

Motion: Include possible locations for Public Art on the next meeting agenda.

Moved: M. Zuberec

Carried.

7. Correspondence

Letter of Support for grant application by the Generator at one.

R. Cann shared information on the project which, if funded by the Canada Council, could involve a new art installation in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre. There was a discussion on possible alternative locations to consider if/when the project moves forward.

Province of Ontario Cultural Strategy consultation

Staff shared a copy of the discussion paper, and will send an email copy to the committee. R. Cann discussed her experience at the town hall meeting in Hamilton.

Motion: Include discussion of Province of Ontario Cultural Strategy in relation to Public Art on the next meeting agenda.

Moved: N. Nigh

Carried.

8. Business

8.1 Civic Art Collection

(a) St. Catharines Cenotaph - Bronze Restoration

The bronzes have been removed, the process took 12 hours. They are currently being restored and are looking good. They will be re-installed for Remembrance Day.

(b) Potential acquisition: John Sakars' murals at Buchanan House

Evaluation of the murals, individually, will occur prior to the next meeting. The scoring matrix was finalized and will be distributed by staff. There was a discussion regarding ownership of the murals and what could happen to them if Buchanan House is no longer a possible location.

(c) Plaques – Deferred

Motion to accept the report on the Civic Art Collection.

Moved: S. Remus

Carried.

8.2 Potential Donations

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

R. Cann shared information from the Walk StCatharines exhibition organizers: the photograph is a short-term loan to the Mayor’s office and is to be returned to the artist. Future picks by the Mayor from the #WalkSTC exhibition will be the same.

Motion to accept the report on the potential donation.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

8.3 Public Art

- (a) Mural for Catherine St. Park

The mural is completed and has had anti-graffiti coating applied. There has been a great reaction from students at Harriet Tubman Elementary School who watched the artist as she completed her work. An unveiling event is being planned, which will include a descriptive panel.

- (b) Public Art Acquisition/Exhibit for FirstOntario Performing Art Centre

- (i) Fine Art

The Call to Artists has been released to a select group of artists. Exhibit rails have been installed in the ceiling at two of the selected sites and one more in the building. Staff shared a draft scoring matrix for review and feedback.

- (ii) Digital Art Wall

Specs for the monitors have been shared and communication with City technology staff has begun. Niagara Artists Centre has applied to Niagara Investment in Culture for artist workshops related to the Digital Art Wall, to be led by Keyframe Digital. Single sourcing an artist for the facility’s opening is in progress.

- (c) Hospital Artwork Acquisition/Policy

Discussed the relationship between PAAC and the Hospital’s collection process. S. Remus will draft a letter to the Hospital for the committee to review.

Motion to accept the report on Public Art.

Moved: Carried.

8.4 Policy Review and Development

Deferred

8.5 Report from Cultural Sustainability Committee

R. Cann shared the report from PAAC that was presented at the Cultural Sustainability Committee (CSC) meeting. The Committee's motion regarding plaques (from PAAC's September meeting) was taken to the committee and approved. Councillor Garcia reported on the CSC structure and encouraged advisory committee chairs present at Council when issues arise related to their committee as this is an opportunity to educate Council. The committee will review the St. Catharines Museum's strategic plan, staff will send it to this committee for comments.

Motion to accept the report on the Cultural Sustainability Committee.

Moved: Carried.

8.6 Report from Cultural Services Office

R. Cann reported on the following topics:

- St. Catharines Culture Days was a HIT! There were 23 activities over 3 days, attended by 520 people.
- 2015 St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program recommendations were approved by Council and staff are sending out cheques and letters now.
- Arts Award design recommendation was approved by the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee – it will be presented to Council.
- The design contract Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial is in progress.
- Cultural Funding Task Force, recently created by Council, has been formed, with a ten-week schedule to report back to Council with recommendations.
- Staff are currently catching up on a variety of administrative tasks.

Motion to accept the report from Cultural Services Office.

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

8.7 Other Business

There was an inquiry about the Doug Cranmer Totem Pole in Centennial Gardens as it had not been discussed recently.

Motion: staff report at the next meeting on the Totem Pole, including the possibility of making it a Canada 150 project.

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

9. Date of next meeting

November 20, 2015 – 3 p.m., Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: S. Remus

Carried

Attachments provided in advance of the meeting:

- Hospital Public Art Policy – Draft
- Letter of support to Canada Council for the Generator at one