

Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Ante Room, 3rd floor, City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Coun. Carlos Garcia, Rosemary Hale, Jennifer Hay Sandy Middleton, Jennifer Wallace, Andrea Wilson, Peter Wing

Regrets:

Lindsay Jack Brauweiler, Jeff Burch, Monica Dufault, Wynne Nicholson, Coun. Joe Kushner, Coun. Bruce Williamson

Guests:

Suzie Melville

Staff Liaison:

Rebecca Cann, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)

5:46 p.m.

2. Introductions

Roundtable introductions took place.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

4. Motion to approve the Agenda for March 15, 2016

Moved: R. Hale

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the amended Minutes of February 2, 2016

Moved: S. Middleton

Carried

6. Business arising from the minutes

None

7. Correspondence

- City of St. Catharines Annual Volunteer Recognition Night – to be addressed later in the agenda.

8. Business

8.1 Courthouse Task Force Report

A. Wilson reported that Jane Gardner, General Manager of Carousel Players, attended a recent meeting of the Task Force and gave an overview of their use of the Courthouse. The City has asked that they no longer use the Courthouse as a performance space, and due to the deteriorating HVAC system it's no longer functional for summer camp programs. They are moving out of the building and will create an arts hub for at least 2 years at Silver Spire United Church with Essential Collective Theatre (ECT), with office space, rehearsal space and some storage. Carousel is also forging a partnership with Folk Arts, who are planning to turn the basement of Robertson Hall (The Robby) into a small, 50-seat theatre space.

Next steps for the Courthouse include the ongoing need for an End Use Study, which could engage the arts community, and the role an Arts Council could play in this work, if one existed.

- The Task Force's original mandate was to preserve the Courthouse for arts and cultural use. Since the Courthouse will no longer be an arts facility, its preservation becomes a heritage concern for the City's Heritage Committee. The Task Force is recommending that the Courthouse continue to be considered within the context of the Culture Plan and are recommending that the Culture Plan Subcommittee, review this and the need for arts facilities and an arts council.

A report to Council on the situation was suggested and referred to the Culture Plan Subcommittee.

Motion: to disband the Courthouse Task Force and direct research and concerns to the Culture Plan Subcommittee.

Made by: S. Middleton

Carried

Motion to accept the report: P. Wing

Carried

8.2 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

A. Wilson reported that meeting preparations for the Arts Awards are going well. Updates include:

- Mayor Sendzik wants to help fundraise for the arts, and the Cultural Services Office has been working with the Mayor's Office to develop a sponsorship program. All funds raised by the Mayor will be directed to SCCIP.
- There will be a Mayor's reception before the event for nominees and sponsors, but the Awards Ceremony itself will be organized by the Arts Awards Subcommittee and staff.
- March 14 and 19 are nominee photo shoot days with Giant Shoe Creative

A discussion took place about the nomination for Lifetime Achievement Award to be handed out in 2016.

Motion: To approve the recommended recipient for the St. Catharines Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award.

Made by: A. Wilson

Carried

Motion to accept the report: S. Middleton

Carried

8.3 SCCIP Subcommittee Report

8.3.1 Updates

R. Cann reported that two open houses to present the draft St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy took place on February 17, 2016. Approximately 35 people attended and feedback was positive.

8.3.2 Approval of St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy

There was discussion on the lack of an exception to eligibility specific to length of existence for new organizations with a significant operation. It was noted that emerging major festivals require City support in their first seasons, and there have been at least three instances where a new event has been unable to apply for SCCIP due to timing of the deadline.

Motion: that the SCCIP policy be approved on the condition that staff include an exception to general eligibility pertaining to duration of existence for significant potential SCCIP applicants, when grant deadlines fail to serve an applicant's program timelines.

Made by: P. Wing

Carried

8.3.3 Approval of Evaluation Criteria per Program

Motion: to approve evaluation criteria per program.

Made by: A. Wilson

Carried

8.3.4 Appointment of Review Committee Members

If the ACAC has an opportunity to appoint two non-ACAC members to the SCCIP review committee, as per the revised policy, how would that be done? A public expression of interest/open call? An application process? Some discussion took place.

8.4 Report from Cultural Services Office – R. Cann

- Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial open houses took place on February 8 in Port Colborne and St. Catharines; contract with the designer is signed.
- City public art exhibit program 2016: 5 exhibits are being planned for City Hall, the PAC and Centennial Gardens.

- A report recommending inclusion of Afghanistan on three City cenotaphs is going to Council in April
- Staff have been working with Friends of the Carousel on several matters including ongoing damage to outside horses that is the result in changes to TSSA requirements.
- Festival & Events jury will meet on March 31 to review 4 applications
- An Arts Awards production meeting took place on March 11 – things are starting to take shape

Motion to accept report: S. Middleton

Carried

8.5 Other Business

8.5.1 Nomination for City Volunteer Recognition

Motion: to nominate Wynne Nicholson for the City of St. Catharines Volunteer Recognition

Made by: S. Middleton

Carried

8.5.2 Vice-Chair Nomination and Selection

M. Dufault was nominated. J. Wallace will ask if she would like to assume the role.

8.5.3 Update on Membership Vacancy

There were many applicants for the vacancy. J. Wallace, Coun. Garcia and Coun. Kushner, along with staff, will recommend a new member for the Cultural Sustainability Committee to approve, before the recommendation for appointment goes to Council.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: A. Wilson

Carried

Attachments/Links:

1. St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy Final Draft
2. SCCIP Evaluation Criteria
3. SCCIP Glossary of Terms
4. Budget Standing Committee – Agenda 09 February 2016 – re: SCCIP
5. General Committee – Minutes 25 January 2016 – re: Arts Awards Design
6. Correspondence re: City of St. Catharines 28th Annual Volunteer Recognition Night