



CITY OF
ST. CATHARINES

Culture Committee – Minutes
March 5, 2013 5pm to 6:30pm
Kiwanis Aquatic Centre, Irene Lock Meeting Room

Present: Tracy Cotton, Mark Elliott, Angie Harris, Sue Morrison, Melenie Neamtz, Kim Payne, Wynne Nicholson, Jen Wallace, Andrea Wilson (arrived at 5:31pm)

Regrets: Rebecca Cann, Brian Narhi, Kathy Powell, Rick Rochon, Laurie Sadowski, Steve Solski, Lilita Stripnieks, Peter Vietgen

Staff: Jason Cadieux

1. Welcome and Introductions

T. Cotton called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda

Made by K. Payne seconded by J. Wallace Carried

3. Review of Minutes from

Motion to approve minutes from

Made by J. Wallace Seconded by W. Nicholson Carried

4. Business Arising

- T. Cotton made a final call for potential nomination for the T. Roy Adams Humanitarian Award – no names were put forward.
- J. Cadieux confirmed the ad for two new Culture Committee Members was placed in The Standard and an email with the call was sent out to the Cultural Services contact list (over 500 contacts).
- T. Cotton reminded the committee that with the resignation of K. Summers the committee will need a new Vice Chair.

Action: Culture Committee Members to consider potential nominees for position of Vice Chair

5. Correspondence

J. Cadieux reviewed the invitation to the Niagara Ageing Strategy forum on the Monday, April 8, 2013. M. Neamtz expressed interest in attending as Folk Arts Multicultural centre works with older adults. S. Morrison might also attend in her capacity with the Province. T. Cotton suggested J. Cadieux forward the invitation to Jennifer Douglas at Russell Ave.

Action: J. Cadieux to forward invitation to Ageing Strategy Session to J. Douglas.

6. Subcommittee Reports

SCCIP Committee – In R. Rochon's absence J. Cadieux reported that J. Wallace and R. Rochon made a presentation to Council on Feb 18th advocating for an increase of 150K to SCCIP. J. Cadieux



acknowledged that staff did not communicate the planned content this presentation to M. Elliot and forwarded R. Cann's apologies for the break in protocol. M. Elliott noted that in his opinion, the presentation to Council was not a strategic ask, and if he'd known the amount of the requested increase he would have advised against it. He is concerned that the presentation may have done more harm than good and the chances of Council increasing SCCIP funding before the end of their term are low. The proper protocol would have been to have the entire Culture Committee review the presentation before it went to council and appoint the best committee members to make the presentation. T. Cotton noted that Committee was aware of the presentation; they just didn't know the amount of the increase being requested. All agreed that in future, the entire Culture Committee should review presentations to council before they take place.

Discussion of issues brought forward by community partners.

J. Cadieux reported that the 2013 SCCIP applications will be released by the end of the week, early next week at the latest. Staff has continued to update the forms to conform to accessibility requirements. 2013 application questions have also been revised slightly. M. Elliott asked if the concerns regarding SCCIP that were brought to the Culture Committee's attention by Carousel Players and Niagara Artists Centre had been discussed by the SCCIP subcommittee. J. Cadieux reported that the subcommittee met with Jane Gardner and Pablo Felices of Carousel Players and Steve Remus of Niagara Artists Centre on Jan 16 to discuss their concerns following the 2012 SCCIP recommendations. This was a fruitful conversation and the committee is continuing to discuss strategies to address the concerns presented.

Arts Awards Committee – W. Nicholson reported that the City website has been updated with description of the new Arts Awards program, the new logo and all 6 award descriptions and nomination forms – visit the page here <http://www.stcatharines.ca/en/livein/ArtsAwards.asp>. The committee is currently soliciting sponsorships for the awards. Arts Awards subcommittee welcomed six new members from the community - Annie Wilson, Kate Leathers, Ryan Rivando, Kim Odine and Luke Gillett, all are talented local artists with a wealth of experience in producing stellar arts events.

Culture Plan 2020 Cross-Sectoral Steering Committee – J. Wallace reported that the CP Cross-sectoral committee met on Feb 14 with staff and consultants from Lord Cultural to review the completed draft of the new Culture Plan. The committee offered feedback which was incorporated into the completed draft. Next steps tbd.

7. Reports:

Cultural Services Office – In R. Cann's absence J. Cadieux reported that Phil Cristi, new Manager of Programs and Cultural Services is settling in nicely. Culture Plan has been completed and submitted along with a final report to the Province for review, next steps to be determined. Arts Awards nomination forms are now out, please visit the City's website (see link above) and nominate an artist, volunteer, educator or patron! Nominations can be completed and submitted electronically or by snail mail. The 2013 SCCIP forms are almost complete and will be released very soon. Call for nominations for the City's 25th Volunteer Recognition Night taking place April 16th 2013 is out now.



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Nominations must be submitted by March 23rd, 2013 – visit the City's website for nomination details. Deadline for submissions is March 18. J. Tupling and R. Cann hosted two more Post It Parties in February to promote the cNiagara.ca website and educate users on how to effectively use the site. An opening reception for the Capturing Culture Exhibit, an exhibit in partnership with the Region, will take place March 7, at City Hall at 4pm. Also on March 7 Performing Arts Centre open house will take place at Market Square. Come chat with the architects and members of the user group committee and get a first look at the redesign before the project goes to tender in the Spring.

Public Art Advisory Committee

None

Performing Arts Centre – M. Elliott reported that the User Group Committee met last week to review plans and discuss pertinent updates to the design in advance of the open house taking place March 7. User Groups will be onsite for the open house as well as Derek Knight, the Director of the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, Rick Lane of Director of RCS and Steve Solski ED of the Performing Arts Centre. The two cost estimators for the project recently completed their cost-evaluations of the new design and things are on track. There is still a healthy contingency built into the budget – next step is to take the new design to Council before requesting bids from 4 pre-approved construction companies.

Heritage Committee

None

St. Catharines Museum

None

8. Other business

None

9. Round table

K. Payne noted that the budget for the 2013 Festival & Events Program administered through the Economic Development and Customer Service department is \$39,700.00.

10. Next Meeting:

April 2, 2013 5:00pm to 6:30pm Committee Room 1 – 3rd Floor – City Hall

Motion to terminate meeting

Made by J. Wallace Carried

Meeting terminated @ 5:55pm