



## **Railway Heritage Museum Committee**

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

**1:00 pm**

**Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum**

**Committee Members Present: Mayor Dave Turton, Councillor Paul Zimmerman, Lindsay Woelfle, Bob McEachern, Diane Gilbertson and Emily Peters**

**Staff Present: Belinda Wick-Graham, Greg Mallett, Kaia Lee, Madison Dicks, Sadie-Lyn Bieman and Sofia Herrera Varela**

**Regrets: Mayor Dave Turton, George Bridge, Chad Martin, Wayne Martin and Susan Welsh**

- 1. Call to Order at 1:03 pm by Belinda Wick-Graham**
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
  - a. Minutes from November 15, 2023, Railway Museum Committee

### **MOTION**

**Moved by: Bob McEachern and Seconded by: Mayor Dave Turton**

**THAT the minutes of the November 15, 2023, Railway Heritage Museum Meeting be approved.**

**CARRIED**

- 3. Roundtable Discussion**
  - a. Welcome and Introductions

Wick-Graham introduced our team of students this year. The Museum is happy to welcome back Sadie-Lyn Bieman who will be supporting the three new students, Kaia Lee, Madison Dicks and Sofia Herrera Varela. The ladies shared a bit about themselves and their interest and excitement in working at the Museum this summer. Wick-Graham reported that we once again received the Young Canada Works grant that supports one of the student's wages.

b. 2024 Budget

The Committee reviewed the workplan from the November meeting. It was noted that the price for new shingles on the building across from the Museum is \$4,200. In terms of the drainage, it was noted that the interlocking bricks would need to be lifted and the work done to repair the issue. Mallett noted this repair would be scheduled later. Mallett asked that the repair of the aluminum trim and caulking around the windows and base of the Museum be added to a Citywide service request and noted that to fix the door on the handcar building would be \$1,500 - \$2,000.

Mallett noted that it has been confirmed that there is asbestos on the Old 81 and that he is investigating further what that means in terms of accessing the engine for the poppy installation.

c. Caboose Update

Wick-Graham highlighted that we received a \$2,000 grant from the County of Wellington towards the caboose restoration and that we hope to find out at the end of May if we are successful with the Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant for \$11,388. Until we receive word we cannot get started.

It was suggested that once we know about the RED grant that we should invite the Palmerston Ag. Society to view the Box Car and to work with the County on how we could develop that space.

d. Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament - August 8th, 2024

Wick-Graham highlighted that the Railway Museum and specifically the caboose restoration was selected as a recipient of the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament Proceeds. McEachern and/or Gilbertson will attend the delegation on May 21<sup>st</sup> to Council as well as receive the funds at Council on October 1<sup>st</sup>. In the meantime, we are required to solicit 15 X \$150 hole sponsors and to help sell 50/50 tickets at the tournament.

e. Raleway Fest - June 22, 2024

Raleway Fest has \$7,000 in sponsors to date with eight participating beverage producers.

f. 2024 Events & Activities

McEachern and Gilbertson highlighted the recent Guelph/Wellington Tourism Tour and presentation they recently participated in and shared their learnings. They highlighted the opportunity to partner food and drink at venues, the opportunity to promote to Southeast Asian tourism and to look to other Museums for partnerships.

Ideas that came to light were that the students would work with Bob and Wayne to coordinate a Saturday history walking tour and to develop a historical map/tour of Palmerston. Woelfe noted that the County would be interested in hosting another Donation Day at the Railway Museum. The Committee discussed other ideas including a specialty

cocktail night, celebrating Food Day Canada on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in partnership with the Farmers' Market and highlighting the week leading up to it and how the Railway tied into food. Potentially hosting themed "Thomas the Train" birthday parties for small groups and creating a package.

g. 2025 Homecoming Update

No updates on the 2025 Homecoming were presented but Wick-Graham will invite the Chair Chris Harrow to our next meeting to provide an update.

h. Other Business

The Museum brochure is being updated and Lee will reach out to other railway museums about the opportunity to cross promote and swap brochures.

It was confirmed that mini train and handcar rides would take place Wednesday – Sunday between 9:30 am – 4:30 pm as weather permits throughout the summer.

Tiny Trains Tour the Town will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup> and the Museum will be a site on the Tour.

Wick-Graham invited anyone able to attend to come to the Cultural Symposium on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am - 2 pm at the Hanover Civic Centre. She also noted that Minto would be working with Hanover and Wellington North to have an ON-Culture Guide created to highlight our area and our cultural assets.

Bieman reminded the Committee about the opportunity for Jacob Bieman to produce videos about the Museum and some stories that could be presented by McEachern.

**4. Adjournment at 2:03 pm**