

Minutes

Tuesday, January 06, 2015

Committee Room #1, City Hall at 5pm

Attendance:

Tracy Cotton, Monica Dufault, Angie Harris, Sandy Middleton, Melenie Neamtz, Wynne Nicholson, Rick Rochon, Laurie Sadowski, Peter Vietgen, Jennifer Wallace, Andrea Wilson

Absent:

Jennifer Hay, Brian Narhi, Kathleen Powell, Steve Solski, Lilita Stripnieks

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Catriona MacFarlane

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: S.Middleton Seconded by: M.Dufault **Carried**
4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
Made By: A. Harris Seconded by: P. Vietgen **Carried**
5. **Correspondence**
R. Cann reported that the [Premier's Awards for Excellence in The Arts](#) deadline was approaching. (January 30th) It was noted that the committee could not make a nomination as a collective, but that it can only be done by an individual -- any interested members are invited to make a nomination.

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

T. Cotton inquired as to whether the Arts Awards Nominations were live on the city website yet. R. Cann explained that due to the new process of adapting an online format, the process was taking longer than expected but that the forms should be available by the end of this week or early next week. It was noted that the delay should not make much of an impact as the bulk of the nominations came in close to the deadline last year. R. Cann updated the committee that due to the current proposed re-structuring of all City committees that a motion is on Council's upcoming agenda to extend the mandates of all current committees. It was suggested that the Culture Committee may meet once more in February.

Action: C. MacFarlane will update the committee on this matter via email.

7. **Reports:**

7.1 SCCIP subcommittee – R. Rochon reported that the SCCIP Ten Year document is now available on the [City's website](#). It was also reported that the SCCIP client survey has now closed and the process of reviewing the survey data has begun.

-Festival and Events recommendations: R. Cann led the committee through the funding recommendations for 2015.

Motion: To support the recommendations as made by the Festival & Events Review Committee.

Moved By: W. Nicholson Seconded by: M Dufault **Carried**

7.2 Arts Awards subcommittee – W. Nicholson asked all members to help encourage nominations in the Volunteer In The Arts Award and the Patron of the Arts Award as these categories have gathered the fewest nominations in the past two years.

-Arts Award Design subcommittee – A. Wilson led the committee through the three final artist's designs for the Arts Award. The artists will produce prototypes to display at the awards event this year. It is not decided yet if a public feedback system will be implemented (online and/or at the Awards night).

Motion: to approve the three final recommended artists

Moved By: A. Harris Seconded: A. Wilson **Carried**

7.3 Public Art Advisory Committee – P. Vietgen reported that the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial finalist was presented to the PAAC, a motion was put forward to support that design and the motion was carried. It will now move forward to Council for approval.

7.4 Cultural Services Office – R. Cann reported that cultural services staff have been working on both the Arts Award and the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial design selection. Both selection processes have been very time consuming. Staff has completed a grant application to Veteran Affairs to help fund

the removal and cleaning of bronzes on the St. Catharines Cenotaph. Restoration on the Port Dalhousie Cenotaph is complete. Both the SCCIP survey and Culture Plan survey closed in December. As noted above the Festival and Events committee met in December to review the applications and make funding recommendations. Jason Cadieux has left the City and R. Cann thanked Jason for all he has done for the City and the community. She also thanked the committee for attending his farewell gathering in December.

8. **Other Business**

Report on Building the Arts of St. Catharines.

R. Cann led the committee through an update on the 2010 - 2014 Building the Arts of St. Catharines document. The committee felt that the information was very important and should be shared with not only the arts community, but also with Council and the general public. The question was raised as to how best to bring this information forward to all parties. 2015 marks the final year of this plan and the question was raised as to what the key priority for this final year should be. This would be an excellent question to pose to stakeholders.

9. **Round Table**

-R, Rochon announced Primavera Concerts is presenting two events, "*A Soft and Golden Fire*", on Sunday February 1st and "*Sonic Escape*" on Sunday February 15th. For tickets and information go to: <http://primaveraconcerts.ca/>

-J. Wallace announced the event "Art Tricks" hosted by Start Me Up Niagara on January 22nd at 7pm. Local artists and the business pros that help them are going to share tips on everything from how to grow your skills to how to sell your work. For more information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/790640867681859/>

-M. Dufault announced Essential Collective Theatre's upcoming February production of "*Wings of Wax*". For tickets and information go to <http://www.ectheatre.ca/>

-M. Neamtz reported that in a partnership with Suitcase in Point, Folk Arts will be working on an elder abuse awareness project that will culminate in a performance piece. It was also reported that Folk Arts has received a donation that will allow them to provide five \$1,000 dollar scholarships to newcomer post-secondary students.

-S. Middleton reported that she is taking bookings on January 31 for the St. Catharines Legacy Project. For more information:

<http://www.inthesoil.on.ca/events/sandy-middleton-st-catharines-legacy-project-community-portraits/>

-A. Harris announced the February 28th Chorus Niagara presentation of “*Life Eternal – The Requiems of Mozart and Rutter*” as well as the annual “SINGATHON!” On February 8th. It is noted that the singathon is the largest fundraiser for Chorus Niagara and donations can be made online. For more information go to: <http://www.chorusniagara.ca/>

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tba

11. **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Wallace Seconded by M. Dufault

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm