

8. Business

8.1. Community Proposals – Update

(a) Merritton Volunteer Firefighters Memorial

A plaque design has been approved that meets City requirements. The support pole will be installed soon, prior to ground frost. Once the bronze plaque is completed it will be affixed to the pole. The location and design were shared with the committee.

(b) Other Updates

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #24's Adie Family memorial has been installed at City Hall.

Motion to accept the report on Community Proposals.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

8.2. Civic Art Collection

(a) Centennial Totem Pole

No report.

(b) Potential Donations

(i) The Tree by artist Donna J. Lawrence

Staff shared a photo and details on the work for consideration.

Motion to respectfully decline the potential donation of The Tree by artist Donna J. Lawrence, as it is not suited to the civic art collection.

Moved: N. Nigh Moved

(c) Copyright for the Civic Art Collection

Currently there is no copyright agreement in place for non-commissioned artworks within the civic art collection. The committee reviewed and discussed research provided by staff on copyright agreements from other municipalities. There were no examples available from municipal comparable. Implications of a copyright policy were discussed. The committee agreed that the process should be as simple as possible and ensure that all artists were treated equally.

Motion to support the development of a copyright policy based on the City of Ottawa's model with a compensation of 5% value.

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

(d) Updates – Deed of Gift

A deed of gift agreement has been signed by the donor of the Portrait by Prynce Nesbitt. Staff have determined that the painting needs to be cleaned prior to framing and are now sourcing art conservators. The work is expected to be completed for the spring, at which time the painting will be installed in the City's Clerk's office.

Motion to accept the report on Civic Art Collection.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

8.3. Public Art Programming

(a) City Exhibits

The ArtMeUp Exhibit closed this week with a small reception. Those involved were thrilled with the experience. The works will be removed, replaced with selected works from the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre's Josh Silburt exhibit, St. Catharines 1937: A Snapshot in Caricature. Photographs by George Zimbel are now on display at the FirstOntario Performing Art Centre.

(b) Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

The funding request through the Niagara Region's Waterfront Improvement Grant was turned down. The result is a \$400,000 gap in the project's budget. Staff are working to finalize the contract for phase 2 with the designer.

(c) Other

The proposed mural site in Centennial Gardens, the utility shed, has been painted by the St. Catharines Disc Golf Club with their logo, therefore staff proposed no longer developing this project. The mural at Lakeside Park is currently on hold due to funding uncertainties.

Motion to accept the report on Public Art.

Moved: E. Thorpe Carried.

Motion to include Acquisition of artwork from ArtMeUp Exhibition under item 8.6. Other Business.

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

8.4. Report from Cultural Sustainability Committee

C. Chin Yet presented the work of the Public Art Advisory Committee, lots to report. R. Cann presented a draft report on Culture Plan implementation. The Cultural Sustainability Committee requested a full report come back to them in January and then presented to Council from there.

Motion to accept the report from the Cultural Sustainability Committee.

Moved: N. Nigh Carried.

8.5. Report from Cultural Services Office

Staff reported on the following topics:

- St. Catharines Cultural Investment Program applications are now being reviewed - 14 were received
- St. Catharines Arts Awards nominations will be released in the next week
- The Green Committee requested a discussion related to interpretive signage in the Merrittton Bill Wiley Memorial Parkette, a meeting is being scheduled between multiple stakeholders
- Phil Cristi has been appointed Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture Services on a 2 year contract.

Motion to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office.

Moved: M. Zuberec Carried.

6:15 p.m. M. Zuberec and Councillor C. Garcia excused themselves from the meeting.

8.6. Other Business

(a) Future of Rodman Hall Art Collection

It was noted that Rodman Hall maintains one of the largest public collections of artwork in the city. There is currently a concern in the community that this cultural asset could be lost and even removed from Niagara. The committee will continue to include the Rodman Hall Art Collection on the agenda and will consider advocacy options.

(b) Acquisition of artwork from ArtMeUp Exhibition

The committee reviewed the results of the Rating System for Public Art, completed during the meeting.

Motion to acquire Council in Colour by Loriann Smith for the Civic Art Collection.

Moved: N. Nigh Carried.

8.7. Regular Committee Meeting Time

Staff inquired about a new regular meeting time, as the current one does not always work for everyone. The committee asked to move the discussion to the December meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5 p.m. in the Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall – will consider moving to 4 p.m. after staff survey committee members.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved: C. Chin Yet Carried.

Attachments provided at or in advance of the meeting:

- Images of The Tree by artist Donna J. Lawrence
- Comparative Copyright Agreements Chart and agreement examples
- Rating Systems for works of art and cultural property