

## Minutes

**Tuesday, November 07, 2017**

**Burgoyne Woods Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall at 5:00 p.m.**

### **Present:**

David DeRocco, Monica Dufault, Justus Duntsch, Rosemary Hale, Jennifer Hay, Suzanne Melville, Sandy Middleton, Wynne Nicholson, Robert Speck, Jennifer Wallace

**Regrets:** Rhiannon Barry, Peter Dillman, Coun. Carlos Garcia, Coun. Joe Kushner, Coun. Bruce Williamson

### **Staff Liaison:**

Rebecca Cann, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

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#### **1. Call meeting to order (J. Wallace)**

5:06 p.m.

#### **2. Introductions**

#### **3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

None

#### **4. Motion to approve the Agenda for November 7, 2017**

Moved: W. Nicholson

Carried

#### **5. Motion to adopt the Minutes of October 3, 2017**

Moved: R. Speck

Carried

#### **6. Business arising from the minutes**

None

#### **7. Correspondence**

None

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report**

- The committee met on Nov. 1 to begin planning for the 2018 awards.
- They approved the nomination categories – the deadline for submission is tentatively set for Sunday February 4.
- The tentative date for the event is Monday June 4, as Monday worked well last year. Staff have placed both Cairns Recital Hall and Robertson Theatre at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre on hold for that day.
- One big obstacle to further planning is that the Arts Awards are currently on Council's "unaccommodated budget list." This means there is currently no budget for the ceremony. Council will be voting on the City's budget on December 11 so the committee will know on December 12 if the Arts Awards has been cut or not.

**Motion to accept report: R. Hale**

**Carried**

### **8.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report**

The deadline for this round of SCCIP applications was October 27. A total of ten applications were submitted:

- 4 Arts Development
- 3 Culture Builds
- 3 Sustaining Festival

The total combined request for is \$107,000, with approximately \$72,800 of funding available.

S. Middleton presented names of members for the two Review Committees – one for Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Programs and one for the Sustaining Festival Program. Both Review Committees will meet in late November.

**Motion:** to accept Review Committee makeup as presented.

**Made by: M. Dufault**

**Carried**

**Motion to accept report: D. DeRocco**

**Carried**

### **8.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report**

The Subcommittee met on Oct. 20 and discussed:

- Municipal Comparator Research Update – the information is slowly being collected.
- Current Venue Inventory – the Committee has decided to undertake a venue inventory, with information on Silver Spire United Church and the Robby (at the Folk-Arts Centre) already compiled. Additional questions to be asked of venues are: who is using space? For what purpose? And for what length of time?

- There was an update on the Rodman Hall Heritage designation, with Robin McPherson noting that the Heritage Committee will be voting on designation at their next meeting – November 9 at 5pm at City Hall.

There was a request to forward the Heritage Designation report when it becomes available. **ACTION:** Staff will share when available.

**Motion to accept report: S. Middleton**

**Carried**

#### **8.4 Cultural Sustainability Committee Report**

- Heritage designation of Rodman Hall was discussed
- The Heritage Committee have recommended that the Heritage Grant program be re-instated and that grants increase to a maximum of \$5,000. As well, rather than Council approval, the Director of Planning & Building Services can authorize funds for distribution. Lastly, they are requesting the total funds available for the program increase from \$10,000 to \$40,000, which is the amount in the 2018 budget submission.
- There is provincial legislation in progress that will make possible tax incentives for owners whose properties are on the heritage registry.
- City's façade program has been expanded to include any heritage business properties.
- Canada 150 task force reported on a poster contest project and may be looking for exhibit opportunities.

A short discussion followed regarding the number of heritage properties exist in St. Catharines. Staff estimated 50 individually owned heritage properties, and approximately 800 buildings within Heritage Districts.

**Motion to accept report: J. Duntsch**

**Carried**

#### **8.5 Report from Cultural Services Office**

- Staff presented a preliminary update on Culture Days, which took place Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1. To date, all numbers are up - final attendance, activities, activity organizers and venues.  
SCCIP – lots going on over the last month with Culture Days Activity Program final reports and the round two deadline for applications.
- Public Art:
  - Kitsch 4 Canada is down; community art pieces created at the Oct. 1 PowWow are on display into December.
  - SOFIFRAN (Solidarité des femmes et familles immigrantes francophones du Niagara) exhibit is on at the PAC until the end of November.
  - Work underway for next set of exhibits.
- Carlisle Street Public Art (CSPA) Project short list of 6 artists announced

- WCFWM – construction still ongoing. Unveiling is November 12 at 2pm. Features performances from Essential Collective Theatre's Welland Canal Play. Over 220 descendants have RSVPed.

There was a brief discussion about where the CSPA chosen art work will be located. Photos of the side of the arts centre were shared from the Expression of Interest.

**Motion to accept report: J. Duntsch**

**Carried**

#### **8.6 Other Business**

None

### **9. Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Burgoyne Woods Room

### **10. Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved by: D. DeRocco**

**Carried**