

## Minutes

**Tuesday, August 02, 2016**

**Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 3:00 p.m.**

### Members

Marcie Bronson (3:36 p.m.), Catherine Chin Yet, Stephen Remus (3:07 p.m.), Erica Thorpe, Peter Vietgen (Chair), Michael Zuberec

### Council Representatives

Councillor Carlos Garcia

### Absent

Councillor Joe Kushner, Nancy Nigh, Councillor Bruce Williamson

### Staff Liaison

Rebecca Cann, Scott Ritchie (4:00 p.m.), Jennifer Tupling, Lindsay Jack Brauweiler

### Guests

Michael D'Amico

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- 1. Call meeting to order**  
P. Vietgen brought the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
  - 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
None.
  - 3. Motion to approve the agenda for August 2, 2016**  
Moved: M. Zuberec                      Carried.
  - 4. Motion to adopt the minutes of June 17, 2016**  
Moved: C. Chin Yet                      Carried.
  - 5. Business arising from the minutes**  
None

## 6. Correspondence

None

## 7. Guest Presentation re: Canada 150

P. Vietgen introduced artist Michael D'Amico. M. D'Amico outlined a public art proposal titled Moving Landscapes for three sites in St. Catharines, two of which are City-related sites: the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre and the bus terminal. The third site is the Via Rail Station. He has applied for funding from Canada Council for the Arts' grant program titled New Chapter: 2017 and Beyond. M. D'Amico displayed examples of his work, concepts for the three sites and a basic budget - he sees the project as a temporary exhibit (i.e. 5 to 10 years) that could inspire similar ventures in future. He has been in touch with Via Rail, and R. Cann has been in touch with St. Catharines Transit's General Manager. M. D'Amico is also exploring grants that could be utilized for the workshops and other programming in connection with his work. R. Cann explained that a letter of interest has been written in support of the grant he submitted at a July 4<sup>th</sup> deadline, which does not make a formal commitment.

**Action:** This proposal will be on the next agenda to determine how to proceed.

### **Motion to accept the presentation.**

Moved: E. Thorpe

Carried.

## 8. Business

### 8.1. Civic Art Collection

#### (a) Centennial Totem Pole

No report.

#### (b) Potential Donations

##### (i) GM painting by Paul Lee, 1983

The committee requested that this item be removed from future agendas since the donor has not re-connected with staff.

##### (ii) Portrait by Prynce Nesbitt.

The committee reviewed and discussed their collective scoring for the donation.

### **Motion to accept the donation of Portrait by Prynce Nesbitt for accessioning into the Civic Art Collection.**

Moved: S. Remus

Carried.

(iii) Spirit of St. Catharines

The committee discussed the information provided and asked for clarifications from staff. It was suggested that staff investigate the Canadian Rowing Hall of Fame for managing the updating required on the History of Rowing pathway.

**Motion to direct staff to arranging for an insurance evaluation for the Spirit of St. Catharines.**

Moved: M. Bronson                      Carried.

(iv) Merritton Volunteer Firefighters Memorial

A presentation related to this item will be made at a future meeting.

(v) Other

None.

(c) De-accessioning

Staff shared images and a brief background of three items located at the Victoria Lawn Cemetery, which are currently part of the Civic Art Collection, as per the original inventory of 2002.

**Motion to de-accession the Chinese Pagoda, Davella Mills Carillon Bell Tower and Victoria Lawn Cemetery Fountain from the Civic Art Collection.**

Moved: S. Remus                      Carried.

(d) Copyright for the Civic Art Collection

Deferred.

(e) Updates

None.

**Motion to accept the report on the Civic Art Collection.**

Moved: C. Chin Yet                      Carried.

**8.2. Public Art**

(a) City Hall Exhibits

(i) 2017 Juried Exhibition – Finalize Call to Artists

S. Remus read a descriptor for the exhibit. He will work with staff to complete the final draft. The call to artists will be finalized via email,

before public distribution.

(b) Centennial Gardens Exhibit

Staff described the focus of the exhibit and a basic layout of the exhibit.

(c) FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

(i) Digital Art Wall

S. Remus is meeting with the current digital artist and technology staff from the City of St. Catharines to discuss future steps related to the screen's software.

(ii) Algoma Lobby exhibits

No report.

(iii) Film House Gallery

S. Remus shared information on hanging options for the space and more information on the possible exhibit. Committee members had concerns related to the security of an exhibit in the space.

S. Remus will contact facility staff at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre to discuss the options.

(iv) Amy Friend Commission

No report.

(v) Call for Commission

Deferred.

(d) Murals

(i) Centennial Gardens Park Shed

Juries are required for two murals to: develop a vision for the project; establish selection criteria; and evaluate proposals and make a final selection. Staff will distribute timelines for each mural project so that members can volunteer.

(ii) Lakeside Park Concession Stand

Addressed in 8.2.i.ii

(e) Developing a List of Potential Sites for Future Public Art

Deferred.

(f) Public Art - Meridian Centre  
Deferred.

(g) Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial  
Feedback has been sent to the designer and an interim report has been submitted to the Department of Canadian Heritage. The next phase contract is under discussion. Fundraising campaign chair, Greg Wight, made a presentation to Council reporting that \$661,000 has been raised for the project.

(h) City Hall Sculpture – Future of Kernel Memory  
Staff shared an offer presented by the agent representing Laura Moore who offered the City the chance to purchase some or all of Kernel Memory for the Civic Art Collection. Discussion took place about the offer and the available budget.

**Motion to respectfully decline the offer to acquire Kernel Memory by Laura Moore.**

Moved: M. Bronson                      Carried.

**Motion to accept the report on Public Art.**

Moved: E. Thorpe                      Carried.

**8.3. Policy Review and Development**

Deferred.

**8.4. Report from the Cultural Sustainability Committee**

M. Bronson and Councillor C. Garcia reported that the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee has recommended two new members. An update was provided on projects for Canada 150. Staff made a presentation on the draft Commemorative Plaques and Interpretive Signage Policy. The Cultural Sustainability Committee endorsed the draft policy, which will now be presented to City Council for final approval. The committee requested that staff distribute the minutes from this meeting, once available.

**Motion to accept the report from the Cultural Sustainability Committee.**

Moved: C. Chin Yet                      Carried.

**8.5. Report from Cultural Services Office**

Staff reported on the following topics:

- A final wrap-up of the 2016 [Arts Awards](#) is being completed and planning for 2017 has begun.
- Funding recommendations for the Culture Days Activity program were approved by Council.
- The SCCIP subcommittee is making further funding recommendations at the next Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting, which will then move forward to City Council.
- Marketing has begun for [Culture Days](#) in St. Catharines – Save the Dates! Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2.
- Coordination between departments continues for Canada 150.
- Staff have been completing internal work with: the 2017 budget, website updates, Fall/Winter Leisure Guide, file re-org and more.

**Motion to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office.**

Moved: E. Thorpe                      Carried.

**8.6. Other Business**

Staff will distribute materials on a possible acquisition from the Art Me Up exhibition via email, for discussion at the next meeting.

**9. Date of next meeting**

Friday September 16, 2016 at 3 p.m.

**10. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: M. Zuberec                      Carried.

**Attachments provided at or in advance of the meeting:**

- Evaluation materials for donation: Portrait by Prynce Nesbitt
- Artwork Justification and Donation Form for Spirit of St. Catharines by Perry Wakulich
- Page 14 of the City of St. Catharines Public Art Policy RE: De-accessioning
- Images of Chinese Pagoda, Carillon Bell Tower and Victoria Lawn Cemetery Fountain
- Project overview from artist Michael D'Amico
- Correspondence related to Michael D'Amico project – New Chapter: 2017 and Beyond, Program Jury
- Links to City webpages for:
  - [www.stcatharines.ca/artsawards](http://www.stcatharines.ca/artsawards)
  - [www.stcatharines.ca/culturedays](http://www.stcatharines.ca/culturedays)