

**Anna Palmer Museum Advisory Board  
Minutes – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order and Open Meeting Act announcements were made. The meeting announcement was published in the York News Times.

The minutes from the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved.

The board discussed the mission statement for the museum. The questions of a time period focus and a York history focus were discussed. There was support for a York history focus. There was also support for an active or experiential focus. The concern raised was whether a York history focus alone was sustainable or if there should be a focus that also reaches out to visitors and/or distinguishes from other nearby museums. Others argued that people who like to visit museums would come with a York focus. Some discussion occurred about whether we compete with other nearby museums or if there could be synergy with other nearby history institutions. Jean Vincent shared a draft that focused on York history. It was raised that as we think about mission, we should also consider our vision and our core values. A team of board members agreed to work on the statement between meetings (Brent Magner, Mary Scott, and Nancy Beach).

The York County Historical Association Deaccession Policy was discussed as a model for the museum. After feedback from members, Sue Crawford agreed to write a draft for discussion at the next meeting.

There was a conversation about what to do about accessions during transition. Brent Magner moved and Jean Vincent seconded a motion that any new accessions must be approved by a vote of the Anna Palmer Museum Advisory Board. The motion carried.

A couple of additional ideas for building options were introduced.

The next meeting was set for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in Council Chambers.

A request was made for a distribution of working group lists.

Brent Magner moved and Scott VanEsch seconded a motion to adjourn.