

Cultural Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 5pm

Attendance:

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair
Councillor Bruce Williamson
Brian Narhi (Co-Chair, Museum Advisory Committee)
Brenda Zadoroznij, (Co-Chair, Museum Advisory Committee)
David Webb (Chair, Heritage Permit Committee)
Jennifer Wallace (Chair, Arts and Culture Committee)
Nicole Auty (Director, Legal Services)

Absent:

Councillor Joe Kushner
Jeanette Pillitteri (Director, Corporate Support Services)
Robert DeWolfe (Co-Chair, Museum Advisory Committee)
Robin McPherson (Co-Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee)
Peter Vietgen (Chair, Public Art Advisory Committee)
David Warren (Chair, Canada 150 Task Force)

Guest:

Marcie Bronson (Vice Chair of the Public Art Advisory Committee)

Staff Liaisons:

Kevin Blozowski ~ Heritage Advisory and Heritage Permit
Rebecca Cann ~ Public Art, Arts and Culture
Kathleen Powell ~ Museum Advisory
Julie Hughes ~ Pillar Committee, admin support

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1. **Chair, Councillor Garcia, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm**
 - Chair welcomes the Canada 150 Task Force to the Committee
 2. **Additions/delegations to the agenda**
 - n/a
 3. **Motion to approve the agenda**

That the CSC adopt the agenda as presented

Moved: D Webb

Carried

4 Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

That the CSC minutes of Mar 23, 2016 be approved

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

5. Presentations

- n/a

6. Business arising from the minutes

- n/a

7. Business

7.1 Arts and Culture Committee

i) Update ~ J Wallace

- Arts Awards, held June 4, were a great success with Mayor's Arts Fund Reception raising \$14K for SCCIP
- First round of SCCIP grants approved at Council in July and the second round will be referred to Council at the ACC mtg in August

That the Arts and Cultural Committee update be received

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

ii) Recruitment ~ R Cann

- Sustaining membership has been a challenge as members pursue out of town opportunities although very qualified candidates apply & are recruited
- From this recruitment, 2 will be recommended for the Committee and the other 3 will be invited to participate on Task Forces

That Peter Dillman and Justice Duntsch be recommended for membership to the Arts and Culture Committee

Moved: D. Webb

Carried

7.2 Public Art Advisory Committee

i) Update ~ M. Bronson

- Portrait by Prynce Nesbitt is being considered for entry into civic art collection
- Ownership and copyright issues being negotiated with artist, Perry Wakulich, regarding *The Spirit of St. Catharines* rowing sculpture, as part of civic art
- *Art Me Up* exhibit was launched at City Hall featuring works from individuals facing life challenges. PAAC discussing possible acquisition
- Canada 150 grant application was jointly submitted (Culture Services and FOPAC) for funding to address Totem Pole in Centennial Park & to acquire a large scale public art commission for FOPAC
- Theme for 2017 City Hall Juried Art Exhibit will be *Kitsch Canada*

That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: N. Auty

Carried

ii) Commemorative Plaques and Interpretative Signage Policy ~ R Cann

- Policy is intended for members of the public seeking to install a plaque, interpretative sign, sculpture or memorial on city property
- Developed in collaboration with heritage, culture and parks staff
- Currently, there is no budget for remediation or maintenance of these amenities, as such, applicants will be required to contribute 10% to a reserve fund
- Policy outlines applicable costs to install, design and maintain, evaluation criteria, site selection, guidelines for duration of display, the City's reserved rights for de-acquisition or removal of commemoration and process for final approvals (may be required by City Council)
- This policy will be available on the website and there will be procedures available

That the City of St. Catharines Commemorative Plaques and Interpretative Signage Policy be received and referred to Council for approval

Moved by: N Auty

Carried

7.3 Museum Advisory Committee

i) Update ~ B. Zadoroznij

- Museum in house programming and outreach (Amuse) a great success
- 10-12 artifacts being considered for Museum collection per meeting
- Digitalization is ongoing for the purposes of launching the E-Museum which will go live at end of 2016

- As part of capital improvements, the replacement of the HVAC system is a priority
- A new exhibit will be launched in celebration of Canada's 150
- In next few weeks, there will be a call out to the public to submit artifacts along with a story on how that item relates to 2017 and St. Catharines
- This exhibition will have an online platform and also a physical presence at the Museum
- Implementation of Strategic Plan is ongoing
- A staff report will be coming to Council to propose the divestment of Morningstar Mill to the NPCA

That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: D Webb

Carried

7.4 Heritage Advisory Committee

i) Update ~ B. Narhi

- Compilation of heritage inventory is ongoing
- In process of reporting on Glen Ridge Public School heritage designation
- Members submitted an article to ACO on 3 local schools with heritage significance which have been repurposed (September publication)
- Planning WW1 display for the Central Library, to be staged in November
- Toured John Brown house with new owners who will be continuing the restoration

That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: D Webb

Carried

7.5. Heritage Permit Committee

i) Update ~ D. Webb

- Working with property owner in Port Dalhousie who had an approved permit for addition, to study the historical significance of elements of the home (known by to be the oldest home in the area)
- Owner is committed to restoring the home without compromising the historical and structural integrity any further

ii) Motion ~ D. Webb

- deferred

That the Heritage Permit Committee update be received

Moved: J. Wallace

Carried

7.6 Canada 150 Task Force ~ K Powell

i) Update

- Task force has compiled an inventory of initiatives
- The final proposal is being tweaked based on funding and timelines
- Anticipate that a staff report will come forward by September

That the Canada 150 Task Force update be received

Moved: B Zadoroznif

Carried

7.7 Other business

- n/a

8. Follow up for Chair/Vice Chair

- n/a

9. Date of next meetings

Wednesday, August 10, 2016
5pm to 6pm
Burgoyne Woods Room

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
5pm to 6:00pm
Burgoyne Woods Room

10. Motion to Adjourn

That the CSC be adjourned at 6:20pm

Moved by: B. Williamson

Carried