

## Minutes

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

**Burgoyne Woods Room at 4:30pm**

### **Attendance:**

Susan Ashukian, Catherine Chin Yet, Councillor Carlos Garcia, Emma German, Stephen Remus, Peter Vietgen (Chair), Michael Zuberec

**Absent:** Councillor Joe Kushner, Scott Ritchie, Councillor Bruce Williamson

### **Staff Liaison:**

Olivia Hope, Michelle Nicholls

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#### **1. Call meeting to order**

P. Vietgen brought the meeting to order at 4:31pm

#### **2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**

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

- O.Hope noted that E.Thorpe resigned from the committee
- O.Hope added Landscape of Nations Paper Sculptures back to the Agenda to make formal notes as to its deletion
- O.Hope removed Welland Canal Fallen Worker Memorial from Public Art Programming and placed it under Civic Art Collection

#### **4. Motion to approve the agenda for April 25, 2018**

Moved: C. Chin Yet      Carried.

#### **5. Motion to adopt the minutes of December 13, 2018**

Moved: C. Chin Yet      Carried.

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

No new business arising.

## **7. Correspondence**

No correspondence.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1. Community Proposals**

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

O.Hope noted no updates from Culture. Coun. Garcia informed the committee that construction is proceeding on the lock stage and seating with possible concrete pouring this week. Fundraising for the tow path horse sculpture is still in progress.

**Motion:** to accept the Community Proposals Report.  
Moved: S. Ashukian      Carried.

### **8.2. Civic Art Collection**

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

O.Hope has been in communication with totem pole consultant Bruce Alfred. Dates have been proposed for his consultation. O.Hope has met with the Indigenous Community to discuss their thoughts and to ask for guidance. O.Hope informed the committee that city staff is working very closely with The Niagara Regional Native Centre (NRNC) on this project. More information on dates and times of consultations to come.

#### **(b) Potential Donations**

##### **(i) Artworks by Unknown Artist – Update**

O.Hope noted this project will be taken over by the new summer student.

##### **(ii) Landscape of Nations Paper Sculptures**

O.Hope noted that the Landscape of Nations Paper Sculptures will not continue to be hosted at FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC). PAC does not own the artwork and therefore cannot donate the pieces. PAC is no longer offering them to the City and are looking at other options. O.Hope will be removing 'Landscape of Nations Paper Sculptures' from the Agenda.

#### **(c) WCFW memorial to add to the art collection**

No Update.

#### **(d) Updates**

- (i) Staff had a plexi-glass label for Supersize Souvenir Spoon made. Installation of the label will happen in early May.
- (ii) Vestiges by Amy Friend ownership has officially been transferred to the City of St. Catharines. The unveiling of Vestiges by Amy Friend is on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre at 6:00pm. This is an open event.

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

Moved: M. Zuberec                      Carried.

### 8.3 Policy Development

- a. Percent for Art Policy – The committee discussed staff capacity. O.Hope noted that city staff is able to assist in the completion of the Percent for Art Policy.

**Action:** S. Remus will develop information for a flow chart and glossary for the Draft Percent for Art Policy. Staff will help with the visuals.

**Motion:** to approve the Policy Development Report.

Moved: E.German                      Carried.

### 8.4 Exhibit Subcommittee Report

- a. Update – E.German noted that the committee discussed potential exhibitions for Centennial Gardens. Submissions for the Annual Juried Exhibit, Motion, are due June 25, 2018. O.Hope informed the committee that the Subcommittee will no longer be meeting every month but will instead meet bi-monthly. E. German informed the committee that Rodman Hall is currently working with both Culture Staff and the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC) to install an exhibit in the Film House Lobby of the PAC in mid-July.

**Motion:** to approve the Exhibit Subcommittee Report.

Moved: S. Ashukian                      Carried.

### 8.5 Public Art Programming

#### (a) Exhibit Updates

- (i) O.Hope informed the committee that an exhibit referencing the 50<sup>th</sup> Twinning anniversary of The Port of Spain, Trinidad and St. Catharines is being curated. O.Hope met with two twinning association member's and reviewed their Trinidadian art collection. O.Hope is currently finalizing exhibit plans. Anticipated installation date is early May.

- (ii) Motion rack cards and posters have been printed. Inter-office distribution is complete. O.Hope did public distribution in early April to facilities in both St. Catharines and Welland .O.Hope handed out rack cards and posters to the committee for further distribution.
- (b) Vestiges
  - (i) Vestiges by Amy Friend was installed in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC) on Wednesday March 21, 2018. O.Hope showed the committee an image of the installation. O.Hope suggested removing this from Public Art Programming.
- (c) Carlisle Street Public Art (C-SPA)
  - (i) City staff have drafted a complete RFP and are currently waiting on minor details.
- (d) Other
  - S. Remus discussed the Digital Art Wall. S. Remus expressed concerns with the future of the Digital Art Wall due to staff changes at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.

**Motion:** to accept report on Public Art.

Moved: C. Chin Yet      Carried.

## 8.6 Report from Cultural Services Office

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Culture Coordinator, Michelle Nicholls started April 9, 2018
- A. Judd-Rifkin's (Culture Coordinator) last day is May 11, 2018. The Maternity leave replacement has begun to shadow A. Judd -Rifkin. The new Culture Coordinator in this position is Elizabeth Fritshaw
- The Culture Services summer student starts May 7, 2018
- SCCIP Culture Days funding amount has been recommended and will be brought to the next Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting
- Arts Awards are well under way. Sponsors have been secured. Performers and presenters are currently being decided
- SCCIP information session will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Kiwanis Aquatics Centre. Deadline for SCCIP funding is May 25.

**Motion:** to send request to budget committee to fund an independent consultant to fully review the organizational structure of the Culture portfolio, with an upper limit of \$50,000.00

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

Moved: M. Zuberec      Carried.

## **8.7 Other Business**

### **a) Update of Rodman Hall**

E. German noted that Rodman Hall did a Slow Art Day. The Slow Art Day enforced the idea of taking in art slowly. E. German informed the committee that it was a great experience. The Hot Talk on the collection with successful. The curated exhibit 'Carry Forward' is opening on May 24, 2018. P. Vietgen informed the committee that the coalition work for Rodman Hall is almost complete.

### **b) Update of Niagara Artists Centre (NAC)**

S. Remus is working with In the Soil. NAC is hosting exhibits at Silver Spire during In the Soil. S. Remus handed out Film House Programs to the committee. NAC is looking at investing into affordable working/housing spaces in Downtown St. Catharines. S. Remus proposed Natasha Pedros be an alternative representative for NAC on the committee.

**Action:** Staff will look into the steps necessary to have a shared representation of NAC between S. Remus and N. Pedros.

### **c) Other**

M. Zuberec expressed concern for the safety of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial from vandalism.

**Action:** Staff will inquire about security

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

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 4:30pm in the Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall

## **10. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: E. German C carried.

## **Attachments:**

- Percent for Art Policy
- Vestiges