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City of St. Catharines
Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 17, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 3rd Floor, Committee Room 1

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda dated November 17, 2010.

Moved: M. Elliott **Seconded:** T. Faulkner **Carried.**

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting held October 19, 2010.

Moved: W. Nicholson **Seconded:** T. Faulkner **Carried.**

3. Business Arising

None.

4. Correspondence/Articles of Interest

None.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Arts Awards Working Group: W. Nicholson reported that the group is planning to meet and discuss recommendations for the Arts Awards. They will make a presentation regarding these recommendations at the December Culture Committee meeting.

SCCIP: R. Rochon reviewed the SCCIP subcommittee's process in developing recommendations and noted the conflicts-of-interest. He reviewed their recommendations for SCCIP funding and highlighted the fact that there was a greater need than available funding. The level of support that the subcommittee wished to provide in many cases was not possible. The anticipated date these recommendations will go to Council in a report from Staff is November 29th.

Motion: To accept the funding recommendations as made by the SCCIP Subcommittee, to be forwarded through staff for presentation to City Council.

Moved: R. Rochon **Seconded:** M. Elliott **Carried.**

6. Renew Terms of Reference

R. Cann reviewed the Terms of Reference, the Committee Guidelines and the Culture Committee background, as distributed earlier by email. She explained each document, and the changes made to the terms of Reference since the previous draft. The Committee discussed whether arts disciplines and/or knowledge-base should receive precedence in the process of membership selection.

Motion: To move the Culture Committee Terms of Reference forward to City Council with

the edits discussed at the November 17, 2010 meeting.

Moved: P. Vietgen

Seconded: R. Rochon

Carried.

Action: Staff will update document with edits and prepare a Report to Council.

7. Tending the Garden City – Sustainability Strategy Input

Committee members were reminded of the online survey related to the plan and were encouraged to share it with their acquaintances. A discussion paper regarding the plan is also available for those interested. www.stcatharines.ca/en/governin/ProjectsStudies.asp
The survey closes on November 30, 2010. R. Cann announced that invitations to the upcoming focus group have been distributed.

8. Building the Arts of St. Catharines: A Plan for Sector Growth

R. Cann provided a brief update on the plan: the St. Catharines Standard featured an article discussing the plan and the grant application that has been submitted to the Department of Canadian Heritage. The next application related to the project is being submitted to the Cultural Strategic Investment Fund in the coming weeks. The City of St. Catharines is not a partner in this application. The application to the Trillium Foundation has been deferred until March 2011.

9. Report from the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)

P. Vietgen reported that PAAC has completed the acquisition of *Hockey Shrine* by Jason Dwyer, selected from the 2010 juried show *Shoot High – Go Low*. It has been framed and is currently on display in the Mayor's office.

10. Report from Niagara Centre for the Arts Task Force (NCAT)

R. Cann reported that NCAT has reviewed the Terms-of-Reference for the New Community Users Group and are currently making recommendations for changes. The selection process for the new group has been approved and is currently underway. Expressions of interest are being accepted until Monday November 29, 2010.

11. Report from Heritage Committee

No meeting to date – Nothing to report.

12. Report from Cultural Services Staff & Sustainability Strategy Update

R. Cann reported on the following:

- SCCIP: Staff have been processing final and interim reports for SCCIP recipients to receive funding
- 2011 City Guide: Staff are working on the content for the 2011 City Guide, again this year there has been an increase in the Culture Section of the guide.
- Exhibit Program: The latest exhibit *Paris 1945* is currently on display on the 2nd floor of City Hall – a feature story was included in the St. Catharines Standard's Remembrance Day coverage regarding the exhibit and Major Barlow.
- Region's Culture Plan: the Region of Niagara has had a group of Ryerson students reviewing the connection between their Culture Plan and the Region's Growth Plan, and they've made some interesting recommendations.
- Culture Capitals of Canada Grant: Cultural Services staff and other members of the cultural community have been helping the region to develop proposals for a grant

application to Cultural Capitals of Canada for 2012. There is a potential for a 2.6 million dollar investment in Arts and Culture initiatives from the federal and regional governments combined.

- Canadian Urban Institute: the City of St. Catharines has been invited to participate in a Cultural Indicators project that has been funded through the Ministry of Culture.
- Culture Plan: an application requesting funding to renew the City of St. Catharines' Cultural Policy into a Culture Plan has been submitted by the City's Programs and Cultural Services Division.
- Art Centre: the Request for Proposals will soon be sent to the short listed architects. Interviews will take place in mid-January.

13. Other Business

The Committee was asked to save-the-date for Wednesday December 8, 2010: more information to follow.

14. Roundtable

Upcoming community cultural events include:

- Essential Collective Theatre Company is presenting *Luck* at the Courthouse Theatre, November 25 to December 5, 2010
- NAC will be hosting their annual STRUTT event at Brock on Friday November 19, 2010
- Chorus Niagara presents *Messiah* December 11 & 12, 2010
- Chorus Niagara will be performing as part of the SCGH Foundation Christmas Concert on November 10, 2010
- Check out Chorus Niagara's Random Act of Culture at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXh7JR9oKVE>
- Primavera Concerts presents *A Child's Christmas in Wales* on Sunday December 5, 2010
- Lyndesfarne Theatre's *Shakespeare's Villains* is at the Courthouse Theatre until November 21, 2010
- *Recognize, Respect, Rejoice* will be presented on December 7, 2010
- The 20th Annual Civic Christmas Concert will be presented on December 14th featuring special guest speaker Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Honourable David C. Onley
- Rodman Hall HOT TALKS! Beyond Green: Art and the Environment, November 18, 2010
- Edward Burtynsky's exhibit at Rodman Hall opens on December 4, 2010 and runs to March 6, 2011
- St. Catharines Cabinet of Curiosities: *All Things Big and Small and Strange and Tall* opened at the St. Catharines Museum with 400 people at the Friends and Family Day,
- *Nuit Blanche Brock 2010* occurs on December 3, 2010
- *Hear Freedom's Ring* with tenor Michael Toby is at the St. Catharines Museum on November 29, 2010
- Good-bye to Patti Broughton will take place at the St. Catharines & Area Arts Council on December 7, 2010.

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 1, 2010; 6:00pm. – Committee Room 1, 3rd floor, City Hall

2011 Committee Applications – Deadline December 17, 2010 – Notice to come in future.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:29 pm