

## Minutes

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**Electronic participation at 4:30pm**

### **Attendance:**

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair  
Councillor Kevin Townsend, Vice Chair  
Councillor Karrie Porter  
Jeff McCormick, Director of Fire and Emergency Services  
Tami Kitay, Director Planning and Building Services  
Sandy Middleton: Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, Chair  
Robert De Wolfe: Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co Chair  
Michael O'Neill: Museum Advisory Committee, Chair

### **Regrets:**

Susan Ashukian, Public Art Advisory Committee, Chair  
Brian Narhi, Heritage Advisory Committee, Chair  
Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co Chair

### **Staff Liaisons:**

Kathleen Powell: Public Arts Advisory, Arts and Culture Advisory, Museum Advisory Committees  
Lori Mambella: Manager Programs and Culture Services  
Ashley Judd Rifkin: Culture Coordinator  
Michael Seaman: Heritage Advisory and Heritage Permit Advisory Committees  
Julie Hughes: Pillar Liaison

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1. **Call meeting to order: Chair Garcia**
    - 4:32pm
  2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
  3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
    - n/a

**4. Motion to approve the agenda**

*That the Cultural Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as presented*

**Moved by:** Rob DeWolfe

**Carried**

**5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, Oct 20, 2020**

*That the minutes of Oct 20, 2020 are approved*

**Moved by:** Sandy Middleton

**Carried**

**6. Presentations**

- n/a

**7. Information item**

- All Advisory Committees must complete their Annual Report based on their 2020 Workplan
- A form has been submitted to all staff liaisons which must be used to submit the 2020 Annual Report to the CSC committee

**8.1 Business**

**i) Public Art Advisory Committee:** Kathleen Powell for Susan Ashukian, Chair

- The Committee is working on a FAQ sheet for murals
- Neil Peart Memorial – staff have released the RFPQ deadline is March 29
- Fallen Firefighters Memorial – the RFPQ closes on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The next phase of this project is to shortlist artists and to release an RFP
- Both projects will be funded through a public fundraising campaign

**Exhibits**

- At City Hall, the Annual Juried Exhibit: More Than Words: Truth and Reconciliation, can be viewed on Culture FB
- Current Exhibition Date: November 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020
- 13 local artists
- In partnership with NRNC

- **Civic Art Collection**

- Centennial Totem Pole is in storage and staff are discussing the next phase of restoration.
- Private Watson Monument –Staff are preparing for public consultations.

**Motion to receive the PAAC update:**

*That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Sandy Middleton

**Carried**

**ii) Arts and Culture Advisory Committee:** Sandy Middleton, Chair

- In partnership with the ACAC, Brock students completed a comparative study of other municipalities and their efforts to complete their Culture Plans
- SCCIP applications and evaluation tools are being updated
- 2021 Arts Awards nominations are open until April 1
- Rodman Hall was sold to a private developer, more information forthcoming
- Councillor Porter will investigate the status of the proposed private property tree by law with Chair Williamson, Environmental Sustainability Committee

**Workplan 2021 priorities~** Ashley Judd-Rifkin

- Support the Culture Plan Sub Committee (CPS) in implementing Culture Plan 2020 priorities
- Support the Culture Plan Sub Committee in creating priorities to prepare for updating the Culture Plan for 2021 and beyond.
- Investigate cultural asset mapping in cooperation with the CSP
- Undertake SCIPP implementation

**Motion to receive the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update**

*That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Michael O'Neill

**Carried:**

**Motion to go in camera**

*That the members of the CSC go in camera to discuss identifiable individuals*

**Moved by:** Sandy Middleton

**Carried**

***In camera session***

**Motion to recommend applicant to the Arts and Culture Committee**

*That the individual identified be recommended for membership to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee*

**Moved by** Councillor Porter  
**Carried**

**iii) a. Heritage Advisory Committee:** Michael Seaman for Brian Narhi, Chair

- Studied Mountain Locks Park project
- In January, there was a public delegation on the project
- A process has now been defined for sites such as this one to include an archaeological assessment
- Exploring word press opportunities
- New buildings to be considered for the City's Heritage Registry
- New regulations to the Ontario Heritage Act must be factored into City processes

**Motion to receive the Heritage Advisory Committee update**

*That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Michael O'Neill  
**Carried**

**iv) Heritage Permit Advisory Committee:** Michael Seaman for Brian Narhi, Co Chair and Bob DeWolfe, Co Chair

- Updating criteria for demolitions
- Demolition applications are starting to come in for assessment

**Motion to receive the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update**

*That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update be received*

**Motion by:** Chief McCormick  
**Carried**

**v) Museum Advisory Committee:** Michael O'Neill, Chair

- Museum reopened after spring lockdown on July 28 with COVID 19 health safety protocols in place
- Second closure was on Dec 24 in response to provincial orders
- Staff has worked on digitalizing collections and virtual programming
- "Museum from Home" activities, plenty of social media engagement on all platforms, and the development of the Virtual Museum Lecture Series.

- Educational programming has all been shifted to online for the rest of 2020 and early 2021 which provided all our current offerings
- New exhibit, “Marking Time” opened and the “new Welland Canal” is upcoming
- 17 or 19 accessions were referred to the Museum as potential additions to the collection
- Deaccession included 151 items of ephemera, 59 of which are to be transferred to Brock University, as well as 4 collections.
- The workplan has not been updated but policy development, which is the primary work of the committee this term will continue into 2021.
- A new draft Exhibition Policy has been completed and approved by the Committee.
- The committee will be working on the Research Policy next.

**Motion to receive the Museum Advisory Committee update**

*That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received*

**Motion by:** Tami Kitay  
**Carried**

**9 Other business**

- none

**10. Date of next meetings:**

- Wed Apr 21, 4:30pm to 5:30pm
- Wed Jul 21, 4:30pm to 5:30pm
- Wed Oct 13, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

**11. Motion to Adjourn**

*That the Cultural Sustainability Committee adjourn at 5:40pm*

**Moved by:** Bob De Wolfe  
**Carried**