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Elman W. Campbell Museum Monthly Report

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Museum Monthly Report dated June 26, 2024 be received for information.

Purpose

A report to advise the Museum Board of the monthly activities of the Elman W. Campbell Museum.

Background

The following includes a point form summary of the main activities of the Elman W. Campbell Museum.

- Welcomed walk-in visitors during the month of May.
- As a result of the June maintenance closure, all artifacts on display had to be moved from the main gallery to the centre gallery.
- The west wall displays have received new flooring on the platforms.
- The blue carpeted backdrop walls have been updated with white melamine boards.

Discussion

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Current Exhibitions:

- Lanterns, Teapots and Quilts; Off the Grid Living, on display until Dec. 2024
- Remembering Newmarket's Forgotten Military Camp, on display at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.
- June is National Indigenous History Month. The Indigenous artifacts from the Elman W. Campbell Museum are on display at 395 in the front lobby until the end of August.

Fall Programming

Planning for the fall season has been completed.

A variety of free activities have been planned for Culture Days.

Fall content is due in to Marketing on Friday June 21.

Updates

Exhibit Reserve – Update from Finance - When the actual exhibit expenditures are done/known, we will make a transfer from the Exhibit Reserve. The topping up of the Exhibit Reserve will require approval from the board (best to seek approval when all expenditures are totaled), and we can make that transfer as well.

Roofing Project - Once the contractor uncovered the lowest layer of the roof, they found additional damage that could not have been predicted until they opened the roof. The good news is that they believe there is such a product/process that can resolve this issue, however, the bad news is that due to backorder and other project commitments, the contractor will not be able to complete the roofing project until towards the end of summer. In the meantime, the roof has been “buttoned up” (only a small section was fully opened, to uncover the main issue) and we do not expect any significant issues until the work can resume. Staff are working with the contractor and Capital Projects team to confirm the dates for the new work and what can be done in terms of programming at the Museum until that time.

The June closure has been used to complete other upgrades (e.g. our new centre display walls and flooring look great).

Archives Office - have moved their computers into the middle gallery to work, they are working on the south side of the gallery. Their documents have been moved from the archive room to the gift shop for safety from possible water damage. The Newmarket Era paper books could not be moved due to the heaviness and number of books, they will be covered by facilities with heavy tarps to ensure that they do not get wet or dirty from debris.

Power Outage – the Museum has experienced a hydro outage since Saturday, June 15th. Newmarket Hydro did an investigation and they come up with the conclusion that the problem is between the hydro pole and the Museum. Town staff are working with

their high voltage contractor to do an emergency repair. Until the Museum regains full power, staff and the Newmarket Historical Society are working remotely.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

Attachments

“None.”

Approval

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