

7. Guest Presentation

P. Vietgen welcomed the guest presenters and introduced the committee. E. Smith shared the Port Dalhousie Beautification Committee's goal of creating a sense of community again and projects that have been completed. He discussed the proposed public art project and available details. The project would be supported by fundraising and then become a donation to the City's Civic Art Collection. Committee members will provide feedback and input to the Port Dalhousie Beautification Committee, and look forward to future presentations on the project. It was noted that a process does not yet exist for the acceptance of a donated work of art that is not yet created, and the process will be further complicated by the fact that the art is intended to be installed outdoors.

8. Business

8.1. Civic Art Collection

(a) Centennial Totem Pole – Deferred

(b) Plaques – Draft Commemoration Policy

Staff shared a draft Commemoration Policy and discussed the history of its development. Feedback was received from the committee and a request made to adjust the appended flow chart to include committee involvement.

Motion to approve the draft Commemoration Policy, with amendment, for presentation to the Cultural Sustainability Committee.

Moved: M. Bronson Carried

(c) Potential Commission – Sandy Fairbairn

The committee returned to an earlier consideration of commissioning artist Sandy Fairbairn to create a current version of his work Back of St. Paul, to reflect the completed developments to the lower level area.

Motion to direct staff to contact Sandy Fairbairn requesting a quote for commission.

Moved: N. Nigh Carried.

(d) Potential Donations

(i) GM painting by Paul Lee, 1983 – Deferred

(ii) Portrait by Prynce Nesbitt

Staff are working on answers to the questions submitted by the committee. They were asked to investigate the works provenance.

(e) Updates - None

Motion to accept the report on the Civic Art Collection.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

8.2. Public Art

(a) Timeline for 2016/2017 projects

Staff shared an overview of public art and exhibit projects for 2016/2017 and discussed committee work related to each. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

(b) City Hall Sculpture

Staff presented a rationale for the current exhibit to be removed as previously scheduled, in order to maximize staff time for new ventures.

Motion to accept staff recommendation to not seek renewal of Kernel Memory.

Moved: M. Bronson Carried

(c) Public Art for FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

(i) Digital Art Wall

Staff reported that the technical issues are near to being resolved and they're hopeful the video will be in place soon.

(ii) Fall 2016 exhibit

The Committee was asked to consider their preference for selecting new work in the space, and/or to move forward with existing displays. Staff will begin work on a revised Call for future review.

It was confirmed that the Film House Gallery is available for exhibits as well, so program plans will need to begin for this space.

(iii) Commissions

Contracting Amy Friend is the next step in the process, however two other contracts are taking precedence.

(d) Exhibits

- (i) Theme for Juried Exhibition
Committee members were asked to consider themes for the 2017 exhibition at City Hall.
- (ii) Partnership opportunities
Staff shared information on an opportunity to work with Start Me Up Niagara to display a limited number of works from their recent exhibition, Art Me Up, at City Hall. The works on display would be selected by a jury comprised of committee members, and artists would be paid an exhibit fee.

Motion to move forward with the Art Me Up juried exhibition.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

- (e) Developing a List of Potential Sites for Future Public Art - Deferred
- (f) Public Art - Meridian Centre - Deferred
- (g) Murals – Deferred

Motion to accept the report on Public Art.

Moved: M. Bronson Carried.

8.3. Hospital Artwork Acquisition Policy

8.3.1. Draft Correspondence for review - Deferred

8.4. Policy Review and Development - Deferred

8.5. Report from Cultural Services Office

R. Cann reported on the following topics:

- Fundraising for the [Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial](#) continues
- Nominations for the [St. Catharines Arts Awards](#) have been received and staff are working with the Mayor's office on fundraising possibilities for the St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program
- On February 17, two open houses were held related to the draft [St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy](#) revisions, these will soon be presented to City Council
- Staff have been facilitating contracts with two artists, third is on hold pending staff time availability
- Cultural services staff are developing workplans for 2016 projects
- One grant report has been submitted to the funder, and one is in progress

- Monday March 7 is budget night at Council, with a tentative additional meeting on Tuesday March 8.

Motion to accept the report from Cultural Services Office.

Moved: N. Nigh Carried.

8.6. Other Business

Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial - Staff shared possible changes to the memorial design and sought opinions. Members will continue to share feedback.

9. Date of next meeting

April 15, 2016 – 3 p.m., Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: N. Nigh Carried.

Attachments provided at or in advance of the meeting:

- Draft Commemoration Policy
- Evaluation Material for Portrait by Prynce Nesbitt
- 2016-2017 Public Art Advisory Committee Workplan
- Links to City webpages for: St. Catharines Arts Awards, St. Catharines Cultural Investment Policy, the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial.