

Cultural Sustainability Committee

Minutes

Thursday, November 02, 2017

Burgoyne Woods Room at 5:00pm

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)
Stephen Remus (Public Art Advisory Committee)
Wynne Nicholson (Arts and Culture Committee)
David Warren (Chair, Canada 150 Task Force)
Jeanette Pillitteri (Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services)

Regrets:

Councillor Bruce Williamson
Councillor Joe Kushner
Peter Vietgen (Chair, Public Art Advisory Committee)
Robin McPherson (Co-Chair, Heritage Advisory Committee)
Jennifer Wallace (Chair, Arts and Culture Committee)
Heather Salter (Director, Legal Services)

Staff Liaisons:

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

- 1. Chair, Councillor Garcia, called the meeting to order at 5pm**
- 2. Motion to approve the agenda**

That the CSC adopt the agenda

Moved: D Webb
Carried

3. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings

That the minutes of the CSC from July 11 and Sept 6 are approved

Moved: R DeWolfe

Carried

4. Presentations

- n/a

5. Business arising from the minutes

- n/a

6. Business

6.1 Arts and Culture Advisory ~ W Nicholson

- SCIIP policy revisions approved by Council Sept 11
- SCIIP review committees for the fall 2017 include Arts and Development and Culture Builds Community program streams application and Festival program stream have been formed and scheduled to meet and review in November
- Culture Plan Subcommittee is surveying the arts community regarding the creation and use of an Arts Council. Also researching and developing a municipal comparison regarding arts funding programs and priorities
- Culture Days (Sept 29, 30 and Oct 1) were successful with 9 venues participating. Several artists received SCIIP funding

Motion

That the Arts and Culture Committee update be received

Moved: B Zadoroznij

Carried

6.2 i) Public Art Advisory update~ S Remus

Public Art programming

- Fallen Workers Memorial is under construction and unveiling will be Nov 12
- 6 artists have been shortlisted for Carlisle Street Public Art and the unveiling is scheduled for spring 2018
- Exhibit Subcommittee will be established to support staff in management of exhibit spaces
- “Kitsch 4 Canada” is coming down November 6

Civic Art Collection

- 4 works are on loan to the RiverBrink Museum for their “*Dreams and Schemes*” exhibit
- Staff have reached out to local Indigenous Executive Directors to consult on how to gather feedback from local community. Staff are consulting with an expert from Alert Bay on evaluation of the pole and for participation in public meeting
- A few items are being de-accessioned from the art collection
- After publication in the St. Catharines Standard, a reader provided feedback that 2 works by an unknown artist may be by Miss Blanche Scott

4 Community proposals

- Traveling outdoor exhibit from the Canadian History Museum (“*Snapshots of Canada*”), not accepted due to \$10,000 cost
- Local artist (Diego Chaves) offered a collection of his paintings, under consideration
- Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre is seeking funding for a Canada 150 Mosaic Mural as part of their 50th anniversary next year, under consideration
- Niagara Regional Native Centre has 5 artworks from their Pow Wow and review is underway as to whether exhibit in facility is feasible, under consideration

Motion:

That the Public Art Advisory update be received

Moved: B Narhi

Carried

6.2 ii) Recruitment ~ R Cann

- Susan Ashukian proposed as a new member

Motion:

That Susan Ashukian be recommended for membership to the Public Art Advisory Committee

Moved: D Webb

Carried

6.3 i) **Museum Advisory update~ B DeWolfe**

- Books and Brews continued for third session
- aMUSE5 visited 5 locations, upcoming Nov 18 7pm to 10pm Mahtay Café
- “*Heroes in Peace: Building the Welland Ship Canal*” exhibit opened on April 15 in the Burgoyne Room
- Open Late on Tuesdays continues until Thanksgiving
- Guided Spirit Walks took place in September in Victoria Lawn
- First Fridays took place on October 6 with the theme of “*Night of the Walking Dead*”
- “*I Heart History*” fundraising campaign was test piloted and raised \$512
- Mitten Tree Campaign is upcoming along with holiday programming
- Volunteer Holiday Potluck and Party is Nov 27 @ 5pm
- Family History Workshops are planned for Nov 18, Jan 27 and Mar 31
- Carousel visitation was impacted by high water levels and didn’t open until July 1
- Morningstar Mill set a visitation record this year (8,500 visits over 5,000 previous year)
- One wall of the mill was repointed, new signage and 1000 lbs of grain was milled over the season

ii) **Recruitment ~ K Powell**

- John Smith, Sarah Sheddon and Shane Johnston proposed as new members

Motion:

That John Smith, Sarah Sheddon and Shane Johnston be recommended for membership to the Museum Advisory Committee

Moved: D Webb

Carried

6.4 **Heritage Advisory update ~ B Narhi**

- Heritage designation report on Rodman Hall is almost complete for staff to submit their report to council in early 2018
- Joint meeting was held with the Heritage Advisory Committee to review the Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan
- Work continues on updating the inventory of (pre 1876) heritage buildings
- Mayholme House plaque approved
- Preparing framed plaques for 78 Welland Avenue and Hannelore Headley bookshop
- Staff report on Oct 16 agenda recommends that the city property grant for designated properties increase to \$5K per year per building as it is underutilized and that authority be delegated to Director of planning

- \$40,000 in 2018 budget for this program referred to budget committee and increased communication of the program is needed
- All designated heritage properties in the City should be nominated for inclusion on the Canadian Register of Historic Places should the opportunity arise
- Façade improvement plan should be expanded to other heritage designated districts

Motion

That the Heritage Advisory update be received

Moved: B DeWolfe

Carried

6.5 Heritage Permit ~ D Webb

- 37 Bayview inspection presented contradictory information between the research and the structural clues in the building materials as to age but recommendation for demolition was recommended
- 8 Graham was former Club House of RCHR proposal for addition was not recommended
- 16 Shelley recommended for demolition

Motion:

That the Heritage Permit update be received

Moved: S Remus

Carried

6.6 Canada 150 ~ D Warren

- Participation in Facer European Festival, Pied Piper Parade and Good Neighbours' Community Service Providers Expo at Westminster United
- Arts Education Legacy project with school children is underway with DSBN, grades 1-8
- Expressions of art (inspired by Canada 150 theme) must be submitted by November 30
- Artwork will be judged by a creative panel and all students will be recognized
- An exhibit of works is planned although the location is unknown
- A soft covered coffee table book will also be created
- The Task Force will disband in December as mandate is complete
- A side project is being organized by D Warren to interview community-minded St. Catharines residents on CKTB

7. Other business

- n/a

8. Next meeting: January 2018

9. Motion to Adjourn

That the CSC be adjourned at 6:20pm

Moved: B DeWolfe

Carried