

Cultural Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Burgoyne Woods Room at 5pm

Attendance:

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair
Brian Narhi (Co-Chair, Museum Advisory Committee)
Robin McPherson (Co-Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee)
Brenda Zadoroznij, (Co-Chair, Museum Advisory Committee)
David Webb (Chair, Heritage Permit Committee)
David Waddington (Vice Chair, Canada 150 Task Force)
Jennifer Wallace (Chair, Arts and Culture Committee)
Catherine Chin Yet (Public Art Advisory Committee)
Jeanette Pillitteri (Director, Corporate Support Services)

Absent:

Councillor Joe Kushner, Councillor Bruce Williamson
David Warren (Chair, Canada 150 Task Force)
Robert DeWolfe (Co-Chair, Museum Advisory Committee)
Peter Vietgen (Chair, Public Art Advisory Committee)
Nicole Auty (Director, Legal Services)

Guest:

Councillor Sal Sorrento

Staff Liaisons:

Kevin Blozowski ~ Heritage Advisory and Heritage Permit
Rebecca Cann ~ Public Art, Arts and Culture
Kathleen Powell ~ Museum Advisory
Carla Mackie ~ Canada 150
Julie Hughes ~ Pillar Committee, admin support

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

That the CSC adopt the agenda as presented

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

4 Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

That the CSC minutes of Jul 27, 2016 be approved

Moved: B Zadoroznij

Carried

5. Presentations

- n/a

6. Business arising from the minutes

- n/a

7. Business

7.1 Arts and Culture Committee

Update ~ J Wallace

- Council approved the use of funds from the civic project fund to cover the shortage forecasted for SCCIP 2016
- Culture Days took place Sept 30-Oct 2 and was successful with many grants provided to local artists/organizations who offered free activities to the public
- Culture Plan Sub Committee has welcomed new members and they are currently prioritizing tasks based on the Culture Plan
- An Arts Community ad hoc meeting was held in September, with another planned for late November to possibly discuss the need and purpose of an arts council
- Welland Canal Memorial was the recipient of \$25,000 donation from the Niagara Regional Labour Council and \$12,000 from the Niagara Community Foundation Canada 150 Program
- FirstOnt PAC celebrated their first anniversary
- Public consultation regarding the future of Rodman Hall and the art collection will be held on Wed Nov 2 (agreement with Brock expires 2023)

That the Arts and Cultural Committee update be received

Moved: D Webb

Carried

7.2 Public Art Advisory Committee

Update ~ C Chin-Yet

- RCL Branch 24 cenotaph will be relocated to the front of City Hall as a result of Council decision (PAAC not consulted)
- Two local artists made presentations to PAAC regarding projects they have submitted for Arts New Chapter grant program which, if successful, would be temporarily staged on city property
- Port Dalhousie Beautification Committee has applied to “This Place Matters” contest for Lock 1 restoration project and installation of public art, 4 Towpath Horses
- Plaque approved by Council for installation at the Merritton Cenotaph *Spirit of St. Catharines* sculpture is currently being evaluated as a precursor to formally accepting it into the Civic Art Collection
- Korean Conflict Honour Role has a name incorrectly included in the inscription; options for changes are being considered
- The Afghanistan conflict inscription has been added to the St. Catharines and Merritton cenotaphs
- Call to artists has been released for *Kitsch 4 Canada*, deadline Mar 13
- *ArtMeUp*, on third floor of City Hall, will finish mid November
- City Hall sculpture, *Kernel Memory*, was removed from James St side lawn
- The Film House Gallery has its first exhibit, photographs by George Zimbel, on displayed until mid January and the Sandy Fairbairn exhibit in Partridge Hall balcony lobby is extended until April 2017
- Council approved Phase 2 of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial and the application for funding to the Niagara Region's Waterfront Investment Grant

That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: D Webb

Carried

7.3 Museum Advisory Committee

i) Update ~ B. Zadoroznij

- Visitation up at all 3 historical sites this summer
- Summer/PA day programming at museum and pop ups have been well received
- Books and Brews were successful through July, Aug and September
- Through partnership with the Heritage Advisory Com, there will be a Remembrance Day exhibit at Library downtown featuring WW1 artifacts
- The Museum will be offering “Stories from the Front” in November

- A new logo has been designed for the St Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre
- All projects identified in the strategic plan are on track and will be completed in 2017 as planned

That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: R McPherson

Carried

7.4 Heritage Advisory Committee

- **Update** ~ B. Narhi
- Inventory of heritage properties continues to be updated with St Paul St mapped and 75 properties described
- Partnering with the Museum Advisory Committee on the Remembrance Day exhibit at the Library, downtown branch
- Committee provided historical markers for the Disc Golf tournament held in Centennial Park in October
- Glenridge School heritage designation is up for appeal until mid November
- Committee has provided input on Port Dalhousie improvements
- Consultation held on the RCL Branch 24 cenotaph
- Binbrook plaque deferred until 2017
- Justin Nichol nominated for an award for his contribution to local heritage
- Committee toured Centennial Park and inspected ruins at site of Colliers Sawmill
- Committee is reviewing the proposal brought forth by a resident who has provided a comprehensive inventory of city street names and their origins, and the request that they be available online through the city

That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

7.5. Heritage Permit Committee

- **Update** ~ D. Webb
- 2 privately owned properties were visited, one dated as pre-confederation
- One intended to be a rebuild and the other a renovation

That the Heritage Permit Committee update be received

Moved: D Webb

Carried

7.6 Canada 150 Task Force ~ D Waddington

i) Parade

- Is on hold as there is no one on TF to champion

ii) Gala

- To be given further consideration at a future date

iii) “Get to Know Me” event

- Will not be a standalone event but will be an enhancement to an existing community event
- Funding not received but other sources to be explored

iv) Book

- Has evolved to be a Canada 150 themed activity booklet
- Free handout, for all ages, at events throughout the year
- TF members provided content and it will be printed in house
- No cost

v) Car Free Sundays

- Will not pursue to the extent as initially proposed along Welland Canal Parkway due to logistics, road closures and implications to residents in area
- Reviewing “open streets” concept for a secondary proposal

vi) Plantings

- Green Committee will promote red and white plantings to residents
- Garden Centers will be provided with brochures with listing of indigenous plantings and suggestions for colour scheme plantings
- Green Committee is committed to planting 150 trees

vii) PR

- Brochures to be designed to incorporate local Canada 150 events
- Distribution planned for community events throughout the year
- Social media platform will be launched

viii) Student engagement

- Proposal to work through the school boards and the curriculum to encourage students to submit a work of creative expression re: their Canada at 150 years
- To develop local awareness with content to represent youth and indigenous peoples
- Submit as an individual or as a class
- Plan is to engage school boards in November
- R Cann suggests partnering with the Performing Arts in Education Network when approaching the school boards
- Roll out to schools in February
- June deadline for first round of submissions, Sept would be final intake

ix) Canada Day

- Tree planting at Montebello Park
- Museum will celebrate life in St. Catharines in 1867

Motion

That the Canada150 activity book be approved and that the Canada 150 Task Force is invited to request a meeting of the CSC to approve their other initiatives when they are further defined

Moved: D Webb

Carried

7.7 Other business

Culture Plan Implementation Update ~ R Cann

- In March Council approved that the implementation of the Culture Plan will report through the CSC
- 7 priorities identified in the plan:
 - Communicate the experiences and value of culture to residents
 - Foster participation in arts, heritage and cultural experiences
 - Cultivate the growth and development of the creative sector
 - Further develop the planning, management and coordination of heritage assets and historical services
 - Recognize and embrace the city's cultural diversity as a cornerstone for civic engagement
 - Leverage culture to strengthen St. Catharines' distinct sense of place and history
- The list of initiatives in place and the accomplishments for each priority needs to be filled in by each committee in order to complete the Culture Plan Report
- Need to establish success indicators and failure indicators (i.e. selling a heritage property), next year

Motion

- *That the Culture Plan be circulated through the other committees for their input and when complete, R Cann will present the Culture Plan Report to the CSC to review and approve, and refer to Council*

Moved: D Webb

Carried

8. Follow up for Chair/Vice Chair

- n/a

9. **Date of next meeting**, at the will of the Canada 150 Task Force or,
Tues Jan 17

5pm to 6:00pm
Burgoyne Woods Room

10. **Motion to Adjourn**

That the CSC be adjourned at 6:20pm

Moved by: R McPherson

Carried