



CITY OF  
ST. CATHARINES

Culture Committee  
June 4, 2013 – 5pm  
City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Committee Room #1

**Present:** Tracy Cotton, Monica Dufault, Angela Harris, Sandy Middleton, Sue Morrison, Brian Narhi, Wynne Nicholson, Rick Rochon, Jennifer Wallace, Ling Wang, Andrea Wilson  
**Regrets:** Laurie Sadowski, Steve Solski, Lilita Stripnieks, Peter Vietgen, Mark Elliott, Kathy Powell,  
**Staff:** Jason Cadieux, Rebecca Cann, Kim Payne

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

T. Cotton called the meeting and welcomed new members M. Dufault and S. Middleton to the committee. Roundtable introductions followed.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda

Made by W. Nicholson

seconded by J. Wallace

Carried

## 3. Review of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from March 5, 2013

Made by A. Harris

seconded by W. Nicholson

Carried

## 4. Business Arising

- Call for Good Citizenship Award Nominations – S. Morrison provided brief description of the award – the committee offered no suggestions for nominations.
- J. Cadieux & B. Narhi attended the Planning Department's joint meeting with Culture-related City committees covering the City's proposed updates to its Zoning Bylaws. The new document proposes many needed revisions to the city's outdated bylaws which dictate land use across the City.

## 5. Selection of Vice Chair for the Culture Committee

T. Cotton asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. There was discussion on the role and responsibilities of the position. M. Dufault volunteered.

Motion to accept M. Dufault as the new Vice Chair of the Culture Committee

Made by M. Dufault

Seconded R. Rochon

Carried.

## 6. Subcommittee Reports

SCCIP Committee –R. Rochon reported that the SCCIP committee has been meeting regularly to discuss various issues. Stuart Reid, Director/Curator of Rodman Hall has expressed interest in applying to the St. Catharines Culture Investment Program for ongoing funding. Rodman Hall's SCCIP ineligibility is a gray area. Although they are owned and operated by an educational institution (not eligible), they are not in and of themselves an educational institution, thus the gray.



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For this year the SCCIP committee via R. Cann has advised Stuart that an application would not be considered eligible by the committee: however this is a conversation the whole Culture Committee should participate in before next year's applications are made available.

Staff have been working with the subcommittee to revise the SCCIP evaluation process. The SCCIP subcommittee is also currently testing the idea of funding envelopes per program.

21 applications were received at the SCCIP deadline of May 31. The review meetings are scheduled for July 6 & 7. R. Rochon requested the Culture Committee consider moving the next Culture Committee meeting to July 16th for the subcommittee's recommendations to be approved - quorum is key for this meeting.

Arts Awards Committee – W. Nicholson reported that plans are in place for the first stand-alone Arts Awards. A half page, full-colour ad featuring 2013 nominees ran in the May 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the St. Catharines Standard (our official print media sponsor). J. Cadieux and A. Wilson met with the Arts Awards peer jury who selected the winners of all six awards. They will be announced on the evening of June 8<sup>th</sup> and an embargoed press release announcing winners will be circulated by the City's communications office. A buzz is building around this event – Wynne thanked the committee and staff for their hard work to date and encouraged all to attend.

Culture Plan 2020 Cross-Sectoral Steering Committee – J. Wallace reported that the committee hasn't met since the initial draft of the Culture Plan went to senior staff in early spring.

## 7. Reports:

Cultural Services Office – R. Cann reported that Arts Awards have been top of the list over the last two weeks especially, this along with the recent SCCIP deadline kept J. Cadieux extremely busy. R. Cann noted that there needs to be more time between these two dates in 2014.

Artsvest is set to Launch in St. Catharines on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Rodman Hall. A full day workshop for qualifying participants will be taking place with staff from Business for the Arts from 9am to 4pm followed by the public launch from 5pm to 7pm – everyone is encouraged to attend the latter. For more information on the Artsvest program visit <http://www.businessforthearts.org/programs/artsvest/>

**Action:** Jason to resend invitation to committee.

R. Cann and J. Tupling recently attended the Creative City Summit in Ottawa – an amazing experience that provided many interesting perspectives on how other municipalities are tackling public art, implementation of culture plan initiatives and more. Changes to how the City works with its various committees are set to be approved by Council in the coming weeks – more details on how this will affect the Culture Committee after staff attend an information session. Staff are currently working with Veriday Inc. on developing custom google maps for a variety of City Resources. J. Tupling & E. German are currently working with staff at City Hall to revamp the presentation of City Council photos on the 3rd floor of City Hall. The Carousel Band Organ has been tuned and sounds great! R. Cann has recently been added to the Mayor's Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force – the group will be reviewing potential sites for the proposed memorial, developing a design process and seeking funding for the project.



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Public Art Advisory Committee – None

Performing Arts Centre – In M. Elliott's absence R. Cann reported that bids for above ground construction of the PAC were received and all were under budget. BIRD Construction Company has been awarded the contract and construction will begin mid-summer.

Heritage Committee – B. Narhi reported that the Heritage Committee is looking forward to working with City Staff on updating the City's database of Heritage Properties. This update will also incorporate heritage trees. R. Cann noted that both the City's Parks division and the Niagara Region have information on heritage trees and would be a good starting point when collating data. The Heritage Committee has begun to share historic information on un-designated heritage properties to business owners in the downtown area. The hope is this information will inspire business owners to seek out official designation and build local pride of place. The Heritage Committee is currently developing content for their new blog – details to come soon. Watch for the committee's upcoming library display on the Canals. Volunteers are needed this Canada Day Weekend for the 1812 Tall Ships event in Port Dalhousie – anyone interested in volunteering should contact B. Narhi or the St. Catharines Museum.

St. Catharines Museum – None.

## **8. Other business**

None.

## **9. Round table**

None.

## **10. Next Meeting:**

July 16, 5:00pm to 6:30pm Committee Room 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – City Hall

Meeting terminated @ 6:02 pm