

# **Public Art Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday May 16, 2013

3:30pm – 4:15pm Lower Level Parking Lot

4:15pm – 5:30pm Anteroom, 3rd Floor, City Hall

**Present:** Councillor Mark Elliott, Lesley Bell (Co-Chair), Marcie Bronson, Peter Vietgen, Michael Zuberec  
**Regrets:** Sandra Merk, Stephen Remus (Co-Chair)  
**Staff:** Rebecca Cann, Emma German, Scott Ritchie, Jennifer Tupling

### **1. Site Visit to the Lower Level Parking Lot**

Prior to their meeting the Public Art Advisory Committee met at the stairway to the Lower Level Parking Lot to review the site for the Downtown Performing Arts Centre and Spectator Facility Public Art projects. The group was joined by Stuart Green and Kristen Sullivan from the parks planning office and Steve Solski, Executive Director of the Performing Arts Centre.

### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

The group arrived at City Hall and L. Bell welcomed the committee and thanked them for attending the site visit earlier.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda for Thursday May 16, 2013.

**Moved:** M. Elliott                      **Seconded:** P. Vietgen                      **Approved.**

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes from Thursday April 18, 2013.

**Moved:** P. Vietgen                      **Seconded:** M. Zuberec                      **Approved.**

### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Will be covered in the meeting.

### **6. Correspondence**

#### **a. Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship**

R. Cann shared the Provincial award information with the group and outlined the nomination process if they are interested in submitting a name.

**Action:** Committee to consider nominations for the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.

## **7. Community Public Art Initiatives**

### **a. Burgoyne Bridge project update**

R. Cann reported that the portal element in the Burgoyne Bridge design is part of the building tender to be released. She explained that it can be removed from the tender, however, it would be less likely that the portal would be completed at any stage or that there would be funds available in the near future for another project on the bridge. The committee discussed other possibilities and considered what would best represent St. Catharines' Public Art program.

**Motion:** That the City respectfully recommend the portal not be included in the basic design of the Burgoyne Bridge and that the Region commit a portion of the capital budget to a future public art collaboration with the City and other institutional partners.

**Moved:** M. Zuberec      **Seconded:** M. Bronson      **Approved.**

## **8. Public Art Initiatives**

### **a. City Hall Exhibits**

Nothing at this time.

### **b. Downtown Performing Arts Centre and Spectator Facility Public Art**

The committee discussed their tour of the site and asked additional questions. They noted the outdoor area available for public art between the two sites is not well-connected and the plans for its development are not yet clarified. There is not an obvious strategy or location for one project to effectively serve both buildings, even from a pedestrian's perspective. The committee noted that artists generally problem-solve these types of issues when commissioned. The concept of a charrette with experienced public art artists could generate solutions to the issues noted.

**Action:** Rebecca will review the requirements of a charette and report back to PAAC.

### **c. 1812 Public Art - Richard Pierpoint**

The committee was asked to consider a budget for the project and research similar projects for the next meeting.

### **d. Centennial Gardens Exhibit – 2013 Theme**

E. German provided the committee with an update on the photo exhibit which will focus on the history of Merritton. The exhibit is to be installed in July.

## **9. St. Catharines Arts Awards Development**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **10. Art Collection**

### **a. Johansson's Bar**

The committee reviewed the draft memo to the Green Committee and made some changes. They considered the idea of utilizing this future location as a site for a future work of public art related to canal workers. The group agreed to extend an invitation to meet with the Green Committee and discuss the matter further.

**Action:** R. Cann will finalize the memo and submit it to the Green Committee's staff representative.

### **b. Collection Updates**

Nothing at this time.

### **c. Twinning Artwork – Deferred**

## **11. Development of Public Art Procurement Process - Deferred**

## **12. Review the Public Art Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

The committee took a final look at the draft Terms of Reference that was distributed to them via email earlier in the week.

**Motion:** To approve the Public Art Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and direct staff to forward onto City Council.

**Moved:** M. Bronson      **Seconded:** P. Vietgen      **Approved.**

## **13. Reports**

### **a. Culture Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **b. Joint Mural Task Force**

No report.

### **c. Cultural Services**

R. Cann reported the following:

- the workshop and launch for artsVest is scheduled for Monday June 17, 2013 – everyone is invited to attend the launch,
- tickets for the 2013 City of St. Catharines Arts Awards are now available
- there are more than 300 events now listed on cNiagara.ca
- work has begun on Cultural Asset Map – should be online by the fall,
- Emma German has returned as Curatorial Assistant - she started last week and will be working with cultural services throughout the summer

- The Carousel will be opening this weekend – from 10AM to 11AM artist David Arrigo will be at Lakeside Park working on the Pan Am Mural.

**d. Hospital Arts Committee**

No report.

**14. Other Business**

Nothing at this time.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting of Thursday May 16, 2013.

**Moved:** M. Zuberec

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:27 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday June 20, 2013 – 4:00pm

**Upcoming Events**

- Lakeside Carousel opening and Pan Am Mural Experience: Saturday May 18, 2013 – 10AM at the Lakeside Park Carousel.
- 2013 City of St. Catharines Arts Awards: Saturday June 8, 2013 – 7PM at the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre.
- artsVest Workshop and Launch: Monday June 17, 2013 – 5PM at Rodman Hall.