



Membership Announcement Leadership Changes at the AMA

Dear members of the Alberta museum community,

On behalf of the Alberta Museums Association (AMA)'s Board of Directors, I would like to announce the upcoming departure of Meaghan Patterson, Executive Director / CEO. The Board would like to express our extreme gratitude to Meaghan for her years of dedication and work with the AMA. She has been with the AMA since 2009, and has served as Executive Director since 2014. Some key activities that have taken place under her tenure have included:

- Delivering the Museum Flood Funding Program, including the distribution of over \$3 million to the museum community and the creation of *HELP! An Emergency Preparedness Manual for Museums*, Second Edition;
- Partnering with the Western Museums Association to host an international conference with over 450 delegates;
- Spearheading a national project on the value of museums to the Canadian public, leading a consortium of all eleven Provincial and Territorial Museums Associations and the Canadian Museums Association;
- Leading the development of the strategic plan for 2017 - 2022, building on the hard work of the museum community;
- Revising the Recognized Museum Program, including amendments to increase accessibility while adding a Leader designation for institutions looking to push further;
- Relocating the AMA office and upgrading IT infrastructure to future-proof the organization for changing work environments and organizational needs;
- Expanding government relations work and strengthening the AMA's and museum community's relationship with the Ministry of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women and elected officials;
- Achieving accreditation through Imagine Canada, one of approximately 200 non-profits in Canada;
- Championing climate change initiatives, including the development of a video series, targeted learning opportunities, and participation in the City of Edmonton's Corporate Climate Leadership Program;
- Adapting AMA programs and services to better serve the museum community during the COVID-19 pandemic and working with partners to gain emergency funding for Alberta's heritage community.

We would like to congratulate Meaghan on her appointment as the new Executive Director for the Royal Alberta Museum, effective September 7, 2021. We know that she will excel in her new role and do great things for the organization.

Meaghan will be with us through the summer as we work on the transfer of leadership. Details on the recruitment process for a new Executive Director will be released shortly.

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President
AMA Board of Directors