



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 16, 2023, 11:30 am -1:30 pm
Galt Museum Learning Studio

Present: Adam Whitford, Avice DeKelder, Darrin Martens, Devon Smither, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Gerald Heibert, Ginger Arthur Ciesla, Heather Oxman, Jesse Sadlowski, Victoria Lasalle, Tess McNaughton.

Apologies: Devon Smither, Glenn Coulter, Roberta Stephens (Roberta left the Board September 19, 2023), Mel Mpofu, Wilma Spear Chief.

1. Meeting Called to Order at 11:32 am by Gerald Heibert.

1.1. Acknowledgement Statement

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gerald Heibert to approve the agenda with flexibility as circulated, seconded by Heather Oxman. CARRIED

3. Presentations by Galt Interns Victoria Lasalle and Tess McNaughton on their work at The Galt.

-Victoria Lasalle presented the Board with "Then and Now": a historical photo presentation of Lethbridge which she had been working on this semester.

-Tess McNaughton presented the Board with a summary of her activities including sorting through over 50 thousand film negatives for retention. Of those photographs retained, her work included naming of persons, mapping connections and source information, and timelines. Tess provided the Board with a photo and source information mapping game.

-The Board thanked Victoria and Tess for their work and presentations.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1. Previous September 19, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Gerald Heibert to approve the September 18, 2023 Minutes as circulated, seconded Heather Oxman. CARRIED

4.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

- A joint Galt Board and Staff Holiday season party is being planned, time, date and location TBD. We are looking at approximately 50-60 guests including board and staff and their plus-one guests. Bourbon and Butter Restaurant is being booked for catering.
- The Board needs to approve a budget for the event.
- Newly onboarded Galt Board members will be invited to the holiday party.

Motion by Avice DeKelder that the Board approves a Galt holiday season party event budget of \$6,000, seconded by Adam Whitford. CARRIED

5. Action Agenda

5.1. CEO/Executive Director Report

- CEO, Darrin Martens discussed highlights from the full CEO report with the Board:
- Darrin met today with members of the Cultural and Social Standing Policy Committee (SPC) with City of Lethbridge. Darrin presented the Final Culture Link Report, with the recommendation that the City provide Culture Link transit services to reconnect the Lethbridge city plateau and its river valley.
- Cultural and Social SPC recommended that Darrin present the report to Economic SPC with City of Lethbridge instead mid-November.
- The Final Galt Digital Strategy Report was presented to the Board for review. The strategies within will be implemented beginning in 2024.
- The inaugural 2023 Lethbridge Onscreen Festival was a success. Next year's event will be planned for earlier in September 2024. The 2023 Week of Truth programming was also very successful.
- Overall community engagement with The Galt has increased as compared to past years activity.
- The Galt is working on a 5-year (2023-2027) sponsorship commitment from Sun Life Financial.
- Darrin presented the Board with a revised copy of the Galt's Safety and Security Policy for review.
- This year's 2023 Annual Giving Campaign will aim at developing travelling exhibits.
- The Board discussed further engagement with Lethbridge Exhibition Park regarding showcasing agricultural history exhibits within their new building.

Motion by Avice DeKolver to approve the Safety and Security Policy, seconded by Jesse Sadlowski. CARRIED

Motion by Heather Oxman to accept the CEO Report, seconded by Adam Whitford. CARRIED

5.2. Executive Committee

- Four candidates have been selected to be interviewed for the Galt Board.
- Avice discussed that a candidate known to her, told Avice that they had applied to two City Boards and were later told that they may not sit on more than one city Board.
- Darrin advised that the Board may directly appoint a Board member to replace this person if they do not accept the Galt position for the other Board position of their interest. The Board would then need to analyze its member's competencies to appoint a new member to fill skills gaps.
- Gerald announced his recent attendance at a strategic planning workshop held by the AB Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women.

5.3. Advocacy Committee

- No report in meeting

- 5.4. Audit & Budget Committee
- No report in meeting
- 5.5. Cultural History Collection Committee
- Adam Whitford will contact Tyler Stewart, Curator about planning a committee meeting.
- 5.6. Policy Committee
- No report in meeting
- 5.7. Friends of the Galt Museum & Archives
- No report in meeting
6. Round Table
- Heather asked for more information about the language choice, 'govern' within the 2023 Cultural History Collection policy. The Board discussed historical perspectives surrounding indigenous governance and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) context for initiatives at the museum and determined this verbiage was appropriate.
 - The Galt's Community Connections event is scheduled for Tue NOV 28, 2023. A 'Save the Date' calendar meeting invitation will be sent out to the Board. Board members are asked to send their recommended contact's information for guest list, to Chris Roedler by end of week.
 - **New Galt Board member orientation and City of Lethbridge (CoL) Board member orientation dates should be aligned in November if possible.** Gerald will investigate the CoL Board orientation date and advise for planning the Galt's Board orientation dates.
 - Discussion on planning a Board member tour (day trip) of Blackfoot Crossing Museum in 2024.
7. Upcoming Board meetings: Monday, November 20, 2023, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Galt Learning Studio
Monday December 19, 2023, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Galt Learning Studio
- Executive meetings: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 3:30 – 4:30 pm Galt Friends Board Room
No Board Executive meeting in December 2023.
8. Meeting adjourned by Gerald Heibert at 12:43 PM.