



Minutes
City of St. Catharines
Culture Committee Meeting
July 22, 2014 ~ 5 pm to 6:30pm
Committee Room #1, 3rd Floor, City Hall

Present: Tracy Cotton (Chair), Monica Dufault, Angela Harris, Jennifer Hay, Sandy Middleton, Brian Narhi, Wynne Nicholson, Rick Rochon, Jennifer Wallace, Andrea Wilson (5:35pm)

Staff: Jason Cadieux, Rebecca Cann, Kathleen Powell

Regrets: Councillor Mark Elliott, Steve Solski, Lilita Stripnieks, Peter Vietgen

1. Welcome and Introductions

T. Cotton called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda.

Moved by R. Rochon Seconded by J. Wallace **Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of June 3, 2014

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by: S. Middleton Seconded by M. Dufault **Carried.**

4. Business Arising

J. Cadieux visited the Art Gym and confirmed there's enough room to host a Culture Committee Meeting. The committee will hold their next meeting at the Art Gym.

Action: J. Cadieux to confirm September 2 meeting with Alison Galvan.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Subcommittee Reports

SCCIP Subcommittee – R. Rochon recommends delaying a presentation to Council until after the New Year. R. Rochon asked committee members to review the list of 2014 SCCIP applicants and declare any conflicts of interest. The following conflicts were declared:

- J. Cadieux: Essential Collective Theatre, Suitcase In Point
- R. Rochon: Primavera Concerts
- J. Wallace: Essential Collective Theatre, Twitches & Itches Theatre,
- A. Harris: Chorus Niagara
- M. Dufault: Essential Collective Theatre
- S. Middleton: Essential Collective Theatre

R. Rochon led the committee through a review of the 2014 SCCIP funding recommendations.

Motion: to approve the 2014 SCCIP funding recommendations as presented.

Moved by: R. Rochon

Seconded by W. Nicholson

Carried.

Arts Awards Subcommittee – W. Nicholson reported that Rodman Hall is unavailable for next year's event, however staff are in the process of confirming the Centre for the Arts, Brock University as the 2015 venue sponsor. The 2015 Arts Awards are tentatively scheduled to take place May 30 in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Report from Arts Award Design Task Force – In A. Wilson's absence R. Cann reported that a Call for Design for the St. Catharines Arts Award has been released. The deadline is Oct 16. Please spread the word. For more information visit the Call to Artists page on the City's website <http://www.stcatharines.ca/en/experiencein/CallstoArtists.asp>

Culture Plan 2020 – J. Wallace / R. Cann – R. Cann reported that the current draft of the culture plan has been given the green light however it must be further updated to reflect changes due to corporate restructuring. The committee can expect an updated draft to be circulated into the community for feedback by the end of summer or early fall.

7. Reports

Report from Cultural Services Office – R. Cann reported that Cultural Services staff attended the Creative City Network Summit in Hamilton. Staff worked closely with the SCCIP subcommittee to ensure a smooth review process of 2014 applications. As noted above the call for design for a new Arts Award has been drafted and released. J. Tupling oversaw the installation and opening of Fabric/ation, the City's 10th annual juried exhibit. Unfortunately due to continued encroachment of functional display space, this will be the last juried exhibit at City Hall. Staff will now shift their focus to outdoor exhibits. The City Council gallery has been restored, reframed and reinstalled on the third floor of City Hall – please take a moment to check it out. The 2015 Fall/Winter Leisure Guide has been designed and is off to the printers. R. Cann encouraged the committee to share their comments on the redesign of the Arts, Culture & Museum's section with staff. Council has officially transitioned the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Task Force into a Committee of Council. Installation of the memorial will be delayed until 2017 to accommodate construction around the chosen memorial site. Staff has been conducting condition assessments of outdoor art and memorials and various projects are on the calendar for 2015, budget permitting.

Public Art Advisory Committee – In P. Vietgen's absence R. Cann reported that the committee met with Steve Solski to discuss sites for the public art project for the new Performing Arts Centre. The committee has conducted extensive research on Johansson's Bar (an industrial artifact located in Merritton - originally found in Queenston Quarry NOTL). Research has not confirmed the name or purpose of the Bar. The committee is currently discussing possible recommendations for the future use of this artifact.

8. Other business

None

9. Roundtable

- B. Narhi recommended a new cook book of traditional 1812 recipes – *Fort George Bill of Fare* by Amanda Gamble for more information visit the Friends of Fort George website <http://www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca/>
- J. Hay noted applications are now available for Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics and Glass. Visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pV1rkVWK4DE> for more information.
- M. Dufault is working with Next Company Theatre to create an event commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Lundy's Lane – July 25 at 9:15pm for more information visit <http://www.nextcompanytheatre.com/site/battle-lundys-lane>
- J. Cadieux plugged upcoming production of Antigone at SummerWorks Theatre Festival visit <http://summerworks.ca/2014/tevent/antigonick-5/>

10. **Next Meeting:** Sept 2, 2014 @ The Art Gym 5 Great Western St.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by M. Dufault

Meeting ended at 6:05 pm