

Board Meeting Summary – May 1, 2021

The MAS Board of Directors held a board meeting on May 1, 2021. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Key results of the May meeting were:

- The Ends Report was presented by Wendy Fitch, Executive Director.
- The Sask. Eco-Museum Partnership just met - the first time since October 2019. They decided the most important task, this year, will be to re-establish engagement activities throughout the province.
- The Museums for Me Consortium (AMA lead project) is now underway. It is a project to determine the value and meaning of museums to Canadians. MAS will assist in producing a toolkit at the end of the project.
- The ED attended an Eligible Cultural Organization (ECO) meeting. Included in the session was: a presentation by Lexcom (IT firm used by SaskCulture) on the importance of cybersecurity; Henderson Insurance made it known there is another more comprehensive Directors and Officers Liability policy for ECOs to consider. Lottery sales remain better than expected by mid-May.
- The CP Volunteer Management course is planned to run virtually from mid-May to mid-June.
- The Network Meetings are again being held via Zoom. Instructions will be put together for attending these via telephone.
- The role of the Risk Management Committee is to observe and raise awareness of any warning flags that might appear and bring those concerns to the ED rather than try and solve the problem themselves.
- The MAS Member Forum/AGM will be held virtually on June 4th at beginning at 10am, with the Member Forum immediately followed by the AGM.
- The provincial budget did not contain any new funding for the museum sector. Looking at the 21/22 estimates, most of the MAS members funded directly by government received either the same as last year or slightly more. The federal budget included new investments, which will be distributed through the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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