

Cultural Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Burgoyne Woods Room at 5pm

Attendance:

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair
Brian Narhi (Co-Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee)
Robert DeWolfe (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)
Catherine Chin Yet (member, Public Art Advisory Committee)
Sandie Timco (member, Canada 150 Task Force)
Karthik Venkataraman (Acting Director, Corporate Services)
Heather Salter (Director, Legal Services)

Absent:

Councillor Bruce Williamson
Councillor Joe Kushner
David Warren (Chair, Canada 150 Task Force)
Robin McPherson (Co-Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee)
Peter Vietgen (Chair, Public Art Advisory Committee)

Staff Liaisons:

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

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- 1. Chair, Councillor Garcia, called the meeting to order at 5:05pm**
 - Introduction of Karthik Venkataraman
 - 2. Motion to approve the agenda**

That the CSC adopt the agenda

Moved: H Salter
Carried

3. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

That the CSC minutes of April 20, 2017 be approved

Moved: B DeWolfe

Carried

4. Presentations

- n/a

5. Business arising from the minutes

- n/a

6. Business

6.1 i) Arts and Culture Committee update: J Wallace

- SCCIP recommendations made for Culture Days activity applications and Sustaining, Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Programs
- There will be a second review period for SCCIP applications in 2017
- The Arts Awards were a big success and the Mayor's Art Fund Reception raised \$14,000 for SCCIP on June 5
- The Niagara Arts Service Alliance presented their report with a recommendation that there is a need for an arts service organization which is also a priority in the city's Culture Plan
- Rodman Hall, NSO and Carousel players presented their Excellence in Award program for educators

Motion:

That the Arts and Culture Committee update be received

Moved: D Webb

Carried

ii) Staff announcements: R Cann

- J Tupling, Cultural Coordinator, is leaving at the end of July to pursue another employment opportunity
- R Cann will be retiring by the end of the year

6.2 Canada 150 Task Force update: S Timco

- Small group is working with the curriculum consultants at the DSNB and NCDSB to launch a Canada 150 theme project and competition for students which will be oriented around the arts

- No associated costs

Motion:

That the CSC approves the continued work by the Canada 150 Task Force with the DSBN and NCDSB, to bring to fruition the Canada 150 themed project and competition

Moved: D Webb

Carried

6.3 Public Art Advisory Committee update: C Chin Yet

- *Port Dalhousie Lock 1 project* has been delayed
- *Celebration of Nations*, 2 short term public art exhibit proposals for the PAC were supported by committee
- *Snapshots of Canada*, a travelling outdoor exhibit is being investigated for financial sponsorship
- Diego Chaves has offered a collection of paintings for future exhibit
- Centennial Totem Pole agreement is being finalized by staff
- Korean/Afghanistan Honour Rolls are being researched for errors
- Staff is assessing fine art collection and have completed outdoor works; William Hamilton Merritt and Private Watson memorials need work which will be identified in 2018 budget
- Conservator evaluated 3 works and has provided options for conservation
- *Our Little Dancing Girl, Evelyn, Age 9*, motion has been approved to acquire for Civic Art Collection. *Marjorie* has been hung in Clerk's and *Upper Canada* work is being restored
- Committee is reviewing the 1% for art policy (recommendation from official plan for a maintenance reserve fund)
- M Bronson volunteered to start an Exhibit Sub Committee, focused on work related to displays in city facilities
- Carlisle Street Public Art call is being re-issued as recommended by the Selection Panel, after reviewing submissions for first call
- Welland Canal Fallen Workers received \$234K from Waterfront Investment Program, tender is out July 11 with working starting in September

Motion:

That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

6.4 Museum Advisory Committee update: B Zadoroznij

- Visitation at all 3 sites has been strong despite wet weather
- Historical services has 7 summer students, Carousel has 11
- New exhibits include vintage *STMC: 50 years of the St. Catharines Museum; Heroes in Peace, Building the Welland Ship Canal, One-Five-Oh and Pioneering Women* (installed at Film House, PAC)
- Books and Brew, series three, will start in Sept
- Museum opened until 9pm on Tuesdays for the summer
- aMUSE is travelling around City throughout fall
- Guided Spirit Walks at Victoria Lawn Cemetery throughout September
- Morningstar Mill, milling dates are July 22, Aug 26, Sept 23, Oct 14 @ 11am

Motion:

That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: B Narhi

Carried

6.6 Heritage Advisory Committee update: B Narhi

- Heritage designation complete for 333 Main Street
- Work continues on heritage designation for Rodman Hall
- Committee is considering recommendation to council for property tax relief on heritage properties
- Dr K Monk presented her proposal for an archaeological dig of the Shickluna Shipyard site below Burgoyne Bridge
- Committee members volunteered at Doors Open sites and walking tours
- 1856 Heritage publication, "A Walk Around Town" published, \$30

Motion

That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received

Moved: C Chin Yet

Carried

6.7 Heritage Permit Committee update: D Webb

- Many permits have been approved for properties that have heritage designation or properties that are located in a heritage district
- Review is complete on Lock 1 project; the seating will not compromise or damage the original lock structure
- Lakeside Park plans approved
- Noted that the first Welland Canal path runs under the pavillion

- Paving bricks have been salvaged in Port Dalhousie since the water levels have risen and other items (railroad tracks, spikes, plates) were exposed from St Paul Street during recent construction. All are from original NS & T Rail line
- As Port Dalhousie had a NS & T station, discussion held on how to incorporate these items into a park asset at Lakeside Park
- Refer to Paul Chapman and NS & T group

Motion:

That the Heritage Permit Committee update be received

Moved: J Wallace

Carried

7. Directions or Follow ups

- Lakeside Park project
 - Discussion on images sourced by R Cann for the glass panels in the Pavilion. Scope of images or depictions should capture indigenous occupation, shipping, emancipation day picnic, rail etc. Images need to be curated and chosen for shape and size of the glass

8. Other business

8.1 Strategic Plan review: deferred to a special meeting to be scheduled

8.2 Facer Street report to review: next meeting

9. Dates of 2017 meetings:

- **Tues Oct 10 (Chair absent)**

5pm to 6:30pm
Burgoyne Woods Room

10. Motion to Adjourn

That the CSC be adjourned at 6pm

Moved: B Dewolfe

Carried