

## Minutes

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

**Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall at 5 p.m.**

### **In Attendance:**

Marcie Bronson, Catherine Chin Yet, Councillor Carlos Garcia, Nancy Nigh, Stephen Remus, Erica Thorpe, Peter Vietgen (Chair), Michael Zuberec

### **Regrets:**

Councillor Joe Kushner, Scott Ritchie, Jennifer Tupling, Councillor Bruce Williamson

### **Staff Liaison:**

Rebecca Cann

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**1. Call meeting to order – P. Vietgen**

At 5:02

**2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

None

**3. Motion to approve the agenda for September 15, 2015**

Moved: M. Zuberec

Carried

**4. Motion to adopt the minutes of August 21, 2015**

Moved: C. Chin Yet

Carried

**5. Business arising from the minutes**

None.

**6. Correspondence**

R. Cann reminded the committee to send in their Volunteer Accessibility Training Knowledge Check sheets, as per email.

## 7. Business

## 7.1 Civic Art Collection

- (a) Day of Mourning Tribute to Workers Memorial: On Sept 14, 2015 Council approved a motion: “That Council direct staff to permanently relocate the Day of Mourning Tribute to Workers Memorial to City Hall; and That the relocation be completed by October 31, 2015.” Discussion took place about the process between the City and the Niagara Regional Labour Council and the affect and value of the Public Art Policy.

**Motion to review timing opportunities for a future presentation to Council with regard to the Public Art Policy.**

Moved: N. Nigh                      Carried

The donation of three works of art to the Niagara Health System was discussed – an art acquisition policy was created for the hospital but never approved. The hospital is another site that would be well-served by original art, but the Committee noted that acquisition can go astray if there's no collection oversight.

**Motion to discuss the hospital position on acquisition of artwork on the next PAAC agenda, and to explore possible correspondence from the committee to the hospital's leadership on the subject.**

Moved: S. Remus Carried

General discussion took place about the potential value of identifying suitable sites for future installations, and keeping a record of them for quick access.

- (b) St. Catharines Cenotaph - Bronze Restoration: Contractors are confirmed for the removal, restoration and repatination, and reinstatement of the seven bronze components. This work will be completed in time for Remembrance Day services.
- (c) Potential acquisition: John Sakars' murals at Buchanan House Deferred.
- (d) Plaques: Cultural services staff have identified an inventory of more than 100 plaques in St. Catharines (not all City owned, but mostly),

noting it is not yet comprehensive. During the cultural asset mapping phase of the culture plan, categories of plaque were developed: these need to be clearly defined and utilized more consistently across departments in the City. Within the past 15 years plaques have been developed by a range of committees, departments and community groups, for various purposes, including memorialization, historic marker, tourism guide and interpretation. The City has no guidelines for the creation and locating of plaques, nor their long term maintenance, beyond the general inclusion of plaques in the Public Art Policy. This summer staff had to address five different requests for new plaques from the community. R. Cann noted that plaques are not permanent and clarity on who replaces a plaque, or whether it gets replaced, needs to be part of a plaque's initial creation.

**Motion to request that staff work across departments to create a one-service system of addressing requests for plaques, and that a policy be developed with PAAC consultation to develop guidelines to address significance, longevity, site-ing and design considerations, as well as long term maintenance.**

**Moved: E. Thorpe**

**Carried**

## **7.2 Potential Donations**

- (a) Gift of Art to Mayor – Photograph by Matty Williams titled “Church Corner” – Deferred.

## **7.3 Public Art**

- (a) Culture Days – update – R. Cann reported that 12+ activities will be taking place in [St. Catharines for Culture Days](#), and staff are busy working on the promotional and outreach campaign. Mark your calendars for Sept 25, 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>!
- (b) Mural for Catherine St. Park - The selected design was presented for review and the selection process summarized. 2 proposals only were received, due to the tight turn around – one month – and possibly the time of year. The Selection Panel felt the design is in keeping with a family park and children's playground.

**Motion to accept Melani Pyke's proposal as the approved design for the Catherine St Park mural project.**

Moved: E. Thorpe

Carried. (One abstention)

- (c) Public Art Acquisition/Exhibit for FirstOntario Performing Art Centre
  - (i) Fine Arts – a meeting took place with most members. The Digital Art Wall will be overseen by a separate committee, to be developed, due to the amount of programming required for that location. For fine art, three locations are being considered, as per the top four locations identified in the last meeting. The Committee is to review the hospital acquisition policy to establish selection criteria. Once this is finalized, the group will create a list of artists for consideration.
  - (ii) Digital Art Wall – The committee will be made up of Steve Solski, Steve Remus, Marcie Bronson and Erica Thorpe – all PAAC members with film expertise.

**7.4 Planning for the Cultural Sustainability Committee Meeting**

Councillor Garcias explained that the CSC is new and he outlined Council's rationale for creating this new level of committees linked to the four sustainability pillars. Each Committee chair will have 10 minutes to report on their activities. Cross-pollination between committees may happen, which could be very positive. The first meeting will include an introduction to the role of each committee.

**7.5 Introduction to [Inspire St. Catharines: Culture Plan 2020](#)**

R. Cann briefly presented the Culture Plan and noted that priority #6 includes an initiative to create a public art plan. There are also references to neighbourhood cultural assets that would tie into identifying future sites of public art and memorials.

**7.6 Policy Review and Development - Deferred**

**7.7 Report from Cultural Services Office**

Condition assessments of all outdoor art and memorials are complete, and there is some repair work required, however, budget will not cover all of it. Staff are working on finalizing activity agreements, marketing and promotion, and the Catherine Street Park mural contract in time for Culture Days. cNiagara is promoting Culture Days region wide with support of sponsor Niagara This Week. New Culture Coordinator Ashley Judd-Rifkin has been on board full-time for 2 full weeks. SCCIP was

approved at Council last night, with a motion put on the table by Councillor Elliott to review the policy, program and funding by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Arts & Culture are looking at the Arts Awards as a fundraiser for SCCIP – event is confirmed for June 4, 2016. Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial contract is in development and fundraising is well underway. Arts Awards design selection is set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> – visit prototypes at the Kiwanis Aquatic Centre.

**Motion to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office.**

Moved: M. Bronson

Carried

**7.8 Other Business – None.**

**8. Date of next meeting**

October 16, 2015 – 3pm, To be confirmed at Buchanan Houser

**9. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: C. Chin-Yet

Carried

**Attachments provided at meeting:**

- Minutes – Internal Plaque Policy Meeting – July 7, 2015
- Minutes FOPAC Fine Art Meeting – Sept 2, 2015
- Link to Culture Days webpage within City website – see minutes
- Link to Culture Plan – see minutes