

Terms of reference for museum board presented

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King's Community Museum Board took another step closer to reality, with the creation of terms of reference.

King councillors recently received a report on those guiding principles, from Chris Fasciano, parks, recreation and culture director, and King Museum curator Kathleen Fry.

Staff and the current board have been working on the draft terms for the past three months. Board members were given the opportunity to discuss the makeup and direction of the new community board.

From here, they will gather feedback from decision-makers, stakeholders, community groups and the general public, before the document is finalized.

Once completed, it will establish the guiding principles for the museum board which is charged with developing the museum, its ongoing programs and future direction.

A newly developed Terms of Reference will become a tool that will support, recognize and celebrate our thriving volunteer community by empowering the board to explore opportunities and projects to enhance the museum, the report states. It will also help celebrate King's cultural identity and further enhance King's arts, culture and heritage.

The Township took over responsibility of the Museum from the King Township Historical Society back in 2001. A board of management was established and staff hired.

A new strategic business plan for the museum was created last year and outlined six goals deemed essential to the future success of the museum. New terms of reference were required to offer assistance to a new community board.

The purpose of the new board is to focus on supporting the development of the strategic plan, its goals and vision and assist with marketing and fundraising.

Once these terms are approved by council, the museum board will no longer be appointed by council and they will act more autonomously.