

Minutes

Tuesday, November 04, 2014

Committee Room #1, City Hall at 5pm

Attendance:

Tracy Cotton, Councillor Mark Elliott, Angie Harris, Jennifer Hay, Brian Narhi, Wynne Nicholson, Rick Rochon, Laurie Sadowski, Peter Vietgen, Jennifer Wallace, Andrea Wilson

Absent:

Monica Dufault, Sandy Middleton, Melenie Neamtz, Lilita Stripnieks,; Staff: Jason Cadieux, Kathy Powell

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann

- 1. Call meeting to order (Tracy Cotton)**
T. Cotton called the meeting to order at 5pm.
- 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
None
- 3. Motion to approve the agenda**
Made by: P. Vietgen Seconded by: J. Wallace Carried
- 4. Motion to adopt the minutes of (Date)**
Made by: A. Harris Seconded by: P. Vietgen Carried
- 5. Correspondence**
None
- 6. Business arising from the minutes**
None
- 7. Subcommittee Reports**

7.1 SCCIP Subcommittee – R. Rochon reported that a review of SCCIP after 10 years has begun. The group agreed the goals of SCCIP are to be the overview mechanism or lens for the program. Given the new culture plan is coming on-line, lessons from the last ten years + the plan can serve to renew the SCCIP Policy. The survey to SCCIP clients was reviewed and will be sent out this week. The Subcommittee is hoping to share the survey results at the next CC meeting.

The Festival & Events Grant Program deadline was on Friday and five applications were received. R. Cann will email the SCCIP Subcommittee about review process.

7.2 Arts Awards Subcommittee – W. Nicholson reported that all sponsors are now confirmed. They are:

- Established Artist – St. Catharines Performing Arts Centre
- Emerging Artist – Centre for the Arts, Brock University
- Volunteer in the Arts – Scotiabank
- Arts in Education Award – Dramatic Arts Dept., Brock University
- Making a Difference Award – Visual Arts Department, Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, Brock University
- Patron of the Arts Award – St. Catharines Downtown Association (new!)

Nomination forms will be out by early December.

7.3 Culture Plan 2020 – J. Wallace reported that a survey seeking residents' feedback about the Culture Plan will be going out this week to seek feedback on it. The goal is to have the plan to City Council in January or February.

8. Reports

8.1 Public Art Advisory Committee – P. Vietgen reported that the committee reviewed and shortlisted sites for public art for the Performing Arts Centre public art project. No artwork was selected from the last juried exhibit due to the challenges of care and management of fibre art. 15 submissions have been received for the Arts Award designs, which will be reviewed by the Task Force this month.

8.2 Performing Art Centre – M. Elliott reported that the brick is going onto the building and windows are starting to be installed. The User Group Committee met and expressed concerns about the affordability of working in the space. They noted a doubling of SCCIP would serve to solve this issue. M. Elliott noted that 6 new faces at City Council will be a significant influence on whether or not increases in the near future are realistic.

8.3 Heritage Committee – B. Narhi reported that the Heritage Committee is updating their inventories and have postponed two upcoming plaquing ceremonies. A framed history was given to the Co-operators building, near the Armouries, who were pleased to receive it. The goal of this program is to educate about the value of built heritage, with the hope that property owners will become more supportive of designation in future. The Committee will be planting a commemorative tulip tree to honour the conclusion of the War of 1812.

8.4 St. Catharines Museum – R. Cann reported for K. Powell that a new exhibit on World War One is now open: it reflects St. Catharines perspectives and experiences and is a must see. Their last aMuse event took place this past weekend at Mahtay Café – another great success.

8.5 Cultural Services Office – R. Cann reported that J. Cadieux has taken a short leave of absence from the office for his role in Essential Collective Theatre's The Valley.

The deadline for applications for the Culture Coordinator position is now closed and the selection process is underway. Cultural services staff have been finalizing a survey for residents on the Culture Plan, going out tomorrow, and a survey for SCCIP clients, which should be out on Thursday.

The exhibition program at City Hall is now ended, and items from the Civic Art Collection are now on display instead of a rotating exhibition program. The second floor exhibit space includes an 8' photograph of the lower level area of downtown during the early stages of the Meridian Centre construction. It is a composite of 12 photos taken and compiled by Sandy Fairbairn. The Public Art Advisory Committee already have plans to commission the "after" photo!

Restoration work on the Port Dalhousie Cenotaph will begin a week after Remembrance Day Ceremonies, weather permitting.

R. Cann then reviewed the surveys for the Culture Plan and SCCIP with the Committee. Members provided comments and suggested some changes that staff will incorporate. A discussion took place about how to gather feedback from non-SCCIP clients on the future of the program. A separate survey would be required, and/or a focus group or two. The SCCIP Subcommittee and staff will reflect on how this can be accomplished.

9. Other Business – Committee renewal

R. Cann reported that any Committee members interested in returning on the new Culture Committee will be required to submit an online application. The forms are

not yet released but will be sent to them when they are ready. She also asked Committee members to consider people they know that might be a good fit on the Culture Committee and encourage them to apply. M. Elliot described a report that is coming to City Council in December asking Council to review and possibly reduce the number of Committees it currently has. Discussion took place on whether the Public Art Advisory Committee should become a subcommittee of the Culture Committee. Members are encouraged to share their views with M. Elliott for Council's consideration.

10. Roundtable

- Primavera is holding its first concert of its 10th anniversary season – [Strauss Party](#) on Nov 23
- St Thomas Players are presenting A Christmas Carol, with all proceeds going to two charitable organizations. Details to follow.
- [Chorus Niagara concert](#) on November 8th, in collaboration with St. Catharines Museum, honouring World War One – music, film and poetry, with a reader from the Shaw Festival.
- Brian Narhi reported that he has recently acquired an illuminated manuscript that is a farewell address to a departing City of St. Catharines in 1920 – it was created by John G Williams who was tax collector for the City. R. Cann noted several of his works are in the [Civic Art Collection](#), most in the Anteroom.
- Essential Collective Theatre is opening [The Valley](#) by Joan MacLeod, with Jason Cadieux in the cast (☺) – runs from November 14 – 30.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, December 02, 2014, at 5pm - Committee Room #1, City Hall

12. Motion to Adjourn

Made by J. Wallace at 6:15pm.