

# **Public Art Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday November 15, 2012  
3:30 – 4:30 Centennial Gardens  
4:30pm – 5:30pm Anteroom, 3rd Floor – City Hall

**Present:** Councillor Mark Elliott, Lesley Bell (Co-Chair), Sandra Merk, Stephen Remus (Co-Chair), Peter Vietgen, Michael Zuberec  
**Regrets:** Marcie Bronson  
**Staff:** Rebecca Cann, Scott Ritchie, Jennifer Tupling

### **1. Site Visit to Centennial Gardens**

Prior to their regular scheduled meeting the Public Art Advisory Committee met at Centennial Gardens to view Emblemata and discuss other Public Art elements/possibilities in the park. They took a closer look at the Doug Cranmer totem pole and the restoration work that it requires. They examined the remnants from the old Carnegie Library that had been suggested by the Heritage Committee as a possible public art project. They examined the park and area in relation to possible locations for the Richard Pierpoint project. The Committee then traveled to the Knifeworks Trail parking lot to look at the propellers and panel that is regularly vandalized.

The Committee was inspired by the parkland and the possibilities for future public realm projects incorporating public art.

### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

S. Remus welcomed everyone to the November meeting once at City Hall.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda for Thursday November 15, 2012.

**Moved:** P. Vietgen      **Seconded:** S. Merk      **Approved.**

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes from Thursday October 18, 2012.

**Moved:** M. Zuberec      **Seconded:** M. Elliott      **Approved.**

### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **2013 Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts**

S. Merk has begun to work on the nomination of the Niagara Artists Centre and will submit the nomination in her name on behalf of the Committee – the nomination guidelines state that the nomination is to come from an individual. The deadline is December 3, 2012.

## **6. Correspondence**

Nothing at this time.

## **7. Community Public Art Initiatives**

### **a. Les Allies – 1812 – The Allies – Club LaSalle project**

R. Cann reported that she has discussed the future of the project with Club LaSalle. They are still interested in moving forward with the project on a smaller scale and still wish to meet the original unveiling deadline of June 24, 2013. The change in project will require a report to Council which may suggest a matching of funds based on fundraising by Club LaSalle. She noted that the Art Selection Team will need to meet again to review the changes to the project and address the submissions received to date.

## **8. Public Art Initiatives**

### **a. City Hall Exhibits**

#### **i. City Hall Exhibits**

The Brock University/City of St. Catharines exhibit outside the Mayor's office has been delayed and is now scheduled to be installed in December or January.

#### **ii. 2013 Juried Exhibit**

J. Tupling shared a final draft of the Call to Artists. The Committee suggested edits to the title of the exhibit. Ideas will be shared and finalized via email.

### **b. 1812 Public Art - Richard Pierpoint**

**Action:** J. Tupling has reviewed the homestead information from L. Bell's material and will scan it to share with the committee for further review.

### **c. Centennial Gardens (emblemata) Exhibit**

R. Cann inquired if the Committee is interested in continuing the juried program in 2012. They wish to release a call again for 2013 and theme the exhibit on elements related to the site such as nature, wildlife or heritage of the area.

### **d. Downtown Performing Arts Centre Public Art – Deferred**

### **e. Spectator Facility Public Art – Deferred**

## **9. Art Collection**

### **a. Offer of Art Donation**

R. Cann announced that she was contacted regarding a possible donation of a painting. She has requested more information from the donor and will present this to the Committee once it has been submitted.

### **b. Collection Updates**

#### **i. Cenotaphs**

R. Cann reported that considerable restoration work was completed on the St. Catharines Cenotaph in time for Remembrance Day ceremonies. The bronze medallions still require cleaning which will take place over winter. She also noted that a report regarding accessibility at the site will be presented to Council in the New Year.

#### **ii. Other**

Nothing at this time.

### **c. Twinning Artwork – Photos from Visit – Deferred**

## **10. Development of Public Art Procurement Process – Deferred**

## **11. Review the Public Art Advisory Committee Terms of Reference - Deferred**

## **12. Reports**

### **a. Culture Committee – R. Cann**

R. Cann reported that the SCCIP sub-committee presented their recommendations for funding to the Culture Committee, which were reviewed and approved for Council's consideration. The SCCIP sub-committee had a difficult year, as there was greater demand on the program and the new Culture Builds Community program garnered more applications than the previous Artist in the Community program. This resulted in a number of cuts and reductions. The recommendations will now go to Council in a report for final approval.

### **b. Joint Mural Task Force – S. Merk**

The group is meeting within the next week.

### **c. Cultural Services – R. Cann**

R. Cann reported that cNiagara.ca has been hosting Post-It Parties across the Region to assist the culture community in their use of the site. There has been a great response and advertising for the site will increase over the next few weeks. She shared information regarding Public Open Houses by the Niagara Region in regards to amendments to their Culture Plan. She encouraged the Committee to attend one of these meetings.

**Action:** J. Tupling will resend the notice of public meetings to PAAC.

### **13. Other Business**

#### **New Hospital Arts Committee**

S. Remus reported that he has been sitting on this committee and they are currently drafting a procurement policy for art selection. The committee has reviewed the works previously in the collection and will be auctioning these off to raise funds for future acquisitions. He noted there is a work depicting the Lakeside Park Carousel that the Public Art Advisory Committee may wish to acquire for the St. Catharines Civic Art Collection. R. Remus noted that some design elements installed as part of construction could have been an opportunity to involve artists and reflect Niagara-specific images and materials. The Committee agreed that there is an opportunity to educate contractors and others in the construction industry on utilizing artists for finishes planned within various developments.

**Action:** This committee will be added to the Report section of the Public Art Advisory Committee's regular agenda.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting of Thursday November 15, 2012.

**Moved:** P. Vietgen

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 5:21 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday December 20, 2012 – 4:00pm