

Chatham-Kent Municipal Museums Advisory Committee CKMMAC Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2023,
Studio One, Chatham Cultural Centre

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present:

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| 1. Sudhir Chari | 2. Kimberly Daigneau |
| 3. Paul Bourdeau | 4. Frank Vink |
| 5. Sara Mervin | 6. Councillor John Wright |
| 7. Mindy Bowls, Museum Technician | 8. Blair Newby, Program Coordinator |
| 9. Stephanie Saunders, Curator, CK Museum | 10. Lydia Burggraaf, Assistant Curator, CK Museum and Curator, Ridge House Museum |

Regrets:

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| 11. Bolanle Sadiq | 12. Edythe Marlatt |
| 13. Deborah Furlan, Administrative Assistant, Arts + Culture | 14. Heather Slater, Manager, Arts + Culture |
| 15. Lisa Powers, Executive Assistant, Community Human Services | 16. Dr. April Rietdyk, General Manager, Community Human Services |

2. Introductions

Staff and volunteers introduced themselves.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest (Direct or Indirect) and the General Nature Thereof

Sudhir Chair disclosed that he is a member of the Chatham-Kent Public Library Board. Neither Mr. Chari, nor the other committee members saw a conflict.

4. New Business

(a) Discussion of new mall proposal as it relates to the CK Museum and (b) Planning for present and future needs of CK Municipal Museums

Four weeks time is when the museum, gallery, and Arts and Culture committees need to get back to Nustadia with a combined plan.

Sudhir Chari moved; Sara Mervin seconded:

“That the CK Municipal Museums Advisory Committee (CKMMAC) ask the staff’s opinion on what they’d like to see moving forward with the museum.”

The Chair put the Motion.

Motion Carried

Committee members reviewed the information provided by Nustadia and discussed the questions in the Nustadia document. The committee agreed that their draft response be circulated by email to all committee members for final review and approval. Once approval received, Stephanie Saunders will submit to Heather Slater on behalf of the committee. This response will be given in advance of a joint meeting of the committees. The understanding is that Heather Slater will be preparing a combined report on behalf of all of the committees for Nustadia’s review.

The list of Nustadia questions are as follows:

- 1) What is the vision for the Chatham-Kent Museum / Art Gallery / Cultural Centre for the next 5 to 10 years? (Separate from the other proposed spaces)
- 2) What space requirements would assist in achieving this vision?
- 3) What programming requirements would assist in achieving this vision?
- 4) What synergies and opportunities would you see possible with the proposed development?
- 5) How can a new space provide inclusive and accessible options for patrons?
- 6) What features or elements are critical for the success of the proposed community hub library/museum/art gallery/cultural space?

- 7) What benefits does the community hub model present to the combined spaces?
- 8) What type of restrictions or challenges does the proposed project present?

5. Non-Agenda Items

Clr. Wright recommended adding a tour of Ridge House Museum to the agenda of our next meeting. The committee agreed.

Sara Mervin requested an update on lifecycle projects. Stephanie Saunders will send out a document outlining the status of the projects as soon as possible.

6. Time, Date and Place for the Next Meeting

- May 23, 2023, Ridge House Museum

7. Adjournment

Moved by Sudhir Chari. Seconded by Sara Mervin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Motion Carried