



City of St. Catharines  
**Culture Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ante Room

**Present:** Tanya Faulkner, Councillor Heather Foss, Stephanie Jones, Wynne Nicholson, Rick Rochon, Lilita Stripnieks, Peter Vietgen, David Vivian (Chair)  
**Regrets:** Councillor Mark Elliott, Angela Harris, John Storm  
**Absent:** Kim Payne  
**Staff:** Rebecca Cann, Jennifer Tupling

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda dated May 5, 2010.

**Moved:** P. Vietgen

**Seconded:** W. Nicholson

**Carried.**

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held March 3, 2010.

**Moved:** S. Jones

**Seconded:** P. Vietgen

**Carried.**

**3. Business Arising**

No business at this time.

**4. Correspondence/Articles of Interest – Volunteer Recognition Night**

R. Cann highlighted an email that had been distributed looking for nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Night. No nomination was submitted from the Culture Committee.

**5. Subcommittee Reports**

Arts Community Development Committee: S. Jones has almost completed the ACDC 3-year summary, and will submit it for next week. She reported that the group recently met to discuss the future of the Capacity Building Plan in relation to the current situation at the St. Catharines & Area Arts Council. Rather than dissolving ACDC as originally planned the group will move forward with a new platform taking more of a leadership role with the Plan. She discussed the advantages of this possible resolution and noted that movement on the plan will rely on City staff for the time being.

Planning: D. Vivian informed the committee that their presentation to Council regarding the Official Plan has been deferred. The presentation has been rescheduled to June 7<sup>th</sup>. The sub-committee will meet to prepare for the presentation and circulate it to the Culture Committee in advance.

SCCIP: R. Rochon reported that the committee met to discuss changes for the 2010 applications. He noted that pre-approved amounts for 2010 are high which means fewer dollars are available for 2010 applicants. He noted the subcommittee will be meeting in June to discuss possible recommendations for policy change. A summary of subcommittee activities will be submitted in the

next week.

Arts Awards Working Group: W. Nicholson reported on the meeting the sub-committee had with Rick Lane and Mike Anderson regarding the name of the Trillium Awards. They explained that it is a standard name in the horticulture community and it is too late to change the name for 2010. They will meet with them in June to discuss a distinct name for the Arts Awards for 2011. The group will present their recommendations for recipients at the next Culture Committee meeting in August. She confirmed that the change to eligibility criteria is included in the 2010 application form.

## **6. Evaluation Process – Review Municipal Cultural Policy and Role of Culture Committee**

R. Cann distributed a series of documents to:

- a. Outline the goals and related objectives in the Municipal Cultural Policy that were originally identified specifically for the Culture Committee.
- b. Note outstanding Policy recommendations that are not yet achieved and the potential role the Culture Committee can have to move these forward.
- c. Packages with sample Terms of Reference from other communities for comparison purposes.

Discussion took place during the presentation of the above, and it was noted that some segments of the policy are no longer relevant due to the changes that have taken place over the last ten years. R. Cann requested that members of the Committee read the Terms of Reference examples provided and bring forward highlights and best practices for the August meeting, keeping in mind the Committee's goal of writing their own new Terms of Reference. She requested full participation, even if people cannot attend the August meeting – please forward written comments in advance.

## **7. Report from the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **8. Report from Niagara Centre for the Arts Task Force (NCAT)**

S. Jones reported that NCAT made their presentation of the Capacity Building Plan to City Council on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The plan was approved in principal and is now available on the City's website. A report will be presented in a couple of months on the potential implementation of the plan.

## **9. Report from Heritage Committee**

H. Foss discussed the Heritage Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the Official Plan. She also reported that the Power Glen Historic District designation is moving forward this summer. The committee has also been discussing the upcoming 1812 commemoration and the future of Burgoyne Bridge.

## **10. Report from Cultural Services Staff**

Brock Funding: it was recently announced that Brock University has received the

final funding required from the Provincial Government to move forward with the Art Centre project.

Project Management Team: the company selected to manage the Art Centre project should be officially announced shortly.

Latest Draft of the Official Plan: is being released this week. Culture Services staff will forward it to the Committee once it is available.

Arts Council Issues: as previously discussed in the ACDC report the Arts Council is having financial issues. R. Cann is reviewing these and has been meeting with members of the board to provide assistance where possible.

Restructuring/Staffing: Cultural Services has received a grant to hire a summer student through Young Canada Works to continue cataloguing the City's art collection and other curatorial work. J. Tupling is now working full-time in the office. Restructuring is moving ahead with many positions already posted and hiring beginning.

Shoot High – Go Low: the jury met and made their selections for the show. The exhibit will open on May 20<sup>th</sup> with a reception at 4:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall.

Aquatics Centre Public Art: a short-list of three artists was selected to move forward in the process. There are plans to collect input from the community on the finalists' submissions.

Navy Concert: Cultural Services is hosting a Naval Band of Canada on May 12<sup>th</sup> in celebration of 100 years of naval service in Canada. This is the only performance in the Niagara Region and all proceeds will go to restoring the City's War memorials.

Shakespeare in the Park: a report went to Council on April 19<sup>th</sup> regarding this event. Driftwood Theatre Group from Toronto will present Twelfth Night in Montebello Park on June 24<sup>th</sup>, Recreation and Community Services are partnering with them to present and promote this event.

Lakeside Park Carousel: the Carousel is ready for the 2010 season and will open on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

stcatharines.ca: the City is currently working on a new website. The new site will be more community focused and utilize social media. It will be launched on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Cultural Services is currently working on the content needed for their focus areas.

## **11. Other Business**

No other business at this time.

## 12. Roundtable

Upcoming community culture events include:

- The History Channel is showing a special on the 1812 war ships that sunk off the shores of Port Dalhousie;
- Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 will be the annual Oille Fountain planting;
- Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> at noon, a hike through Centennial Gardens – bring a non-perishable food item;
- May 27<sup>th</sup> the Library will be hosting a book launch and signing from the Teen Writers Club;
- New exhibit at the Museum *Love 'em, Hate 'em: Canadians and their Politicians* is now open;
- the Niagara Folk Arts Festival will be running May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010;
- YWCA *Women of Distinction Awards & Fundraising Celebration* will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Stephanie Jones is nominated in the Arts and Culture category;
- Rodman Hall will be having its *Main Event* on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm;
- Chorus Niagara is presenting *EXTRAVAGANZA Gilbert & Sullivan* on May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>;
- Brock University will be participating in *Peril and Danger to Her Majesty* at the University of Toronto on the May long-weekend.

**11. Next Meeting:** Wednesday August 4, 2010; 6:00pm. – Ante Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:38 pm