



Culture Committee Meeting Minute

February 7, 2012 5pm to 6:00pm
City Hall Committee Room #1

Present: Tracy Cotton, Councilor Mark Elliott, Melenie Bural, Lyn Royce, Angela Harris, Wynne Nicholson, Kathy Summers, Peter Vietgen, Jennifer Wallace, Andrea Wilson

Regrets: Elizabeth Fritshaw, Brian Narhi, Rick Rochon, Laurie Sadowski, Debbie Slade, Steve Solski, Lilita Stripnieks, Kathleen Powell

Staff: Jason Cadieux, Rebecca Cann, Kim Payne

1. Welcome and Introductions

T. Cotton welcomed the committee and thanked everyone for coming.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda dated February 7, 2012

Moved: P. Vietgen **Seconded:** A. Wilson **Carried**

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes dated January 10, 2012

Moved: P. Vietgen **Seconded:** M. Bural **Carried**

4. Business Arising

Staff will insert dates into the 2012 Culture Committee work plan and circulate for review and discussion at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

Jason updated the committee on the 2012 Premier's Volunteer Service Awards nominations. R. Rochon, A. Harris & P. Vietgen were all nominated under 5-year service category. All recipients will be invited to a June Ceremony.

6. Subcommittee Reports

SCCIP Subcommittee – No SCCIP report

Culture Plan 2020 Cross Sectoral Steering Committee - J. Wallace reported that staff is coordinating upcoming meetings with the Cross-sectoral Committee. The artist survey has been disseminated and a general population participation survey will be going out later this week. The first two Roving Camera videos have been uploaded to Youtube and are receiving a positive response so far. J. Wallace asked the committee to view and circulate them. Future engagement activities include a writing contest; *Describe St. Catharines in 6-words*. Posters for the contest will feature quotes from Culture Committee members as well as other public figures. Consultants are currently reviewing and analyzing cultural asset mapping data, SCCIP financial and statistical data as well as other pertinent documents. The second draft of a Community Consultation report and an Internal Analysis report will be ready for review within the next 5 weeks. R. Cann added that she met with L. Royce to request an extension on the Culture Planning Process from the province. K. Payne noted that the City's re-branding campaign is currently in the works. The Committee discussed strategies to avoid potential overlaps in communications.

Arts Awards SubCommittee – W. Nicholson reported that the Arts Awards Subcommittee has drafted a mandate and a list of duties and goals for the Awards. The committee continues to meet and brainstorm monthly.

Public Art Advisory Committee – P. Vietgen reported PAAC met in January, highlights from that meeting include a discussion with Scott Ritchie regarding the Urban Design Guidelines passed by Council January 23, 2012. Marcie Bronson continues to lead discussion on the draft of a procurement process for the Civic Art Collection. P. Vietgen reminded the committee of the upcoming juried exhibition **Red** running April to August – there's still time to submit.

User Group Committee - M. Elliott reported that the UGC hasn't met, however the Technical Subcommittee continues to meet to review detailed technical requirements of the project. Initial excavating will go to tender in two weeks with a tentative deadline of July 2012 to go to tender for main construction.

Report from Cultural Services Office

- R. Cann reported that Kelly Dell has resigned. R. Cann acknowledged Kelly's contribution to the Culture Plan renewal process and noted that since the majority of research and data gathering required for the project is completed, she will not be replaced.
- J. Tupling recently completed a grant to Young Canada Works program for funds to hire a Curatorial Assistant, a summer student position.

- A new and up-to-date database for Cultural Services is currently in the works, a necessary tool for distribution of upcoming Culture Ink newsletter and any future communications.
- A report on the proposed partnership with Cultural Capitals of Canada program will go to Council re: a letter of agreement with the Region to support the Culture In Niagara website development project.
- The Joint Mural Task Force continues to meet to develop a mural program. The JMTF combines members of the Public Art Advisory Committee and the Mayor's Graffiti Committee.
- The Culture Section of the 2012 Leisure Guide has been submitted – look for printed copies in March.
- R. Cann noted the new exhibit at the museum – *Child's Play: A Century of Toys*. For committee members who are social network savvy, check out the Museum's new Facebook page or follow them via twitter.
- J. Tupling & J. Cadieux will be offering Postcard Workshops on Family Day at Dunlop and Seymour Hannah Community Centres. Drop by with the kids/grandkids!

7. Round Table

- A. Harris reminded group that [Chorus Niagara's](#) will be holding their annual Sing-a-thon this weekend at Seaway Mall in Welland. So far A. Harris boasts the highest in pledges. Committee members interested in attending upcoming Primavera concerts are welcome to take advantage of A. Harris' complimentary tickets.
- K. Payne updated the committee on 2015 Pan Am Games. Niagara participation is looking very likely. K. Payne expects opportunities to feature cultural events and individual artists within this international sports tourism event.
- M. Bural noted that [Suitcase In Point](#) and [Folk Arts](#) will continue their partnership and offer exciting youth programming culminating in a public presentation in March.
- J. Wallace – [Essential Collective Theatre](#) presents *Hamlet (solo)* a special one night only fundraising presentation, tickets only \$30 see J. Wallace for details.
- L. Royce said her goodbye's as her contract with the Province is over at the end of the month. She thanked the committee for their work and looks forward to crossing paths again in the near future. L. Royce reminded the committee that Grants Ontario website portal is now open and she encouraged early registration.

- A. Wilson – Look for a variety of Family Day events at [Balls Falls](#). War of 1812 events are ongoing.

Motion: To terminate meeting.

Moved: J. Wallace

Carried

Next Meeting: Tues March 6th, 2012 5 to 6:30pm City Hall Committee Room 1