

Preamble

The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is committed to the safety and security of its assets. The ROM seeks to ensure that its valuable resources will be available for the continued education and inspiration of its many audiences for generations to come.

Policy

The ROM has many assets that are important to its future viability including:

- Collections
- Facilities
- Human Resources
- Financial Resources
- Intellectual Property
- Brand and Reputation
- Informational Resources

The care and preservation of the ROM's assets will include plans for the prudent management of risks that threaten their well-being and the reduction of losses in the event of a disaster. Management will identify outstanding risks and develop appropriate practices and procedures to address them in a manner that complies with all applicable legislation and government directives, including the Ontario Enterprise Risk Management Directive. The practices and procedures will also adhere to relevant professional guidelines.

Related Policies

The ROM has addressed some of the critical issues of risk management in several of its Board policies, including

- Collections policy
- Emergency & Disaster Planning policy
- Health & Safety policy
- Human Resources policy
- Financial Control policy
- Information Management & Library policy
- Copyright policy
- Communications policy

Principles

Risk management practices will be implemented and maintained, tailored to the capacity, mandate, objectives, activities and responsibilities of the Museum.

The OPS Enterprise Risk Management Framework will be applied including:

- 1. stating objectives and establishing context;
- 2. identifying risks;
- 3. assessing these risks;
- 4. planning and taking action to mitigate; and
- 5. monitoring and reporting.

Risk identification and assessment will occur through at least four business lenses:

- 1. Strategy (high-level goals and objectives)
- 2. Project (activities and tactics aimed to achieve defined objectives)
- 3. Operations (effective and efficient use of resources)
- 4. Continuity (emergency management and contingency planning).

A summary Risk Profile and detailed Risk Register shall be maintained, updated and reviewed by the Board at least annually.





Date April 19, 2001

Amended August 29, 2002 (administrative changes)

April 20, 2004 (reviewed with no changes)
March 3, 2011 (administrative changes)
June 25, 2015 (administrative changes)
June 25, 2018 (reviewed with no changes)
December 14, 2021 (reviewed with no changes)
December 11, 2024 (administrative changes)

MONITORING

Adherence to Policy

Board: The Finance and Audit Committee will periodically review management's adherence including with respect to financial and physical resources.

The Collections, Engagement & Research Committee will periodically review management's adherence with respect to ROM collections.

The Executive Committee will periodically review management's adherence with respect to human resources.

The Governance Committee will periodically review management's adherence with respect to information management, intellectual property, and communications.

Management: The Director & CEO, Deputy Directors and appropriate senior managers will ensure that the relevant Board Committees have all the relevant information for determining adherence.

Policy Review

Method Internal Report

Responsibility Finance and Audit Committee

Minimum Frequency Every three years (next review 2027)