

## Minutes

Friday, November 27, 2015

Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 3 p.m.

### Members:

Catherine Chin Yet, Stephen Remus (3:35 p.m.), Erica Thorpe, Peter Vietgen (Chair), Michael Zuberec

### Absent:

Marcie Bronson, Councillor Carlos Garcia, Councillor Joe Kushner, Nancy Nigh, Scott Ritchie, Councillor Bruce Williamson

### Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Jennifer Tupling

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#### 1. Call meeting to order

P. Vietgen brought the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

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

None

#### 3. Motion to approve the agenda for November 27, 2015

Moved: C. Chin Yet                      Carried.

#### 4. Motion to adopt the minutes of October 16, 2015

Moved: M. Zuberec                      Carried.

#### 5. Business arising from the minutes

None

#### 6. Correspondence

None

## 7. Business

### 7.1 Civic Art Collection

- (a) Acquisition Evaluation: John Sakars' murals at Buchanan House.  
Staff shared the committee scores. There was a discussion regarding conservation issues and responsibility as part of the art collection. The committee asked for options on the future of the murals if not accepted into the collection.

**Motion that 'Donor Wall (Trees & Birds)', 'Donor Wall (Stars & Kids)' and 'Rock Band' by John Sakars be deemed low priority, and therefore no longer under consideration for acquisition into the Civic Art Collection.**

**Moved:** C. Chin Yet                      Carried.

**Motion to defer the final decision on 'Winter in the Mountains', 'With Imagination' and 'Fireworks over Niagara' by John Sakars until a full committee meeting.**

**Moved:** M. Zuberec                      Carried.

- (b) Commission Evaluation for FOPAC - Amy Friend  
An update was shared, including projected budget. A sample of the printing test from the artist was reviewed. The committee will wait for the next test before making a decision. The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre Fine Art Subcommittee will meet again once the tests are complete to discuss the commission further.
- (c) Centennial Totem Pole  
The distributed report was discussed and the Committee noted the significance of the totem pole and the artist. R. Cann shared that it is the intention of the Niagara Regional Native Centre to have their totem pole laid to earth when ready. The committee considered the possibility of proposing the restoration as a 150 Canada project, partnership options and the totem pole's future. M. Zuberec offered to conduct research related to technical information. R. Cann will connect with the artist's family in British Columbia.
- (d) Plaques  
Deferred.
- (e) Updates

(i) St. Catharines Cenotaph

The bronzes were restored and re-installed prior to Remembrance Day. This is the final phase of the Cenotaph's restoration, a report is still needed for Veterans Affairs Canada related to funding.

(ii) Tribute to Workers

The monument is now installed on the front lawn of City Hall.

**Motion to accept the report on the Civic Art Collection.**

**Moved:** E. Thorpe                      Carried.

**7.2 Public Art**

(a) Mural for Catherine St. Park

A press release, including images with the artist and mayor, will be released next week. Mayor Sendzik is now interested in similar projects in other City parks utilizing corporate donations and/or sponsorships. The mural was treated with the newest grade of anti-graffiti coating, staff tested the durability and it appears to work well.

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

(i) Fine Art - Images of the installed artworks were shared. A final budget for the project will be shared at the next meeting.

(ii) Digital Art Wall - A placeholder piece is ready and will be installed as soon as the digital system is ready. A commissioned piece is to be planned for March 2016.

(c) City Hall Sculpture - The committee discussed possible options for the site and the budget ramifications of each option. Final decision is deferred until the next meeting.

(d) Developing a List of Potential Sites for Future Public Art  
Deferred

(e) Province of Ontario Cultural Strategy

S. Remus and R. Cann will draft a submission, this will be reviewed via email and finalized with committee signatures.

**Motion to accept the report on Public Art.**

**Moved:** S. Remus                      Carried.

**7.3 Hospital Artwork Acquisition Policy**

Deferred

**7.4 Policy Review and Development**

Deferred

**7.5 Report from Cultural Sustainability Committee**

P. Veitgen reported that the Cultural Sustainability Committee received a presentation regarding the St. Catharines Museum draft strategic plan. The plan is going to Council in December. The committee also approved new members for advisory committees.

**Motion to accept the report on the Cultural Sustainability Committee.**

**Moved:** M. Zuberec                      Carried.

**7.6 Report from Cultural Services Office**

R. Cann reported on the following topics:

- The Cultural Funding Task Force process is almost complete, an upcoming town hall will feature draft recommendations, staff will share information with this committee.
- Staff attended the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre community open house with information on the artwork that was installed for the weekend.
- A co-op student from Culture & Heritage Management at Centennial College starts in January to assist with public art.
- The Friends of the Carousel have started their off-season restoration work.
- The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is getting the nomination process ready for the 2016 Arts Awards. Their Courthouse Task Force is waiting for more information.

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

**Moved:** C. Chin Yet                      Carried.

**7.7 Other Business**

None

**8. Date of next meeting**

December 18, 2015 – 3 p.m., Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall

**9. Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved:** E. Thorpe                      Carried

**Attachments provided in advance of the meeting:**

- St Catharines Doug Cranmer Totem Pole Complete Appraisal – May 21, 2010
- [Province of Ontario Cultural Strategy weblink](#)