

6. Correspondence

6.1. Ontario Culture Strategy Submission

The committee reviewed the final document, which was submitted for the Dec. 7 deadline.

7. Business

7.1. Civic Art Collection

- (a) Acquisition Evaluation: Final John Sakars' murals at Buchanan House
The committee reviewed their scores for the remaining murals. They discussed options for acquisition.

Motion to formally acquisition With Imagination by John Sakars into the City of St. Catharines' Civic Art Collection.

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

- (b) Commission Evaluation for FOPAC - Amy Friend
A sample of the fabric printing test from the artist was reviewed. Staff will arrange a time to view the sample in the exhibit space at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre and invite the committee to attend. The committee is ready move forward with the work at this time. A formal evaluation process is required to complete the commission process. Staff will email the required material prior to the next meeting.
- (c) Centennial Totem Pole
Deferred
- (d) Other
With the completion of the Afghanistan conflict its recognition has been added to memorials nationally, including the Port Dalhousie cenotaph. Completing recognition in St. Catharines would require additional inscriptions on the St. Catharines, Merritton and Grantham cenotaphs, in the manner that other wars have been included.

Motion to support recognition of the Afghanistan conflict on the St. Catharines, Merritton and Grantham cenotaphs.

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

Motion to accept the report on the Civic Art Collection.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

7.2. Report from Cultural Services Office

R. Cann reported on the following topics:

- On Dec. 14 the Cultural Funding Task Force presented their [recommendations](#) to Council on the City's cultural funding policies, programs and funding levels. Council approved in principal the recommendations of the Task Force, with 2016 budget request directed to the Budget Standing Committee for consideration.
- Staff are working to release applications for the Festivals and Events Funding Program this month.
- The latest edition of [Culture Ink](#) was released on Dec. 17.
- [On Dec. 4](#) it was announced that Canada Steamship Lines and Rankin Construction both donate \$25,000 to Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial. The fundraising campaign is going well and more announcements are expected.
- The Arts Awards Task Force has been working on sponsorships, updating awards categories and the nomination forms. A co-op student from Niagara College's Event Management program will start assisting with the awards in January.
- A quote for including the Afghanistan conflict on the City's war memorials has been sought.

Motion to accept the report from Cultural Services Office.

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

7.3. Other Business

None

8. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: E. Thorpe **Carried.**

Attachments provided in advance of the meeting:

- St. Catharines Public Art Advisory Committee Submission re: Ontario Culture Strategy, December 5, 2015