



Culture Committee
Feb 4, 2014 – 5pm
City Hall, 3rd Floor - Committee Room #1

Present: Tracy Cotton, Monica Dufault, Mark Elliott, Angie Harris, Sandy Middleton, Brian Narhi, Wynne Nicholson, Laurie Sadowski, Peter Vietgen, Jennifer Wallace, Andrea Wilson

Regrets: Kim Payne, Josefina Perez, Kathy Powell, Lilita Stripnieks, Rick Rochon, Steve Solski, Lynne Royce

Staff: Rebecca Cann, 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 P. Vietgen seconded by M. Dufault Carried

3. Review of Minutes

Motion: to approve minutes from Jan 7, 2014

Made A. Wilson Seconded by W. Nicholson Carried

4. Business Arising

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. City Volunteer Recognition Night

After a short discussion, it was agreed that Andrea Wilson deserves recognition for her excellent volunteer work with the Culture Committee, Arts Awards subcommittee and now, the Arts Awards Design Task Force.

Motion: to nominate Andrea Wilson for the City Volunteer Recognition night.

Made by: P. Vietgen seconded by: A. Harris Carried

Action: Staff to complete and submit nomination form before March 19, 2014 deadline.

Subcommittee Reports

SCCIP Committee:

In R. Rochon's absence, W. Nicholson led the Committee through a review of the funding recommendations for the 2014 Festivals & Events Grant program. The review team included:

- Monica Dufault (SCCIP committee)
- Wynne Nicholson (SCCIP committee)
- Rick Rochon (SCCIP committee)
- Jeannie McGlynn (Manager; Comfort Inn, Chair; Greater St. Catharines Niagara)



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Accommodation Partners [hotel group]

- JD Pachereva (Manager; 20 Valley Tourism Association)

The budget for the 2014 Festival and Events Grant Budget is \$19,700. The program received four applications this year requesting \$29,000 in funding. The SCCIP committee recommended the following:

- STRUTT - \$7,500
- Downtown Classic Car Show - \$0
- VegFest - \$3,500
- In the Soil - \$8,700

Motion to support the 2014 Festival and Event funding recommendations made by the SCCIP committee.

Made By W. Nicholson

Seconded by M. Dufault

Carried

Arts Awards Subcommittee:

W. Nicholson reminded the committee that the 2014 deadline for Arts Awards nominations is Friday Feb 14 at midnight. The subcommittee has received some feedback via nominees and artists that nomination forms are too onerous. Staff will work with the subcommittee to streamline forms for 2015. The subcommittee has also been discussing the idea of a bi-annual arts awards event, as opposed to current model. This would allow staff to work with the partners from the Marketing the Arts of St. Catharines initiative to revive the extremely successful Arts in Education Showcase. In order to keep building the profile of, and support for, the arts sector leading up to the opening of the new Performing Arts Centre the subcommittee recommends keeping the event yearly up to and including 2016 and then switching to a bi-annual event. Discussion continues around the development of a lifetime achievement award. The subcommittee will present a summary of the protocols around presenting this award to the Culture Committee for feedback as soon as it's complete. A site visit to Rodman Hall (site of the next Arts Awards) is scheduled for Feb 6 at 2pm. A. Wilson reported that the Arts Awards Design Task Force continues to meet and discuss what's on offer out there in the world of awards design. The task force is developing design requirements, evaluation criteria, etc for a Call for Design. The goal is to have awards in place for 2015.

Reports:

Cultural Services Office – R. Cann reported that the Culture Plan will be online and available to the public very soon. The next step will be to invite public feedback before taking the plan to City Council for review. With the arrival of Dan Carnegie as the City's new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), plans were announced for significant internal restructuring and the creation of two new Commissioner positions. Staff will share details of how restructuring affects the cultural services office as they become available. M. Elliott noted that the interview process for the new CAO position was extensive and Mr. Carnegie was selected in part, because of his strong vision for the future of the corporation. J. Cadieux recently helped to facilitate a sold-out workshop for Musicians interested in accessing funding opportunities available from FACTOR. The Welland Canal Fallen Workers call received 31 submissions in Jan. A site is still not confirmed for the project. Leisure Guide is being revised and staff are discussing culture's place in this document. J. Cadieux recently finalized updates to SCCIP applications, materials are with designers. Release of SCCIP materials will take place once the 2014 budget is approved by Council.



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Public Art Advisory Committee – P. Vietgen reported that PAAC's last meeting was canceled.

Performing Arts Centre – M. Elliott reported that construction continues to move forward on the PAC with concrete poured for much of the foundation. Check out the PAC's new dedicated website for construction updates at www.newpac.ca

Heritage Committee – *B. Narhi*. The committee continues to receive requests for non-designated histories for local buildings. This program was developed to increase awareness and appreciation for heritage designation and it continues to grow in popularity, providing histories of local buildings to owners for information purposes. The Heritage Committee is currently planning a library display for May/June and word on the street is there are four 1812 bi-centennial concerts in the early planning stages for Dec 2014 featuring notable headliners from Canada, UK & USA to coincide with the Treaty of Ghent, the treaty signed on December 24, 1814 which officially ended the conflict.

St. Catharines Museum – In the absence of K. Powell, R. Cann reported that the St. Catharines Museum has a lot on the go! Staff are currently working with the Meridian Centre on the Sports Hall of Fame as well as events commemorating the centennial of WW1.

Other business:

None

Round table

- R. Cann reported that her partner Janis has undergone a successful double organ transplant. Please consider giving the gift of life by becoming an organ donor. To register, update or check your donor status visit www.beadonor.ca
- A. Wilson reported that on Feb 16 The Fort Erie Museum hosts The Wintemute Warriors book launch. Signed copies available for sale. A panel of the Jane Wintemute 1753 wedding dress will also be on exhibit. Visit www.museum.forterie.ca for details and complete event listings.
- A. Harris noted that Chorus Niagara's annual Sing-a-thon takes place Feb 8. Please show your support and make a pledge. The next CN concert features a live choral soundtrack to the 1928 silent film The Passion of Joan of Arc. For concert details visit <http://www.chorusniagara.ca/>
- L. Sadowski is looking to develop community art and music projects this summer. Any collaboration ideas appreciated
- S. Middleton – will be exhibiting at The Artists Project in Toronto Feb 20 to 23 visit http://www.theartistproject.com/gp_artists/sandy-middleton/ for details.

Next Meeting:

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

Motion: to Terminate: J. Wallace

Meeting terminated at 6:05pm