



**The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
Seventh Meeting, Regular, Monday, March 18, 2013  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.**

*His Worship Mayor Brian McMullan takes the Chair and opens the meeting*

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- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Opening Remarks, Mayor McMullan**
- 3. Presentations**
- 4. Adoption of the Agendas**
- 5. Declarations of Interest**
- 6. Public Meetings Pursuant to the Planning Act (Commencing at 7:30 p.m.)**
- 7. Adoption of the Minutes (Council and General Committee)**
  - a) Sixth Meeting of City Council, March 4, 2013
  - b) Sixth Meeting of General Committee, March 4, 2013
- 8. Delegations**
  - a) Dr. Valerie Jaeger, Medical Officer of Health; Re: Niagara Region Public Health Services
  - b) Candice Turner-Smith, Managing Director and Virginia Atkin, Fundraising Chair; Re: Niagara Symphony Orchestra Update
  - c) John Bullivant; Re: Prohibited Parking on Thairs Avenue
  - d) Graham Pomeroy, Festival Director; Re: Faith in the Park
  - e) Jane Gardner, General Manager; Re: Carousel Players Update
  - f) **PUBLIC MEETING (Pursuant to Notice By-law)**  
Amendment to Canine Control By-law Regarding Maximum Number of Dogs  
(See General Committee, March 18, 2013, Item 3.1)

## **9. Call for Notices of Motion**

## **10. Motions**

- a) Councillor Stevens to present the following motion on March 18, 2013:

### **Formation of Liaison Committee between Both Niagara School Boards**

That the formation of a Liaison Committee be proposed to both area school boards with parameters such as frequency of meetings, committee composition and agenda items to be determined; and further

That the feasibility of this proposal be referred to staff for a report following contact with both school boards.

- b) Councillor Siscoe to present the following motion on March 18, 2013:

### **Addition to City Council Schedule of Meetings - March 25, 2013**

That Council direct staff to prepare and publish an agenda for a Council and General Committee meeting to be held on Monday, March 25, 2013, in Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

## **11. Resolve into General Committee**

## **12. Motion Arising from In-Camera Session**

## **13. Motion to Ratify Forthwith Recommendations**

## **14. By-laws**

- a) Reading of By-laws

## **15. Agencies, Boards, Committee Reports, and Extras**

- a) Committee Minutes to receive: Community Sustainability Committee (notes) and Culture Committee

## **16. Adjournment**

### **By-laws to be considered on March 18, 2013**

- (a) A By-law to authorize a Release of Agreement over certain lands municipally known as 2360 First Street Louth. (Three readings – with respect to release of Site Plan Agreement. Delegation By-law No. 2004-277, as amended.)
- (b) A By-law to authorize a contract with Nexterra Substructures Incorporated. (Three readings – with respect to Municipal Services Improvements – Glencairn Drive / McKenzie Street, under Project No. P12-008. Delegation By-law No. 2004-277, as amended.)
- (c) A By-law to authorize an Agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. (Three readings – with respect to the use of Analyst, a web-based economic development analysis tools application. Delegation By-law No. 2004-277, as amended.)
- (d) A By-law to authorize an Agreement with Habitat for Humanity Niagara. (Three readings – with respect to funding for five residential units on Tasker Street, and exemption from paying normal municipal building and servicing fees to a maximum of three units per year. General Committee, March 5, 2012, Item No. 144.)
- (e) A By-law to repeal By-law No. 2012-221 entitled “A By-law to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Club La Salle”. (Three readings – with respect to partnership with Club La Salle. TO BE CONSIDERED by General Committee, March 18, 2013.)
- (f) A By-law to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, City of Port Colborne, City of Thorold, Township of Wainfleet, City of Welland, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Ontario Power Generation and St. Lawrence Management Corporation. (Three readings – with respect to designation of the Welland Canals Corridor as a National Historic Site with the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. TO BE CONSIDERED by General Committee, March 18, 2013.)
- (g) A By-law to confirm the proceedings and decisions of the Council of The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines at its meeting held on the 18th day of March, 2013. (Three readings – with respect to ratification and adoption of City Council Minutes of March 4, 2013, and General Committee Minutes of March 4, 2013.)

## **City of St. Catharines**

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee on Community Sustainability**

#### **Notes of the January 30, 2013 Meeting**

#### **Committee Room, St. Catharines City Hall**

*Present:*

Marty Mako (Chair)  
Councillor Mathew Siscoe  
Councillor Greg Washuta  
Daniel Romanko  
Bernie Slepko  
Phil Baranoski  
Erin Britnell  
Erin O'Hoski (staff)

*Regrets:*

Vanessa Aykroyd  
Sam Mahboob

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the November 28, 2012 Meeting**

The minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

#### **Team Building Exercise**

Members participated in a tour of the *Capturing Culture: Images from Niagara's Cultural Capital of Canada 2012 Program* exhibit at City Hall. The tour was facilitated by Rebecca Cann, Cultural Services Supervisor.

#### **City of St. Catharines Culture Plan: Sustainability Dimensions**

Rebecca Cann, Cultural Services Supervisor, reported to members on the development of a new culture plan for the City.

Six priorities have been proposed for the culture plan as follows:

1. Communicate the experiences and value of culture to all St. Catharines' residents.
2. Foster participation in arts, heritage and cultural experiences.
3. Cultivate the growth and development of the creative sector.

4. Further develop the planning, management and coordination of heritage assets and historical services.
5. Recognize and embrace the city's cultural diversity as a cornerstone for civic engagement.
6. Leverage culture to strengthen St. Catharines' distinct sense of place and community.

Relationships with priorities in the Sustainability Strategy were discussed, particularly asset management, creative green economy, compact livable neighbourhoods and citizen engagement.

The following questions were presented to members for discussion:

1. Will these priorities achieve our goals?
2. Where does the Sustainability Committee fit into these priorities and initiatives? Are there any specifically that you want to see your Committee's name next to in the final plan?
3. From your perspective, are there any significant issues or opportunities that are not addressable within the priorities and initiatives provided?
4. If you had one piece of advice for staff moving the culture plan forward, what would it be?

Members provided initial feedback on the presentation and agreed to follow up directly with the Cultural Services Office with further comments. The presentation will be circulated to members electronically.

### **Strong Neighbourhoods Event: Partnership with Niagara Region**

Erin Britnell reported on a partnership opportunity through the Niagara Region Housing and Homelessness Action Plan. Regional staff will be hosting workshops in each Niagara municipality and there is potential to expand the event to address wider poverty objectives related to strong neighbourhoods as stated in the Sustainability Strategy:

“Despite the City's lack of involvement in services addressing the immediate needs of at-risk populations, the City plays an important role in creating community prosperity. Services such as community planning, transit, recreation, culture, water and wastewater are all human services that help to ensure basic needs are met and create the conditions for individuals to succeed.”

This partnership is also consistent with the vision of the Strategy that states the City must work together with “other municipal governments, like Niagara Region and neighbouring municipalities, recognizing that challenges to sustainability transcend municipal boundaries.”

The event is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Russell Avenue Community Centre. Regional staff are seeking the following from Committee members:

- An event Chair
- Two additional members to ensure the goals of the Sustainability Strategy are represented in the development and execution of the event
- Assistance in promoting the event within the St. Catharines community

Members agreed to consider the opportunity and express interest over the next week.

### **Charles Eisenstein Sustainability Event**

Aaron Berger, event organizer, addressed members on an event planned for May 2013 in Niagara Falls. Organizers have secured Charles Eisenstein, author of “Sacred Economics,” as a high profile speaker on the topic of Sustainability. Seneca Theatre in Niagara Falls has been selected as the venue for the event.

Aaron indicated he would forward further details when they are available and asked members to attend and promote the event among their networks.

### **Themed Meetings, 2013**

Marty Mako raised the concept of themed meetings in 2013. The January 30 meeting explored culture as the fourth pillar of sustainability. The February 27 meeting will look at public transit at both a regional and city level. Themes will be determined two months in advance. Members agreed to asset management as the theme for the March 27 meeting.

### **Other Business**

Councillor Siscoe asked members to follow the budget process, particularly items related to public transit. Councillor Washuta suggested that the transit presentation be circulated to members of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Catharines City Hall.

Phil Baranoski reported on a meeting with Minister Jim Bradley, MPP, on the issue of local food processing plants.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



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Feb 5, 2013 5pm to 6:30pm  
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**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