

## Minutes

**Wednesday, June 27, 2018**

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

### **Attendance:**

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

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

### **Staff Liaison:**

Olivia Hope, Asta McCann, Kathleen Powell

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- 1. Call meeting to order**  
P. Vietgen brought the meeting to order at 4:32 pm
- 2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**
- 3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
- 4. Motion to approve the agenda for June 27, 2018**  
Moved: S. Ashukian    Carried.
- 5. Motion to adopt the minutes of April 25, 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.

Counc. Garcia noted that the Grand Opening of Lock 1 on Saturday June 16 was well attended. Counc. Garcia informed the committee that representatives from the Niagara Jazz Festival showed interest in holding the festival at Lock 1 in the future. Counc. Garcia noted that St. Catharine's Music in The Park may take place at Lock 1 later this summer. Counc. Garcia mentioned he is looking into the feasibility of adding hydro and water access to Lock 1 for volunteers.

**Motion:** to accept the Community Proposals Report.

Moved: S. Ashukian      Carried.

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

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

O.Hope informed the committee that Totem Pole Consultations were held on June 21, 22 & 23. The consultations were very successful.

Staff noted that the consultant from Alert Bay, B.C., Bruce Alfred was a pleasure to have and that the Niagara Regional Native Centre (NRNC) was a great help during this process. Staff informed the committee that online forms are available at [stcatharines.ca/TotemPole](http://stcatharines.ca/TotemPole) until June 30. The online form is a place for the community to share their visions for the Totem Pole. The next steps for staff are to compile all of the data from the online form into a council report and then council will decide the fate of the Totem Pole.

K. Powell informed the committee that testing was performed on the Totem Pole in early-June by Richardson Tree Care.

S. Remus asked staff if it is traditional for Indigenous communities to allow Totem Poles to decompose and return to the earth naturally. K. Powell informed the committee that, Bruce Alfred noted at the consultations that the Nation and Clan from which the Centennial Gardens Totem Pole is derived does not practice that tradition.

**Action:** O.Hope will send the committee information about the Totem Pole Online Survey.

(b) Potential Donations

(i) Artworks by Unknown Artist – Update

Staff informed the committee that research to determine the identity of the artist is complete. Staff are unable to find information on the artists. A. McCann will be posting a search engine on Facebook as a last attempt to discover the artist's identity. Staff will present the committee with the question of acquisition at the next meeting.

(c) WCFW memorial to add to the art collection

K Powell noted that the City of St. Catharines has not accepted the memorial and will not until all deficiencies have been addressed.

M. Zuberec proposed cameras be installed for surveillance purposes.

C. Garcia noted the difficulties of getting clearance to install cameras.

M. Zuberec suggested that a surveillance partnership with Seaway authority be investigated.

**Motion:** To send a letter to our MP addressing a potential surveillance partnership with Seaway authority on behalf of the committee.

Moved: M. Zuberec      Carried.

(d) Updates

Spirit of St. Catharine

K. Powell informed the committee that there is communication with the artists, Perry Wakulich about the acquisition of the Spirit of St.

Catharines sculpture. K.Powell stated several steps are needed before the acquisition is completed.

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

Moved: S. Ashukian      Carried.

### 8.3

#### Policy Development

a. Percent for Art Policy

O.Hope informed the committee that S.Remus has done his part in helping to create the Percent for Art Policy. Staff will now be taking over the completion of the policy. S.Remus will be available if any guidance is required.

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

Moved: C. Chin Yet      Carried.

#### **8.4 Exhibit Subcommittee Report**

- a. Update – O. Hope noted that the committee discussed Centennial Gardens and agreed that an exhibition should not be developed until after the Totem Pole project is complete. The Subcommittee is currently developing an 'Evaluating Success Survey'. The subcommittee was given a tour of the PAC. O. Hope guided the tour informing the subcommittee about each space that is the responsibility of the City of St. Catharines Cultural Services. O. Hope noted that the city is collaborating with Rodman Hall on the program "Art-Making with Family Photographs and Archives" which will be on display in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in mid-July.

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

Moved: E. Chitty      Carried.

#### **8.5 Public Art Programming**

- (a) Exhibit Updates
  - (i) O.Hope informed the committee that the exhibit "Muse" referencing the 50<sup>th</sup> Twinning anniversary of The Port of Spain, Trinidad and St. Catharines was installed in mid-May.
  - (ii) The call to artists for the Annual Juried Exhibition: Motion is now closed. Staff received over 26 submissions. O.Hope has formed a selection panel that will be meeting in mid-July.
- (b) Carlisle Street Public Art (C-SPA)
  - (i) The complete RFP has been send out to the 6 shortlisted artists. The RFP submission deadline is in early-August.
- (c) Other

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

Moved: C. Chin Yet      Carried.

#### **8.6 Report from Cultural Services Office**

- Both Michelle Nicholls and Elizabeth Fritshaw have begun work as Culture Coordinators.
- O.Hope's summer student Asta McCann has begun.
- The Arts Awards were very successful.
- The SCCIP Review Committee is meeting Thursday June 28, 2018 to review all SCCIP applications.

- The Culture Plan Subcommittee is hosting an Individual Artists Roundtable on July 28, 2018. More information coming soon.
- The Culture Days Funding Report has been sent to council.
- K. Powell is now the Acting Supervisor of Cultural Services.

**Action:** O.Hope will send the committee information of the Individual Artists Roundtable.

**Motion:** to accept the report from the Cultural Services Office  
 Moved: S. Ashukian                      Carried.

## 8.7 Other Business

### a) Update of Rodman Hall

E. Chitty noted the current exhibition on at Rodman Hall: Carry Forward will be on display until early-September. E. Chitty also noted that Rodman Hall's Coalition has come to a close and consultants for the feasibility have been hired. Coun. Garcia noted that the City's Heritage Committee designated Rodman Hall as Heritage Property both inside and outside.

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

S. Remus updated the committee on the current exhibition of Bevan Ramsey's sculpture which will be on display until late-August. S. Remus informed the committee that the NAC's Summer Roof Deck series will begin in July. Workshops at the NAC Print Shop are in partnership with the Willow Community and Rodman Hall Art Centre. The workshops will begin this summer. The old Lincoln Theatre Sign has been donated to NAC. S.Remus brought up idea of putting the signage in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC).

C. Garcia inquired about updates on digital art wall in PAC.

S. Remus noted that there are still technical deficiencies.

### c) Other

Coun. Garcia noted the upcoming Cultural Sustainability Committee meeting and suggested putting the value of the Digital Art Wall on the agenda for the next meeting. Coun. Garcia also announced that he will be running for City Council.

## 9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 4:30pm in the Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall

**10. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: M. Zuberec      Carried.