval. The latest request from the loans department at the Museum of History is that *all* of their items must be under airtight sealed display cases. More details later.

The work crew came in on Monday October 28th and prepared the museum for Remembrance Day. The local newspaper will have a story about the museum display and about the service that precedes it at the Park Centre early in the day. The Highschool has a class coming in for a tour on November 8th. Following Remembrance Day, there will just be *Christmas in Kagawong* and the final opportunity of the season to sell our gift store product at the vendors table.

Webcam is shut down for the season due to the internet modem being relocated with the Municipal office over to the Park Centre.