

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, March 03, 2021

Via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mo Al Jumaily, Danny Custodio, David DeRocco, Don Evans, Jennifer Hay, Kate Leathers, Suzie Melville, Sandy Middleton, Janice Slade, Connor Wilkes, Coun. Carlos Garcia

Absent:

Justus Düntsch, Emily Kovacs

Staff:

Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Michelle Nicholls, Kathleen Powell

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

5:00 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

4. Motion to approve the agenda for March 3, 2021

Moved: D. Evans

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of February 3, 2021, as amended

Moved: D. Custodio

Carried

S. Middleton introduced new members D. Custodio (for those who weren't at the last meeting) and J. Slade to the committee.

6. Declarations of Interest

None

7. Presentations (invited guests)

None

8. Business arising from the minutes

None

9. Business

a. 9.1 Arts Awards Subcommittee Report – No report

b. 9.2 SCCIP Subcommittee Report – S. Middleton

The SCCIP Subcommittee met February 23 to review both the 2021 SCCIP Evaluation Tools and to confirm Review Committee makeup for the CDAP program. The Committee also discussed potential reviewers for the Sustaining and other Development programs, agreeing that two other members should be invited to join each of the upcoming Review Committees. Staff will reach out to suggested community members.

i. Approval of CDAP Evaluation Tool

The 2021 SCCIP Evaluation Tools were largely unchanged from 2020, but the Subcommittee did make some revisions in relation to COVID protocol for proposed activities. A. Judd-Rifkin shared the documents with the committee, for review.

Motion:

That the revised SCCIP Evaluation Tools be approved as presented.

Made By: M. Al-Jumaily

Carried

Motion to accept report: D. Evans

Carried

c. 9.3 Culture Plan Subcommittee Report – No Report

d. 9.4 Cultural Sustainability Report – S. Middleton

The first Cultural Sustainability Meeting of 2021 was an update regarding activities of all Advisory Committees to get everyone back up to speed after a long wait between meetings. The Cultural Sustainability Committee met again on February 17 and approved a new ACAC member – welcome to Janice Slade!

Motion to accept report: M. Al-Jumaily

Carried

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

- Last week, A. Judd-Rifkin and M. Nicholls held a successful information session via Zoom for the Culture Days Activity Program. Deadline for CDAP is Thursday, March 25.
- Preparing the Sustaining-Core and Midsized application forms for release this week. The application deadline for these 2 programs is Thursday, April 15.
- Also preparing the Arts Development Program and Culture Builds Community Program forms for release next week. The application deadline for these 2 programs is Thursday, May 20.
- This year, all applications will be accepted via an online submission portal, where applicants can upload all the forms and supporting documents. This is instead of paper submissions.
- Plan to release a Cultural Funding Newsletter in two weeks with details about submitting SCCIP applications.
- Arts Awards Nominations are open! As in previous years, you can make nominations in Emerging Artist, Established Artist, Making a Difference, Arts in Education and Patron of the Arts award categories. We encourage all of you to make nominations! Visit: www.stcatharines.ca/artsawards for more information. Deadline to nominate is April 1.
- M. Nicholls and A. Judd-Rifkin will hold an information session for anyone interested in undertaking an Arts Award nomination. This info session will take place via Zoom next Wednesday April 10.
- The Culture Office is engaging residents through online art-making challenges via Facebook and an app called Goosechase.
- Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial RFPQ (Request for Pre-Qualifications) is now closed and the selection panel has shortlisted the artists. More details will be released in the coming weeks.
- PAAC Update:
 - Neil Peart Memorial RFPQ is out now and will close on March 29th;
 - Juried exhibit can still be viewed virtually, on the website and on our social media.

Some discussion ensued around the status of the hiring process for the Cultural Services Supervisor Position.

ACTION: The Committee requested that Culture Office staff get an update from Senior Management regarding the Cultural Services Supervisor Position.

Motion to accept report: K. Leathers

Carried

f. 9.6 Other Business

One Committee member raised a question about new arts and culture funding that was just announced by the Province. A discussion followed around what kind of provincial and federal funding is now available to local arts organizations through the Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council and Canadian Heritage.

K. Leathers noted that Carousel Players is doing lots of online engagement for their family audiences and it can be found by visiting www.carouselplayers.com

K. Leathers also noted that Canadian Heritage is funding COVID-safe live events and that local musicians and festivals should investigate funding opportunities.

D. DeRocco gave a brief update on the Neil Peart Memorial Fund. The fundraising subcommittee has met and is developing a framework for recognizing donors.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, April 07, 2021

Via Zoom

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be adjourned at **5:32** p.m.

Moved by: D. Custodio

Carried

Attachments/Links/Distributed:

1. Revised SCCIP-CDAP Evaluation Tools for Core, Midsized, ADP and CB