



Railway Heritage Museum Committee

Thursday, August 23, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum

Committee Members Present: Mayor George Bridge, Councillor Judy Dirksen, Delanie Toner, Bob McEachern, Chad Martin, Susan Welsh, Wayne Martin

Staff Present: Belinda Wick-Graham, Taylor Keunen, Al Carr

County of Wellington Staff Present: Sandu Sindile

Guests: Student Felix Weber and Lions Club member Bob Lacombe

Regrets: Hailey Johnston

1. **Call to Order at 1:03 pm by Mayor Bridge**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. Minutes of May 23, 2018

MOTION

Moved by: Wayne Martin and Seconded by: Judy Dirksen

THAT the minutes of the May 23, 2018 Railway Heritage Museum Meeting be approved.

Carried

3. **Roundtable Discussion**
 - a. 2018 Summer Student Presentation

Museum Summer Student Felix Weber presented a thorough presentation recapping the daily and overall tasks completed over the course of the summer months. The presentation is attached as Schedule "A". Felix included instructional manuals for future students along with a past perfect instructional manual.

- b. 2019 Summer Student Staffing

Al recommended that two staff be hired for the summer of 2019 and that the Committee apply for the Young Canada Workers Grant again. Felix added that during the quieter month in May, most maintenance around the Museum is completed which frees up more time for

the busier months. Mayor Bridge suggested connecting with younger youth to provide them with volunteering opportunities around the museum for future job experience.

c. Fall Volunteer Schedule

Wick-Graham reminded the Committee that volunteers would be needed to staff the museum to stay open on weekends until Thanksgiving. Wayne offered to volunteer the weekend of September 22-23 and on September 29-30. Wick-Graham noted that she would send out a schedule to the Committee to fill the other weekend. Mayor Bridge suggested doing a call-out on social media for volunteers.

d. Old 81

Al shared that the Old 81 was prepped and welded and that they were now waiting for paint due to rain. Wayne shared that trees would also be planted to replace the curbing.

e. Railway Clock

Wayne shared that on a trip to Manitoulin Island, he and Chad found an old oak clock from the early 1900s from an old Railway Station in Alberta and the current owners were willing to sell it for \$300.00 with no cost to ship. He suggested that the Town of Minto purchase the clock for the Museum. Al noted that there was room in the budget for the clock. Bob raised concern about the validity and “clean” history surrounding the clock. Sandu offered to send a disclaimer form from the County of Wellington. Wayne said that he would arrange a meeting to follow up with the owner. A photo of the clock is attached as Schedule “B”.

f. Wayfinding Signage

Wick-Graham shared that she planned to follow up with the County of Wellington regarding the Railway Heritage Museum’s spot on the wayfinding signage. Mayor Bridge noted that the signs were very small and difficult to read and that should be taken into consideration. Wayne asked about placing a sign directing to the Museum on the corner of Main Street and William Street, making the current street sign triple tiered. He shared that he had spoken to Mike McIsaac and he said it would cost approximately \$30.00. Mayor Bridge added that the new electronic sign would also be helpful in the promotion of the Museum.

g. 2019 Capital Budget

Al reported on the current 2018 capital budget and noted suggestions for the 2019 Capital Budget which is attached as Schedule “C”. He made note of the following: decking and parking, storage trailer removal, roofing, furnace, box car, a handcar for kids, wagon wheels and a fence around Old 81. Judy added that the Minto Farmers’ market was interested in partnering to invest in a sound system at the museum. Al suggested that it would be more cost effective to invest in smaller speakers to that can be used to play music from a cellphone or device.

h. Baggage Shed

Al suggested going through the items in the baggage shed and making decisions regarding what items would remain and which could be donated. Mayor Bridge suggested that the Committee go through the shed briefly after the meeting adjourned.

i. Replacement Tires

Al shared that new trees would be planted by Old 81 and that they were working with the Palmerston Lions Club on the project. Bob Lacombe shared that the Lions Club would be building a new shed and driveway in the Heritage Park. Al suggested that he and Bob discuss the project further.

j. Culture Days – September 30

Wick-Graham announced that Culture Days would be taking place again this year from Friday September 28th until Sunday September 30th. She shared that any suggestions for free events to bring people into the museum would be appreciated. Keunen also shared that the Minto Farmers' Market vendors would be having an additional market on Saturday September 29th.

4. Reports

Mayor Bridge shared that he had connected with an individual with several artifacts from the old Alma railway station that he was considering donating to the County of Wellington museum and potentially any duplicated for the Palmerston heritage Railway Museum.

Sandu shared that the Wellington County museum announced a new permanent display featuring the theatre seats that were in the old Palmerston Library building pre-renovations. He shared that ten seats were refurbished and used to create a small theatre featuring older films in the museum. Sandu highlighted that individuals can select various films shown behind the original curtains as well.

5. Adjournment at 2:19 PM by Mayor Bridge

Schedule "B"

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2019-Operations - looking to implement a painting plan for the bridge
+ rolling stock

2018 CAPITAL BUDGET - PALMERSTON TRAIN MUSEUM

CN Outbuildings	(20-8703-6400)	\$5,000.00	\$1,415.93	\$3,584.07	stairs & platform for rolling stock
CN Equipment	(20-8703-6720)	\$5,000.00	\$3,090.88	\$1,909.12	past perfect
CN Rolling Stock	(20-8703-6740)	\$10,000.00	\$8,650.00	\$1,350.00	tree removal and komoka expenses
CN 81	(20-8703-6760)	\$10,000.00	\$892.20	\$9,107.80	81 welding
		<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$14,049.01</u>	<u>\$15,950.99</u>	

REMAINING ITEMS

Paint 81		<u>COST</u>
Bench Repairs/Wagon Wheels		\$8,500.00 being done now
Wig Wag		\$300.00 Andy has picked items up for repair
Baggage Shed Floor/Windows		\$500.00 Dobson's fee to pick up
Box Car Floor		\$3,800.00 being done by school students this school year
Kids Handcars		\$400.00 being done by school students this school year
		<u>\$500.00</u> being done by school students this school year
		<u>\$14,000.00</u>

2019 thoughts - decking + parking
(Capital)
- storage trailer removal
- roofing
- furnace
- box car
- fence for 81