

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, January 07, 2020

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mo Al Jumaily, Don Evans, Justus Düntsch, Emily Kovacs, Chad MacDonald, Suzie Melville, Sandy Middleton, Connor Wilkes, Coun. Carlos Garcia

Regrets: David DeRocco, Karissa Fast, Jennifer Hay (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport), Kate Leathers

Staff Liaison:

Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Michelle Nicholls

1. Call meeting to order (S. Middleton)

5:32

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Introductions

Roundtable introductions took place for the benefit of the new ACAC member.

4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

5. Motion to approve the Agenda for January 7, 2020

Moved: S. Melville

Carried

6. Motion to adopt the Minutes of November 25, 2019

Moved: C. MacDonald

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

8. Correspondence

None

9. Business

9.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report

J. Düntsch provided a quick overview of the Arts Awards Subcommittee's work for the benefit of the new committee member.

9.1.1 Approval of revised Arts Awards Jury Scoring Document

J. Düntsch reviewed the proposed changes to the criteria outlined in the Arts Awards Jury Scoring Document. Criteria now emphasize St. Catharines-specific content. This is to help the jury be more precise in their scoring.

Some discussion followed, with one committee member asking about the City's ability to refuse nominations. Staff explained that this was not changed from previous documents and that it allows for nominations deemed ineligible to be excluded from the jurying process.

Motion: to approve the revised Arts Awards Jury Scoring Document as presented.

Made by: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

Motion to accept report: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

9.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report

A. Judd-Rifkin updated the Committee in D. DeRocco's absence. As noted last month, the SCCIP Festival review committee and the SCCIP review committee met separately to discuss the applications and recommend funding.

- Sustaining-Festival Program Funding – 3 applications reviewed by Festival Review Committee.
- Arts Development Program Funding – 4 applications reviewed by the SCCIP Review Committee.
- Culture Builds Community Program Funding – 6 applications reviewed by the SCCIP Review Committee.

Funding recommended by the Review Committees and endorsed by ACAC at the last ACAC meeting will be going to Council as part of a report this coming Monday, January 13th. Staff will update the committee via email regarding the outcome of the report.

As well, the 2020 budget was passed by Council in December. SCCIP was increased to \$400,000 for 2020. Thank you to Coun. Garcia and Coun. Porter for their hard work in bringing this increase forward at Council.

Motion to accept report: E. Kovacs

Carried

9.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report

As there has been no meeting since the last ACAC meeting, there is nothing to report.

9.4 Cultural Sustainability Committee Report

S. Middleton provided a brief update from the last CSC meeting, including:

- Advisory Committee Work Plans will be reviewed soon
- Update from PAAC included information about the recent removal of the Totem Pole from Centennial Gardens, as well as work being done to address deficiencies of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial
- Update from the Heritage Committee
- Update from the Museum Advisory Committee

Motion to accept report: J. Düntsch

Carried

9.5 Report from Cultural Services Office

- Organization and workplan work has been a priority since returning from holidays.
- Staff will be attending the Niagara Funders' Roundtable tomorrow afternoon to provide information about SCCIP. Over 90 people have registered to talk to various funders about Arts/Culture grant opportunities.
- Totem Pole was taken down and is currently being dried out at the City's Geneva Street location, which will take several months.
- Transformations Exhibit – formerly on the 3rd floor of City Hall – is currently closed. It will go back up but the timeline is currently unknown.
- There will be an upcoming Call to Artists for the Annual Juried Exhibit, which should be released by the end of the month.
- Arts Awards nominations have now closed – there are 18 nominations in total. Mark your calendars for May 1st for the Ceremony!

Discussion followed, with one member asking about the number of Arts Awards nominations received. Staff noted that the numbers are comparable to previous years.

Motion to accept report: C. MacDonald

Carried

9.6 Other Business

9.6.1 Committee Work Plan/Annual Report

The committee discussed the 2020 draft work plan, with additions that staff has made, as follows:

- Item 1: Venue inventory: E. Kovacs suggested that the venue inventory also indicate heritage designation. There could also be opportunities to liaise with the Heritage Committee.

- Item 2: Culture Plan RFP
 - Council's updated Strategic Plan includes a strategic goal to: "Update the Culture Plan 2020 – Inspire St. Catharines (2015) to reflect the next phase of cultural investment and momentum through measured, sustained strategies."
 - One Committee member asked about a budget for the Culture Plan and staff noted that it was not in the 2020 budget.
 - It was suggested community consultation could take place online. One option could be posting information – or a "progress report" – regarding the Culture Plan and soliciting community feedback.
 - The Committee brought up concerns that a Culture Plan renewal might be overlooked, but that this was a good way to provide a "wish list" and could be a good bridge between the previous Culture Plan and the groundwork for a new one.

ACTION: Staff to update ACAC's 2020 Work Plan to reflect these comments.

One Committee member brought up a question regarding current staff structure within Cultural Services. It was then agreed that the following motion be made:

Motion: to request an update on the review of the Cultural Services Office organization.

Made by: S. Melville

Carried

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Burgoyne Woods Room, 3rd floor, City Hall

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

A short discussion of meeting times and dates took place, and it was agreed that meetings will now be the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 5:30.

ACTION: Staff to send updated meeting notices via email.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: C. MacDonald

Carried

Attachments/Links/Distributed:

1. Updated Arts Awards Jury Scoring Document.
2. 2020 Committee Work Plan Draft