CITY OF WINNIPEG MUSEUMS BOARD

Delegation to EPC – September 5th, 2012

William Dowie, Chair

Matthew Komus, Museums Board Coordinator

HISTORICAL - COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 24, 2006, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

That a City of Winnipeg Museums Board be created, effective in 2007, to implement the policy and to audit the ongoing operations of the museums that receive grant funds and in-kind services from the City, ***and that the Board be comprised of up to five citizen members*** *and non-voting administrative support (City Clerk's, Corporate Finance, Legal Services).*

CITY OF WINNIPEG MUSEUMS BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On July 24, 2012, the City of Winnipeg Museums Board recommended to Executive Policy Committee that the Board Composition, adopted by Council on May 24, 2006, **be amended by *increasing* the citizen membership from "up to five (5) citizen members" to "up to seven (7) citizen members".**

Scenario Analysis

Pros

(1) assists in lessening problems with securing a quorum

(2) potentially creates a more diverse and multi-talented board of directors thus expertise increases

(3) linked to item (2) is the fact that a broader range of ideas may well emerge to resolve issues/problems or provide fresh ideas and innovative thinking

(4) assists in transition planning with more members being able to carry over knowledge of the board over time

(5) assists in saving time by splitting functions should added sub-committees be created and thus does not overburden a smaller group of members/directors

(6) establishes a broader corporate governance whereby distribution of responsibilities can occur

Cons

(1) an increased bureaucracy, at times, creates diverse and conflicting ideas

(2) a potential for meetings to become longer unless a firm hand by the chair effectively and efficiently moves meetings along

(3) decision making may become more confused or lengthy

(4) increased cost of meeting (e.g. meals, photocopies of materials, *et cetera*)

~ Leonard Offrowich, citizen member WMB

With the help and guidance of the Clerk's Office…

Opportunity to balance membership to include explicit representation of persons directly involved with the Association of Manitoba Museums and/or academia researching 'museums and community'

- inspired by the model that MEAC has executed

The City Of Winnipeg Museums Board would like to formally request that EPC endorses an increase from five (5) citizen members to seven (7)

Given the minimal risks in adding two extra citizen members…

thank-you for your time…



Questions and Comments