

Minutes

Friday, September 16, 2016

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

Members

Catherine Chin Yet, Stephen Remus, Erica Thorpe, Peter Vietgen (Chair), Michael Zuberec

Absent

Marcie Bronson, Councillor Carlos Garcia, Councillor Joe Kushner, Nancy Nigh, Councillor Bruce Williamson

Staff

Lindsay Jack Brauweiler, Rebecca Cann, Scott Ritchie, Jennifer Tupling

Guests

Elizabeth Chitty

1. **Call meeting to order**

P. Vietgen brought the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

The chair suggested that the committee rotate items 8.1.a and 8.1.b on the agenda.

3. **Motion to approve the agenda for September 16, 2016 with amendments.**

Moved: C. Chin Yet

Carried.

4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of August 2, 2016 with amendments.**

Moved: M. Zuberec

Carried.

5. **Business arising from the minutes**

Action: Staff will send the committee timelines for the mural juries within the next six weeks.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Guest Presentation re: Project plans for New Chapter application

P. Vietgen introduced artist Elizabeth Chitty. E. Chitty discussed her project, for which she is submitting funding applications to the Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts. She described how the site along the Merritt Trail could be utilized by the ad hoc group of curators and artists: for example, music, poetry or video projection could be created. E. Chitty is working with partner organizations on the project which could take place over four weekends between August and September 2017, depending on funding. She could not speculate what artists would create at this point. E. Chitty inquired about a timeline for the Public Art Advisory Committee's feedback and for a definition of the term of 'temporary work'. The grant that she is applying to requires a document related to permit intentions. E. Chitty is willing to bring concepts to the committee once available.

Motion to accept the presentation.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

8. Business

8.1. Community Proposals – For approval in principle

(a) Sweet Light by Elizabeth Chitty

The committee discussed the project and acknowledged the lack of clarity in the Public Art Policy for a request of this nature.

Motion to provide a letter of support for the proposed project by Elizabeth Chitty and to request a report back from her once the artwork is conceived, in order to review City considerations such as liability and public safety.

Moved: S. Remus Carried.

Motion for the Committee to address at a future meeting a discussion on the definition of the term “temporary”

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

(b) Moving Landscapes by Michael D'Amico

Staff provided an update on the project. The committee shared concerns related to quality of materials and their removal. Curatorial engagement was also discussed.

Motion to support the proposal for public art in principle on the spandrel panels of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre and on the St. Catharines Transit Bus Terminal; and to direct staff to move the proposal forward, taking into consideration the budget needs for repair, removal and replacement as required, as well as reinstatement of the surface to its original condition. And that Mr. Damico present his project directly to Council for their approval.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

(c) Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee
Deferred

(d) Royal Canadian Legion Branch #24's War Memorial

Staff provided background on the need to move the cenotaph from its current site at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #24 on Church St. The committee was presented with the motion passed by Council at their September 12th meeting and the site at City Hall that has been selected. The committee asked if the Heritage Committee was aware of the move as City Hall is a designated heritage site. They also questioned if other sites were considered or if they could present alternatives to Council.

Motion to direct the proposal to the Heritage Committee for their review, and to direct C. Chin Yet and S. Remus to draft a letter to Council on behalf of the Committee using Public Art Policy to address concerns related to the project.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

Action: C. Chin Yet and S. Remus will draft letter to Council highlighting the concerns with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #24's War Memorial in connection with the Public Art Policy.

(a) Merritton Volunteer Firefighters Memorial
No report.

Motion to accept the report on Community Proposals.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

8.2. Civic Art Collection

(b) Indigenous artwork

Staff outlined the process they have undergone to investigate the

provenance of the untitled print work on display in the Burgoyne Woods Room. A discussion took place on whether this artwork is in fact Indigenous. The committee agreed to let the work stand for itself, however, there is uncertainty as to whether the work should be part of the civic collection. Without knowing the artist, staff are at a stand-still in the research and evaluation process.

- (c) De-accessioning of untitled work
Deferred

- (d) Potential Donations

- (i) Spirit of St. Catharines

Staff asked the committee if they required more information in advance of an evaluation: they did not.

- (ii) Other

- (e) Copyright for the Civic Art Collection
Deferred

- (f) Updates

- (i) Korean Conflict Honour Role

Staff were contacted by an individual regarding their father who is incorrectly included on the plaque. If changes are required, this would be the second alteration to the plaque. It may not be aesthetically appropriate so replacement may need to be considered.

- (ii) Afghanistan Honour Role

The creation of this plaque is anticipated in the future.

Motion to accept the report on Civic Art Collection.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

8.3. Public Art

- (a) City Hall Exhibits

- (i) Potential acquisition from Art Me Up

The committee viewed a slideshow of available works.

Motion to consider an acquisition from available works from the Art Me Up exhibit.

Moved: S. Remus

Carried.

Action: Staff will share the required information for the committee to make a shortlist.

(ii) 2017 Juried Exhibition – Call for Artists

The Call to Artists has been released!

(b) FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre

(i) PAC program-related public art installations

The committee viewed and discussed photographs for display in the administration office at the Performing Arts Centre.

(c) Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

Two reports related to the project were approved by Council at their September 12th meeting:

- Phase 2 Approval for Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial
- Application to the Niagara Region's Waterfront Improvement Grant.

(d) Other Updates

Kernel Memory will be removed from the lawn of City Hall on September 20th. Artist Laura Moore will be on-site for the removal. The work was vandalized with blue spray paint earlier this week.

Motion to accept the report on Public Art.

Moved: C. Chin Yet

Carried.

8.4. Report from Cultural Services Office

Staff reported on the following topics:

- Staff are busy with recent SCCIP funding approvals and the release of the last three programs of the year, with a deadline of October 28th
- Culture Days is at the end of the month and cultural services is busy promoting eight locations around town with more than 20 activities. Flag Raising is taking place Sept 29th at 1:30pm – all are welcome!
- CSO staff participated in Brock's O-week, manning a booth over the two days – first time with this, and considerable interest in Culture Days and cNiagara.ca
- Arts & Culture Advisory Committee are gearing up to start Arts Awards work and to re-ignite work on next steps for implementing the Culture Plan. Anyone interested in being involved, contact R. Cann.

- Last week for LJ Brauweiler, who will be missed! Thank You, from the Public Art Advisory Committee!
- Landscape of Nations: The Six Nations and Native Allies Commemorative Memorial will be unveiled on Sunday, October 2nd at 2 p.m. at Queenston Heights Park.

Motion to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office.

Moved: M. Zuberec

Carried.

8.5. Other Business

- (a) The committee discussed concerns regarding recent communications from City Council.

Motion for committee members to reach-out to other city committees to coordinate communication of concerns to City Council.

Moved: S. Remus

Carried.

Action: Committee members will draft letter to send to other city committees.

- (b) A couple members have a conflict with the current scheduled meeting time. Staff will consult via email regarding a new regular meeting time.

9. Date of next meeting

To be arranged.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: E. Thorpe.

Carried.

Attachments provided at or in advance of the meeting:

- Heritage Awards email
- [Phase 2 Approval for Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial – Council Agenda for Sept 12, 2016](#)