



## **7. Presentation: Diego Chaves**

D. Chaves shared images of his artwork and how his connection to Niagara / St. Catharines inspired them. R. Cann shared the original proposal from him, to display works in a City facility as part of Canada 150 commemoration. Conversation could lead to creative options for generating exhibits in City facilities. Committee inquired about the budget for this and spaces available. **Action:** Staff will contact the artist to follow-up after the meeting.

## **8. Correspondence**

None.

## **9. Business**

### **9.1. Community Proposals**

#### **(a) Port Dalhousie Lock 1 – Update**

Councillor Garcia reported that the project has been delayed as agreements and process is finalized. Unfortunately the Canada Day target date was missed.

#### **(b) Snapshots of Canada**

Staff shared an offer for a traveling outdoor exhibit from the Canadian History Museum. The loan fee is \$10,000, which is not available in the 2017 budget. A City location would be required.

**Motion that Peter Vietgen will look into a possible sponsorship for installing Snapshots of Canada in the City of St. Catharines.**

Moved: C. Chin Yet      Carried.

**Motion to accept the report on Community Proposals.**

Moved: M. Bronson      Carried.

### **9.2. Civic Art Collection**

#### **(a) Centennial Totem Pole**

Process is slowly moving forward, with a timeline being established for work with consultant. Staff are working to finalize an agreement.

#### **(b) Korea Honour Roll / Afghanistan Honour Roll**

No report

#### **(c) Condition Assessment Update**

Staff have completed assessments on most of the outdoor collection.

They are also undertaking assessments of the fine art collection as it has not been done in a couple years. A conservator visited the City to complete an evaluation of three works and has provided options for conservation.

(d) Potential Donations

(i) Spirit of St. Catharines

No report

(ii) Numbered Prints – View works

The committee viewed the works, as staff shared information that has been sourced to date. Staff have done a considerable amount of research, however they are unable to confirm all the artists' names and history. **Action:** C. Chin Yet offered to assist staff with remaining research.

(e) For Policy Consideration - Numbered Prints

Deferred.

(f) Updates

Staff updated the committee on the 2018 budget process. With a request from the Budget Standing Committee for a 1% increase, there are insufficient funds available for collection maintenance. Staff have spent the last years developing and increasing records related to the condition of the collection. Proposed budget means that plans to undertake work required for the wellbeing of the collection may be pushed back for years. Ideally a reserve fund for maintenance would be created to support conservation and annual maintenance. In other municipalities 10% of budgets for new work are allocated for maintenance, however this will not cover pre-existing items. The previous Public Art Advisory Committee worked on a 1% for art policy in their last term, a policy that is supported by a recommendation in the Garden City Plan (official plan). This policy contains recommendations for a maintenance reserve fund. Committee involvement will be required to move this matter forward to Council.

**Motion for staff to email the draft 1% for art policy to the committee and add as an item on the next agenda.**

Moved: M. Zuberec      Carried.

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

Moved: M. Zuberec      Carried.

**9.3. Public Art Programming**

**(a) Exhibits**

Staff reported that:

- Marketing materials for recent exhibits were delayed this year due to time crunch in cultural services office April/May. This is not something that has happened in the past but workload has increased and timing can be difficult to manage.
- The Kitsch 4 Canada reception was successful and many artists were present. The Standard wrote an article that contained incorrect information. P. Vietgen will follow-up with the reporter.
- A theme is needed for the next juried exhibition by end of summer so that a call can be released in September. **Action:** Start thinking!
- Once Kitsch 4 Canada is closed in November, there is no next exhibit confirmed for the space – some options were shared.
- Exhibits for the PAC will close in Spring 2018, options for programming these new spaces were shared.

Committee discussed the precedence set by the City to compensate artists for work. The Committee noted that continuing this is non-negotiable as the City must remain a leader in artist relations. It is difficult to accept proposals from artists with no policy in place for transparency. Recognizing that it is unreasonable for staff to address the needs of an expanded exhibit program with no additional resources, M. Bronson volunteered to start an Exhibit Subcommittee which could focus on the scope and categories (community, partner, developed etc.) for exhibitions and support decision-making.

**Motion to establish an Exhibition Subcommittee, focused on work related to displays in City facilities.**

Moved: M. Bronson      Carried.

**(b) Carlisle Street Public Art (C-SPA)**

25 submissions were received to the Call for Expressions of Interest for the Carlisle Street Public Art. The Selection Panel reviewed and

evaluated the submissions before meeting to select a shortlist. After discussing their reactions to the submissions the Selection Panel agreed to cancel the current call, revise and re-issue. Committee members asked about the new timeline for the project.

(c) Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

Staff reported that:

- The Niagara Region has confirmed funding of \$234,000 for the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial project through their Waterfront Investment Program. These funds will be matched by the City of St. Catharines as per the guidelines of the grant.
- The target for releasing the construction tender is July, with work starting in September.
- An online portal for donations has been released – [www.stcatharines.ca/donation](http://www.stcatharines.ca/donation) and is now being actively promoted

The committee asked about the timeline for unveiling and an update on the overall budget.

(d) Other

- Lakeside Park Pavilion – Images for display have been shortlisted by the Heritage Committee. However, assistance is needed for final selection. **Action:** C. Chin Yet and P. Vietgen will complete the selection.
- Geneva St. Public Art Opportunity – Staff shared a new opportunity for public art related to the road changes at Geneva and Queenston Streets intersection. Staff are seeking assistance from committee members with the shaping of the concept. Committee inquired about timeline, nothing is finalized at this time.

**Motion to finalize a champion for the Geneva Street public art project at next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting.**

Moved: C. Chin Yet

Carried.

- Centennial Gardens Exhibit – The current exhibit, which is 3 years old, is starting to fade and may require replacement soon. The matter will be forwarded to the Exhibits Subcommittee.

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

Moved: M. Zuberec                      Carried.

**9.4. Future of Rodman Hall Art Collection**

The coalition has an upcoming meeting. M. Bronson gave an update on recent changes to the management structure for the centre.

**9.5. Report from Cultural Services Office**

Staff reported on the following topics:

- The Arts Awards are DONE! 260 people were in attendance. The Mayor's event netted \$14,000 for SCCIP, after expenses. Staff proposal to reduce size of event not accepted for departmental budget submission.
- 34 SCCIP applications received, one review committee has met, one more to meet next week. A report with recommendations for all programs is going to Council on Aug. 21.
- Driftwood Theatre is performing Othello on July 21 in the Mann Raceway Plaza behind the PAC. Staff are currently working with PAC staff on marketing and outreach.
- Upcoming staff departures in the cultural services office were announced.

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

Moved: M. Bronson                      Carried.

**9.6. Other Business**

None

**10. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall

**11. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: M. Zuberec                      Carried.

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

- Snapshots of Canada offer
- Overview of upcoming projects and exhibits