

## Minutes

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**Via Zoom at 4:00pm**

### **Attendance:**

Susan Ashukian, Catherine Chin Yet, Justus Duntsch, Mark Roe, Niagara Artists Centre Representative

### **Absent:**

Michael Zuberec

### **Staff Liaison:**

Olivia Hope, Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Kathleen Powell

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#### **1. Call meeting to order (Chair)**

4:11 p.m.

#### **2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**

S. Ashukian acknowledged that the land on which the Public Art Advisory Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

#### **3. Amendments to the Agenda**

None

#### **4. Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved: M. Roe

Carried

#### **5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved: C. Chin Yet

Carried.

#### **6. Declarations of Interest**

None

**7. Business arising from the minutes**

O. Hope updated the committee on the projects happening at Centennial Gardens.

K. Powell informed the committee it has been confirmed that the projects are on hold until 2021. Mural artist will be Miguel Albino.

**8. Business**

**a. 8.1 Community Proposals**

None.

**b. 8.2 Civic Art Collection**

**i. Centennial Totem Pole**

Staff are looking to move into the next phase. Staff have begun to speak with Bruce Alfred (restorer) about the necessities for the project (equipment, housing, transportation etc.). A date has not yet been determined. K. Powell noted that Geneva St. has been declared surplus, and as a result staff are looking at having this project move along as quickly as possible.

**ii. Private Watson**

Staff have spoken with a conservator about the relocation of Private Watson. Staff are waiting on a report from the Conservator prior to moving forward. The report will determine how the statue is moved. Staff are working on developing information for future consultations as directed by Council.

**iii. Updates**

Condition Assessments on high priority pieces were completed by staff. C. Garcia asked if staff could share a report with PAAC.

**Action:** O.Hope to prepare condition assessment report, on the high priority public art pieces.

**c. 8.3 Policy Development**

None.

**d. 8.4 Exhibit Subcommittee – J. Duntsch**

i. Annual Juried Exhibit

J. Duntsch noted that during the meeting the jury discussed all submitted artworks and chose a selection for the exhibit.

**Motion:** that the Public Art Advisory Committee approve the recommended selected artists as identified during the In-Camera session for the 2020 Annual Juried Exhibit: More Than Words Truth and Reconciliation.

Moved: S. Ashukian

Carried.

(S. Remus abstained from the vote)

e. 8.5 Public Art Programming

i. Exhibit Update

1. 2020 Annual Juried Exhibit: More Than Words: Truth and Reconciliation – Exhibit Opening

- Staff are developing a virtual opening. Staff hope to have artists talk about their work and to create weekly/bi-weekly featured artists content for the Cultural Service Facebook page.
- Staff are working together with the Niagara Regional Native Centre to develop label content as well as finding space for NRNC during the opening.

ii. Mural – Walkers Creek Culvert

K. Powell noted that several emails have gone back and forth but not a lot of information about how the mural came to be.

City's position is that it's always preferable to go the "official" route and follow any policies and or processes.

J. Duntsch noted that there needs to be a defined route for Mural projects. J. Duntsch noted that the "usual" process could be arduous and that having private investors could be a great thing.

Committee discussed how to streamline mural projects. Concerns from the Committee on the budget to maintain future murals were brought up.

**Motion:** For staff to provide J. Duntsch and S. Remus with existing policies and by-laws in order to create a checklist and frequently asked questions handout for interested mural artists.

Moved: S. Remus

Carried

M. Roe to connect with Councilor Philips re: new steps PAAC will be taking regarding streamlining the process.

**f. 8.6 Committee Work Plan**

Staff recommended that everyone review the workplan to ensure priorities are in place.

**g. 8.7 Report from Cultural Services Office**

- Arts and Culture Community Revitalization Program applications went out in July and all the funding was distributed – 16 artists/arts organizations were funded. Just over \$93,000.00 dollars was allocated for projects taking place from now until Summer 2021
- Culture Days is ongoing until October 25, 2020
- Arts Awards will be held virtually on October 25 at 7pm

**h. 8.8 Other Business**

**i. Update on Rodman Hall**

- Committee has not met and they're still in the process of drafting their report.
- S. Remus: has heard Brock is in second round of consultations to sell the property.

**ii. Update on Niagara Artists Centre (NAC)**

NAC did their street intervention art installation beside Silver Spire (artist Jose Luis Torres), wrapped up their film series and, are installing a new exhibit. They will be heading back to by-appointment-only format.

**iii. Update on Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force**

- The location for the memorial will be determined at the next meeting on October 15.
- Christopher O'Connor, through the Port Dalhousie Supply Co. and O'Connor Initiative Inc. have fundraised over \$10,000.00 towards the project.
- O. Hope overviewed the EOI and RFP process.

**iv. Update on Fallen Firefighters Memorial Task Force**

- Staff are working on developing an EOI.
- Task Force discussed the makeup of the jury for the selection panel and they would like to have a PAAC member included.
- Location has been chosen on Carlisle Street on the Race Street Parkette, across from Café Gatti.
- Will be starting to raise funds in the community to fund the project.
- PAAC representation for this committee will either be: a NAC member or S. Ashukian

Motion to accept Other Business

Moved: J. Duntsch

Carried

**9. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020. To discuss Mural FAQ sheet project.

**10. Motion to Adjourn**

Moved: M. Roe

Carried