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Elman W. Campbell Museum Monthly Report

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Meeting Date: November 27, 2024

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Elman W. Campbell Museum Monthly Report dated November 27, 2024, be received.

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.

- Museum staff have been busy researching and preparing for Black History Month 2025 in collaboration with NACCA.
- As part of our self-guided goals outlined in our Strategic Plan for 2023-2025, all museum staff have successfully completed the self-guided Indigenous Awareness Training offered by the Indigenous Relations Academy. This training is an essential part of our commitment to fostering a deeper understanding of Indigenous cultures and histories. Additionally, as part of our ongoing professional development, staff are currently completing a new Canadian Black History course available through the University of Alberta via Coursera. These initiatives underscore our dedication to promoting inclusivity and enhancing our knowledge of diverse cultures.

- October 30, Janet attended the Recreation of York Region AGM at the Murc in Keswick. A guest speaker presented on the topic of AI (Artificial Intelligence) approach to working, how it works, how everyone is using the same software and how it becomes unified in communications and presentations.
- November 6, Museum staff attended training on “Innovation in a Box”. Presented by Juice Inc. This will give us the tools needed to hold Strategic Planning Sessions and incorporate innovation into daily work.

Discussion

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Current Exhibitions:

- Lanterns, Teapots and Quilts; Off the Grid Living, is on hold until work on the roof is completed. The exhibit will be carried over to 2025.
- Remembering Newmarket’s Forgotten Military Camp, on display at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario until the end of November.
- Hobbies and Pastimes is on view at the Newmarket Seniors’ Meeting Place.
- 100th Anniversary commemorative Display is on view at the Newmarket Public Library.
- ‘Proudly Onward She Marched’ is partially on view at the municipal office to coincide with Remembrance Day. To enhance community engagement, a virtual exhibit was prepared for social media, to help ensure that the significance of this day reached a wider audience.

Winter Programming (December)

- Wee Fun ages 1-4 and caregivers.
 - November 27, Gingerbread Day, 5 spaces available
 - December 4, Holiday Ornaments, 4 spaces available
 - December 11, Holiday Trees, 10 spaces available
 - December 18, Holiday Celebration, 7 spaces available
- Family Fun Scavenger Hunt, all ages
 - November 30, Gingerbread themed scavenger hunt for families. Both morning and afternoon sessions are full.
- Annual Event:
 - Meet Santa at the Museum. Both morning and afternoon sessions are full.
- Saturday Fun Day Workshops
 - December 14, Festive Music Ornaments. Both sessions are full.

- School Bookings:
 - December 12, Stuart Scott PS, 23 grade 2 students
 - December 13, JLR Bell PS, 14 grade 2 students

Updates

- Roof update – as of Nov 19, the contractors have finished the roof work, there is minimal finishing touches occurring this week and the rooftops units are being re-installed which will provide heat to the Museum again. Once this has been completed and the Museum has been cleaned, staff will return to the Museum to set the displays back up. We are hoping to still re-open to the public on Tuesday, November 26.
- Facilities is installing a swipe entry for the Museum on November 25. This will be on the outside south side door as well as the interior door leading to the basement for added security.

New Donations:

- The museum has been offered a scale for weighing many objects, hand tools, and some silver serving pieces. Final decisions will be determined by whether we already have similar artifacts, avoiding over-duplication and lack of storage space.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

Attachments

“None.”

Approval

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