

## Chatham-Kent Municipal Museums Advisory Committee

### Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 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. Stephanie Saunders, Curator,<br>Chatham-Kent Museum | 6. Deborah Furlan, Administrative<br>Assistant, Arts + Culture |
| 7. Heather Slater, Manager, Arts +<br>Culture          |  |

Regrets:

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| 8. Bolanle Sadiq  | 9. Sara Mervin  |
| 10. Edythe Marlatt  | 11. Councillor John Wright  |
| 12. Lisa Powers, Executive Assistant,<br>Community Human Services | 13. Dr. April Rietdyk, General Manager,<br>Community Human Services |

#### **2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest (Direct or Indirect) and the General Nature Thereof**

No member of the CK Municipal Museums Advisory Committee (CKMMAC) declared a pecuniary interest on any matter on the open session agenda.

#### **3. Election of the Chair**

Sudhir Chari nominated Paul Bourdeau  
Paul Bourdeau accepted the nomination.

Frank Vink nominated Sudhir Chari  
Sudhir Chair declined the nomination.

No other nominations received.

Sudhir Chari moved; Frank Vink seconded:

**“That Paul Bourdeau be acclaimed as chairperson CK Municipal Museums Advisory Committee (CKMMAC) for 2023 calendar year be approved.”**

Unanimously in favour. Paul Bourdeau acclaimed.

**Motion Carried.**

Committee discussed the possibility of a Vice-Chair role, as per Stephanie Saunders’ comment that Dr. April Rietdyk suggested this item be discussed at the committee level. Stephanie advised that the committee by-law would need to be changed should the committee wish to have a Vice-Chair.

Sudhir Chari suggested someone be delegated as required to fulfill chair duties should someone not be able to complete their duties on an as needed basis.

The committee agreed not to have a Vice-Chair at this time.

**4. Minutes of the CK Municipal Museums Advisory Committee Meeting January 24, 2023**

Frank Vink moved; Sudhir Chari seconded:

**“That the minutes of the January 24, 2023, CK Municipal Museums Advisory Committee (CKMMAC) meeting be approved.”**

The Chair put the Motion.

**Motion Carried.**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the January 24, 2023, CK Municipal Museums Advisory Committee meeting**

None

**6. New Business**

**a. Discussion re: Downtown Chatham Centre (DCC) feasibility study**

Heather Slater provided information to the committee re: Downtown Chatham Centre feasibility study being conducted by Nustadia. The committee is invited to an in-person meeting March 2, 2023, stakeholder meeting with Nustadia.

Nustadia wants to learn from the committee. Other stakeholder groups invited are the Thames Art Gallery committee, the Chatham-Kent Arts and Culture Network, and the Library Board.

On March 2, 2023, items such as Arts and Culture vision, space and programming requirements, elements that are critical for success, restrictions, or challenges with the proposed project, etc. will be discussed.

Heather Slater advised that the current proposal does not have adequate space, and that the footprint is not big enough for all entities to move into the proposed community hub.

The committee asked questions and discussed the information received from Heather Slater.

**b. Consultation re: draft Report to Council (RTC) - Donation of MacPhail Taxidermy Collection to Stones 'N Bones Museum**

Heather Slater shared the draft report to Council regarding the donation of the MacPhail Taxidermy Collection to Stones "N Bones Museum.

Stephanie clarified that the collection belongs to CK Council not the museum and this is a pure donation. Stephanie has been maintaining a regular evaluation of the collection over a period of 15 years and Stones 'N Bones has always met the expectations.

Frank Vink clarified that this collection does not meet the mandate of the CK Museum.

Frank Vink moved; Sudhir Chari seconded:

**“That the CK Municipal Museums Advisory Committee (CKMMAC) support the recommendations within the draft report to Council re: donation of the MacPhail Taxidermy Collection to Stones ‘N Bones Museum.”**

The Chair put the Motion.

**Motion Carried**

**7. Time, Date and Place for the Next Meeting**

- March 2, 2023, at the Chatham Capitol Theatre meeting with Nustadia.
- May 23, 2023, Ridge House Museum

**8. Adjournment**

Moved by Sudhir Chari. Seconded by Frank Vink that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 PM.

**Motion Carried**