



CITY OF  
ST. CATHARINES

Culture Committee  
Feb 5, 2013 5pm to 6:30pm  
City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Committee Room #1

**Present:** Tracy Cotton, Angie Harris, Sue Morrison, Wynne Nicholson, Rick Rochon, Laurie Sadowski, Steve Solski, Peter Vietgen, Jen Wallace, Andrea Wilson (arrived at 5:36pm) *Guests:* Puneet Dhande, Joselle Gozum

**Regrets:** Mark Elliott, Brian Narhi, Melenie Neamtz, Kim Payne, Kathy Powell, Deb Slade, Lilita Stripnieks, Kathy Summers

**Staff:** Rebecca Cann, Jason Cadieux

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

T. Cotton called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. T. Cotton noted the presence of Brock Students Puneet Dhande and Joselle Gozum who are observing the meeting in a research capacity for school. T. Cotton acknowledged D. Slade's award as Presenter of the Year – well deserved! T. Cotton also thanked W. Nicholson and A. Harris for representing the Culture Committee so well at a meeting with RCS Management to discuss Arts Awards.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda

Made by P. Vietgen                      seconded by W. Nicholson                      Carried

## 3. Review of Minutes from

Motion to approve minutes from

Made R. Rochon                      seconded by P. Vietgen                      Carried

## 4. Business Arising

None

## 5. Correspondence

Committee discussed potential nominees for the T. Roy Adams Humanitarian Award. This award typically goes to a resident with 30-plus years of community work under their belt. Committee to consider nominations and discuss further at the next meeting.

## 6. Subcommittee Reports

*SCCIP Committee* – R. Rochon reported that the subcommittee met with Jane Gardner and Pablo Felices from Carousel Players and Steve Remus from Niagara Artists Centre on Jan 16 to discuss their concerns regarding future direction of SCCIP. A fruitful meeting which has given the committee much to reflect and discuss in preparation for the next funding deadline (tentatively set for Friday May 31). SCCIP committee met Feb 4 to discuss issues brought up by stakeholders – further discussion is required. Subcommittee will be sending out an open invitation to past SCCIP applicants and current clients inviting them to meet with the SCCIP subcommittee on Feb 13 to discuss strategies for requesting



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an increase the SCCIP budget. R. Cann noted that her request for a SCCIP increase was unsuccessful so it's going forward at \$150,000. The Community is expressing real concern regarding recent funding cuts to professional organizations in a time when they're trying to build capacity in preparation for opening of the Performing Arts Centre. T. Cotton asked if there was the chance for members of the community to present to Council. R. Cann clarified that the budget meeting is public so members of the public will have an opportunity to speak.

*Arts Awards Committee* –Wynne Nicholson reported that she, along with A. Harris and T. Cotton met with Rick Lane & Eugene Todd to discuss concerns regarding proposed cash awards for Arts Awards recipients. Once it was clarified that cash awards would be fully covered by cash sponsorships from the business community, management was fully on board. In fact R. Lane suggested that there might not be the need to make a formal presentation to City Council. R. Lane has since confirmed that Arts Awards are green lit and committee will move forward with nomination forms and soliciting of Sponsors. W. Nicholson also noted that J. Tupling has designed an elegant, kaleidoscopic themed logo for the Awards. P. Vietgen asked if there was any progress on establishing a permanent award noting that L. Bell (Chair of the PAAC) is eager to get started on the permanent award work. W. Nicholson noted that this isn't the priority for the committee at this point but she appreciates L. Bell's enthusiasm.

**Action:** J. Cadieux to connect PAAC and Arts Awards subcommittee and share new Arts Awards Logo with Culture Committee.

*Culture Plan 2020 Cross-Sectoral Steering Committee* – J. Wallace reported that CP Cross-sectoral committee will meet on Feb 14th to discuss the completed first draft of the Culture Plan Culture Plan. R. Cann noted that a report to Province is currently in the works and thanked S. Morris for her assistance in extending deadlines to date. R. Cann noted that staff has received a lot of feedback on Priorities & Initiatives internally and there's general understanding of, and buy in for cross-departmental work as well as cooperation to achieve the initiatives.

R. Cann asked if the committee had reflected on questions raised at last meeting. With no input forthcoming R. Cann led the committee through a detailed review of Priority & Initiative Matrix, noting possible fits between the Culture Committee & various Initiatives.

## 7. Reports:

*Cultural Services Office* – R. Cann reported that a Memorial to Lost Workers is upcoming. Look for an invite to Cultural Capitals of Canada Campaign Book launch on March 7<sup>th</sup>. R. Cann noted that promotion for cniagara website is now being rolled out - let us know where and when you see ads! Staff will also be hosting three *Post It Parties* this month to educate new users of cniagara. Niagara college student Tara Bell is now working on Arts Awards alongside J. Cadieux - a great addition the office and the event. The City is working with the PAN AM games to develop a community mural as part of their community engagement strategy, more on this as details become available. Staff is also coordinating Artist Talks with Laura Moore (Kernel Memory/City Hall) & Naoko Matsubara (Games of Water/ Kiwanis Aquatic Centre) to take place in the spring.

*Public Art Advisory Committee* – P. Vietgen reported that PAAC met Thursday Jan 17th - R. Cann presented design for new Burgoyne Bridge and the potential for the inclusion of Public Art. PAAC Chair L. Bell & P. Vietgen presented newest acquisitions for City's art collection to Council on Feb 4. *Beyond*



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*the wall* Deadline for submissions is Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>; only one month away so spread the word! April 18<sup>th</sup> is the opening this exhibit.

*Performing Arts Centre* – S. Solski reported staff has been working alongside User group & architects to complete the redesign of the PAC. Coming up March 7<sup>th</sup> there will be public open house to release new renderings of re-design at Market Square. Cost consulting team is working hard to ensure there are no surprises as with last tender results. Consultants are building in contingencies which would allow for restoring some of the design flourishes if possible. The team has taken a conservative approach to costing and requesting tenders. S. Solski is confident that project will be on budget. Fundraising now in its quiet phase - more announcements on this in April. June 2013 starts 24 months of construction! Substantial completion will take place June 2015. Volunteers will be needed so stay tuned!

*Heritage Committee* – B. Narhi.

None

*St. Catharines Museum* – In K. Powell's absence R. Cann reported that a new exhibit will be opening at the Museum Feb 9<sup>th</sup> on Slovak Canadians. Also SCCIP funded project *A Desperate Road to Freedom* – Musical Workshop Experience, led by David Sereda of Sheatre will be taking place Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Museum.

**Action:** J. Cadieux to circulate info on Sheatre Workshop.

## 8. Other business:

None

## 9. Round table

- A Harris noted that the Chorus Niagara Sing-a-thon taking place Feb 9 at Seaway Mall in Welland please come out and support!
- S. Morrison distributed invitations to the opening of the Violence Against Women 365 Poster exhibit on at Rodman Hall from Feb 28 to 23. RSVP by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>!
- L. Sadowski's hosting a book Launch at Bamboo Health Food Huntington Square mall on Sat Feb 9. Awesome treats 2-4pm everyone welcome.
- Invitations to Violence Against Women 365 Poster exhibit.
- S. Morrison Volunteer Service awards will take place in Niagara in May.

## 10. Next Meeting:

March 5, 2013 5:00pm to 6:30pm at the Kiwanis Aquatic Centre.

Motion to Terminate – J. Wallace

Meeting terminated @ 6:20pm