



CITY OF
ST. CATHARINES

Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 12, 2012

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Ante Room – 3rd Floor – City Hall

Present: Councillor Mark Elliott, Lesley Bell (Co-Chair), Marcie Bronson, Sandra Merk, Stephen Remus (Co-Chair), Peter Vietgen
Regrets: Rebecca Cann
Absent: Michael Zuberec
Staff: Scott Ritchie, Jennifer Tupling

1. Welcome and Introductions

L. Bell welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2012.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for Thursday January 12, 2012.

Moved: S. Remus

Seconded: P. Vietgen

Approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from Thursday November 17, 2011

Moved: S. Remus

Seconded: S. Merk

Approved.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Feedback to S. Ritchie re: Downtown Urban Design Guidelines

S. Ritchie thanked everyone for the feedback they had provided. He explained that the Downtown Urban Design Guidelines are scheduled to go to Council through a report on January 23, 2012. He is currently working on the Guidelines esthetics and the group inquired about images of Public Art. He explained that he plans to include these in the appropriate sections. S. Ritchie asked that any last comments be sent in the next day, as the time for changes is almost closed.

5. Correspondence

Nothing at this time.

6. Review Committee Term Workplan

J. Tupling reviewed the workplan with the committee and highlighted the initiatives in their various phases. The committee was interested in the status of the Public Art Project for the Performing Arts Centre. S. Remus and J. Tupling shared the information that they had at this time. R. Cann will be consulted prior to the next meeting.

7. Development of Public Art Procurement Process

M. Bronson led the group in a discussion regarding the Procurement Policy development. She reviewed the current definitions of Works of Art and Cultural Property as outlined in the Public Art Policy. The group discussed how broad the definition was and what it should be in the new policy. They talked about the inclusion of more modern art forms such as digital media and public performance. It was suggested to utilize less language in the definition to explain more. M. Bronson will draft material based on the suggestions of the committee.

8. Public Art

a. 2012 Juried Show

J. Tupling reported that there have been great response to the 2012 Call to Artists, and that Cultural Services has already received one submission.

b. Culture Stamp: The Postcard Project

J. Tupling requested assistance from the committee regarding the project. At this time Cultural Services has not received the level of submissions that they were anticipating, and this has delayed any display at City Hall. She shared with the group all the actions that have already been taken to solicit submissions. The group provided suggestions.

c. 1812 Public Art - Richard Pierpoint

J. Tupling reported that funding for the project is being researched and that continued research on Pierpoint will also be required. She expressed that this topic will continue through the upcoming meetings as the project may accelerate in the near future. She also encouraged members to continue researching Pierpoint for future discussions.

d. City Hall Sculpture Program

J. Tupling informed the committee that Cultural Services has received feedback on the Request for Submissions from the City's Purchasing Officer. Staff are currently reviewing these comments and updating the timeline. Once this is complete it will be sent to the committee for review via email. The timeline for this will be strict as Rod Dowling's 'Circle of Friends' is scheduled to be removed from City Hall on August 31, 2012.

9. Art Collection

a. Twinning Artwork – Photos from visit

J. Tupling shared printouts of the images taken during the visit to Helen Atteck's home. The acquisition of work by Sybil Atteck will remain on the committee's agenda for upcoming meetings.

10. Reports

a. Culture Committee – P. Vietgen

P. Vietgen reported that there were many updates from other committees and subcommittees at the last Culture Committee meeting. The Arts Awards have

been placed on hiatus for 2012 in order to review other awards programs and redevelop the City's program. The 2011 SCCIP recommendations were approved by City Council on November 14, 2011. The Heritage Committee discussed a book that was recently released by Paul Lewis entitled 'The History and Homes of Yates Street St. Catharines'.

b. Joint Mural Task Force – S. Merk

S. Merk reported that the group reviewed the discussion topics suggested for each meeting, as a guideline for the Task Force's process. They also discussed the purpose and goals of the program, and finalized a definition of murals and examples of styles. The group has been discussing that a final mural program should include separate guidelines for public and private projects.

c. Cultural Services – J. Tupling

J. Tupling reported that the Culture Plan development process continues, staff is collating information for the consultants, community engagement is ongoing and surveys will be released in the coming weeks.

Naoko Matsubara's mural for the new Kiwanis Aquatics Centre will be installed in an alternate location due to issues arising with the original location. The work will now be visible to all those utilizing the pool, and lighting is currently being designed for the installation. This has been a lesson for future projects. R. Cann and S. Remus visited N. Matsubara's workshop a couple weeks ago to view the work. They were excited by the progress.

11. Other Business

Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting

Thursday February 16, 2012 – 4:00pm – Ante Room, City Hall