

Minutes

Friday, June 26, 2015

Merritt Room, 1st Floor, City Hall at 3 p.m.

Members

Marcie Bronson, Catharine Chin Yet, Councillor Carlos Garcia (ex-officio), Nancy Nigh, Stephen Remus, Michael Zuberec

Absent

Councillor Joe Kushner, Erica Thorpe, Peter Vietgen, Councillor Bruce Williamson

Staff Liaison

Rebecca Cann, Emma German, Jennifer Tupling

Guests

Councillor Mike Britton

1. Call meeting to order (R. Cann)

3:03 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

R. Cann will chair meeting until a committee chair has been elected. Roundtable introductions took place.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions

4. Motion to approve the agenda for June 26, 2015

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of January 6, 2015

Moved: M. Bronson Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes

No business arising

7. Business

7.1 Civic Art Collection Orientation and Acquisition Process

R. Cann provided general Committee-related information, as follows:

- a) Civic Art Collection– Q&A
Review of collection in PowerPoint presentation.
- b) Public Art Policy– Q&A
Policy that directs the work of PAAC and the maintenance of the Civic Art Collection.
- c) Rating System
Part of the Public Art Policy, utilized by PAAC to evaluate possible works for the Civic Art Collection.
- d) Subcommittees (Selection Panels)
Current selection panels; St. Catharines Arts Award Design Selection, [Welland Canals Fallen Workers Memorial](#), FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre, Meridian Centre and [City Hall Sculpture Project](#), each has a specific project and timeline, which were provided in the handout.
Some additional participation is required and will be discussed at future meetings.

7.2 Election of Chair – Nominations

R. Cann explained the role, responsibilities and expectations for the committee chair. She outlined the process for selection and inquired if anyone wanted to volunteer or nominate another member.

Motion to defer selection of chair until the next committee meeting.

Moved: S. Remus Carried.

7.3 Civic Art Collection Updates

- a) General Updates
Summer curatorial assistant is now working in the cultural services office. She will be focusing on research, condition assessments and cataloguing needs of the Civic Art Collection.
- b) Memorials
 - a. Cenotaphs – Port Dalhousie and St. Catharines updates
 - Restoration work on the Port Dalhousie cenotaph was completed in December 2014.
 - A grant for the cleaning of the bronze elements on the St. Catharines cenotaph has been approved. Timing of work

is to be confirmed, but will likely occur post Remembrance Day. This is the final step in the cenotaph's restoration. Discussion took place about the overall restoration of the cenotaph.

- b. Day of Mourning Memorial – for discussion, Motion from Council: **That staff report on the costs, requirements and process to permanently relocate the Day of Mourning Monument to city hall in time for the Day of Mourning ceremony in 2016; and that the Public Art Advisory Committee be included in the discussion.**

Background on memorial and its location given. Discussion about possible locations occurred. Staff will report back to committee regarding locations, communication with the Niagara District Labour Council and budget implications.

c) Art

- a. William Hamilton Merritt
Assessment of condition of bronze and masonry completed in 2014. Statue is currently leaning, staff uncertain if sinking is occurring due to construction of Burgoyne Bridge.
- b. Totem Pole
Discussion deferred.

Motion to accept the report on the Civic Art Collection.

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

7.4 Public Art

a) Project Updates

- a. Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial
Report went to Council on [June 8th](#). Designer and funds for phase one approved. Unveiling event for project coming soon.
- b. Arts Award Design
Designs are now on display at the Kiwanis Aquatics Centre and [online](#).
- c. Artist in Residence, Centennial Gardens (on hold)
Application to Niagara Investment in Culture grant was not successful. This project is now on hold.
- d. City Hall sculpture project
Staff are planning a Call to Artists for fall release. A selection panel will be required.
- e. Meridian Centre public art
Selected site discussed – the stairway leading from St. Paul St

down to the lower level under several buildings – it once known as Old Tannery Road.

- f. First Ontario Performing Arts Centre public art
Three possible sites have been shortlisted. Artwork for building interior may also be required, tbd.
- g. Future of Exhibit Program, currently on hold
[Exhibit history](#) and issues leading to program explained.
Discussion on community need for such a program took place.
Possible collaboration with other sites such as Rodman Hall could be considered in future.

b) New Opportunities

- a. James St. entrance at City Hall
Request from Mayor to consider works for the indoor hallway area in the James St. entrance.
- b. Canada 150 Mosaic
Opportunity reviewed. Discussion on possible community connections and resource requirements took place.

Motion to respectfully decline the Canada 150 Mosaic opportunity.

Moved: M. Bronson Carried.

- c. Culture Days
City of St. Catharines participation discussed. A PAAC member will be required for any selection jury.
- d. Mural Program
Discussion deferred.

Motion to accept the report on Public Art.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

7.5 Potential Donations

- a) Ilan Averbuch's Carousel, offer from Christopher Horne
Donation offer reviewed. Rating and evaluation process deferred.
- b) Gifts of art to Mayor Sendzik
Review of policy regarding gifts to elected officials. Current donations reviewed via slide and in person. Rating and evaluation process at next meeting.
- c) Plaques at the Lakeside Park Carousel
Discussion deferred.
- d) Plaque for Merritton Volunteer FireFighters
Discussion deferred.

Motion to accept the report on Potential Donations.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

7.6 Policy Review and Development – Deferred

- a) Percent for Art Policy
- b) Rating System
- c) Public Art Policy
- d) Acquisition Policy
- e) Plaque Policy

8. Date of next meeting

Friday, July 17, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Merritt Room, 1st Floor City Hall.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried

Attachments provided in advance and at the meeting:

- Link to [Public Art Policy](#) (hard copies to follow)
- Report from City Council meeting of April 22, 2013 from Recreation and Community Services Re: Relocating Tribute to Workers Memorial
- Report from City Council meeting of June 8, 2015 from Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Re: Design and Budget Approval for Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial
- Link to [Arts Award Design webpage](#)
- Canada 150 Mosaic – Information package
- Current Selection Panels
- Materials re: Potential Donation – Ilan Averbuch's Carousel:
 - Donation Form
 - Picture of artwork
 - Potential Acquisition Justification
 - Averbuch Exhibit Poster 1988
 - Averbuch Research excerpts