

Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Via Zoom at 4:00pm

Attendance:

Ayo Adewumi, Susan Ashukian, Catherine Chin Yet, Justus Duntsch, Niagara Artists
Centre Representative

Regrets:

Michael Zuberec, Stephen Remus (Niagara Artist Centre Representative)

Absent:

Staff Liaison:

Olivia Hope, Michelle Nicholls

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

4: 03p.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

Add Ayo Adewumi to the Agenda

4. Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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 minutes

O.Hope noted that staff shared the 2020 completed condition assessments.
O.Hope noted that this was for informational purposes only.

Action: O.Hope to send Counc. Garcia the 2020 completed condition assessments.

8. Business

a) 8.1 Civic Art Collection

- **Potential Acquisition**

O. Hope presented a work by Blanche Scott. O.Hope explained the origin of the work and the artist. O.Hope has asked that the committee review the work and complete a scoring sheet. The Committee will determine whether the work will be acquired at the next meeting.

Action: O.Hope to send the committee information on the donation and scoring sheets.

b) 8.2 Public Art Programming

- **Remembrance Day 2021 – Poppies at City Hall**

O.Hope shared the Poppy Project information for the committees information. Staff have not made a final decision and the project will be based on the approved 2021 budget. O.Hope would like to know the committees thoughts on a project like this. The committee shared questions and concerns.

c) 8.3 Committee work Plan

- O.Hope asked the committee to discuss the work plan.
- S. Ashukian was not interested in the Billboard Tax the committee agreed that the tax was not appropriate during this current time. S. Remus to discuss his views on the removal of this item at the next meeting.
- O.Hope to send the committee the draft Public Art Policy.
- O.Hope noted that item 4 needs to be further researched by the committee, C. Chin Yet volunteered.
- S. Ashukian to look further into item 5.
- O.Hope to send the committee information on electrical box wrappings from Municipal comparators.

d) 8.4 Report from Cultural Services

- The annual Juried exhibit virtual opening reception went very well. The public is now able to book in-person viewings.
- Culture Days was a huge success! Running from September 25

to October 25, staff kept busy helping SCCIP-funded activity and event organizers carry out their plans. This year, when Culture Days released their list of rankings, St. Catharines came out on top as the overall #1 City in Canada! (This is up from #10 in just mid-sized cities in 2019.) We were very happy with this year's community engagement, both at in-person, socially distanced activities and with the wide variety of virtual offerings.

- Arts Awards Update: The 2020 St. Catharines Arts Awards were a great success! The in-person event was postponed from its original early May date (due to COVID) and, instead, took place virtually on October 25. It was livestreamed from the stage of Partridge Hall at the FirstOntario PAC and capped off the month-long Culture Days event. All nominees were celebrated, and five award recipients were honoured. Juliet Dunn and Peter Shea performed 2 songs live from the Partridge Hall stage. A video of the event is still available on the PAC's YouTube page, and short videos of the recipients receiving their awards will be uploaded to the Culture Office's social media accounts over the next month. To date the video has 3023 views, which is 10x the number that can usually see it in person! Planning for the 2021 Arts Awards has not yet begun as we await info on the 2021 budget.
- SCCIP update: all SCCIP funds have been allocated for 2020. Staff continue to gather and process final reports. 2021 timelines & deadlines have not been finalized – likely early in the new year.
- We have been working on a project with two Brock University students involving the City's Culture Plan. The students are contacting some of our municipal comparators to ask about Culture Plans and if/how each municipality's plans are being renewed. The report the students prepare will help inform some of the Culture Plan work we hope to undertake in the short term.

e) 8.5 Other Business

- i. Update on Rodman Hall
None.
- ii. Update on Niagara Artists Centre (NAC)
NAC is adding new media equipment that may help deploy media installations in the streetscape.
- iii. Update on Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force
The location in Lakeside Park has been determined. Staff are working on an RFPQ.
- iv. Update Fallen Firefighters Commemorative Task Force

Staff have completed an RFPQ. The RFPQ will be public prior to the New Year. The Design Selection Committee still requires a PAAC representative. S. Ashukian and M. Roe volunteered pending the amount of time commitment.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2020

10. Motion to adjourn

Moved: M. Roe Carried.