

Minutes

Wednesday, January 06, 2021

Via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mo Al Jumaily, David DeRocco, Justus Düntsch, Don Evans, Kate Leathers, Suzie Melville, Sandy Middleton

Absent:

Karissa Fast, Jennifer Hay, Emily Kovacs, Connor Wilkes

Staff:

Phil Cristi, Olivia Hope, Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Lori Mambella, Michelle Nicholls, Kathleen Powell

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

5:02 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

S. Middleton acknowledged that the land on which the Arts & Culture 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 for January 6, 2021

Moved: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of November 25, 2020

Moved: D. Evans

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

None

7. Presentations (invited guests)

None

8. Business arising from the minutes

Item 8 – Business arising from the minutes from the November 25, 2020 minutes included a request for further information about the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre \$3 ticket surcharge that helps to fund SCCIP, specifically as it applies to local vs. out of town shows. A. Judd-Rifkin spoke to Carlos Robayo at the PAC, who confirmed there is no difference between tickets sold to local vs. out of town shows. As was mentioned at the last meeting, the ticket surcharge applies to every ticket sold, except family shows; school shows; and the PAC's Film House.

S. Middleton requested that A. Judd-Rifkin reach out to specific arts orgs who requested the information.

9. Business

a. 9.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report – No report

b. 9.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report – No report

c. 9.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report – No report

d. 9.4 Cultural Sustainability Report – No report

e. 9.5 Report from Cultural Services Office – A. Judd-Rifkin

- For any who didn't see, the Cultural Services Supervisor position was posted in mid-December. The hiring of a new Supervisor will shape the outlook of all the Culture Office's projects for the coming year.

S. Middleton asked what the timelines for the hiring would be. L. Mambella noted the job is posted on the City's website and advertised in various industry publications. The first applicant review will be in approximately 2 weeks. They will continue to have the posting live until they are satisfied that they have a good pool of candidates to choose from, then they'll do interviews.

Coun. Garcia asked about the timing of the search. P. Cristi noted that they wanted to make the posting active as soon as the 2021 budget was approved. The position posting doesn't have an expiry date, so it is an ongoing search. P. Cristi noted they've heard from the arts community and industry stakeholders that this is a role the City should be filling. In order to move forward with program delivery and workload, an additional person in leadership within culture is needed.

- K. Powell and A. Judd-Rifkin oversaw a project undertaken by two Brock University students involving the City's Culture Plan. The students contacted some of the City's municipal comparators to ask about Culture Plans and if/how each municipality's plans are being renewed. The students submitted their final report in mid-December and their research was great. It is a good base to use to inform some of the Culture Plan work we hope to undertake with the Culture Plan Subcommittee in the short term. A. Judd-Rifkin will forward the report to ACAC.
- Lots of SCCIP preparation work going on, both in terms of updating the CDAP application form and starting to look at the evaluation tools. The SCCIP subcommittee should meet in the coming weeks. A. Judd-Rifkin will email subcommittee members to organize a meeting.
- The Annual Juried Exhibit – More Than Words: Truth & Reconciliation – is currently on display at City Hall, though City Hall is closed to the public. As a result, in-person viewings of the exhibit are on hold until further notice. Anyone who is interested can still view the exhibit opening on YouTube.
- Fallen FireFighters Memorial RFPQ (Request for Pre-Qualifications) is out and will be closing on Monday, February 1, 2021.
- CSO staff back to working from home during this lockdown.
- Lastly, a vacancy has opened on ACAC. As a result, the City's Clerk's office will begin actively recruiting for a new member. Applications open this Friday, January 8 and will be open until Friday, January 22. A. Judd-Rifkin will forward the application link once it's available. Please encourage anyone who you think may be interested in applying!

Motion to accept report: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

f. 9.6 Other Business

i. 2021 Committee Workplan Update

A. Judd-Rifkin took ACAC through updates made to the 2021 workplan based on recommendations from the previous meeting. There was discussion around the updates, including some discussion around when the Culture Plan might be renewed. P. Cristi noted that it currently isn't in the budget to hire a consultant for a new Culture Plan. However, ACAC could identify some aspects of the Culture Plan to focus on or identify as priority items to update.

K. Leathers asked: is there a budget for the venue inventory? And, should the Arts Awards be included on the workplan? It was decided these questions can be referred to the Culture Plan subcommittee.

Motion: to adopt the draft 2021 Workplan.

Moved by: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

D. DeRocco provided a short update on the Neil Peart Memorial Task Force. They had a meeting in December and struck a fundraising cttee. The Request For Proposals to artists is almost ready to be released.

S. Middleton provided an update on Rodman Hall. There appears to be some interest from the new owners/developer to have arts groups use the building. Rodman Hall Art Centre Inc. (RHAC Inc.) has hired a registrar to handle the collection.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, February 03, 2021

Via Zoom

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Moved by: K. Leathers

Carried