

## Minutes

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

**Electronic Meeting at 4:30pm**

### **Attendance:**

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair  
Councillor Kevin Townsend, Vice Chair  
Jeff McCormick, Director of Fire and Emergency Services  
Tami Kitay, Director Planning and Building Services  
Stephen Remus, Public Art Advisory Committee, member (non voting)  
Sandy Middleton: Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, Chair  
Brian Narhi, Heritage Advisory Committee, Chair  
Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co Chair  
Robert De Wolfe: Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co Chair

### **Absent:**

Councillor Karrie Porter  
Michael O'Neill: Museum Advisory Committee, Chair

### **Staff Liaisons:**

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

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#### **1. Call meeting to order, 4:29pm ~ Chair Garcia**

- Welcome to Stephen Remus who will be representing the Public Art Advisory Committee, as a non voting member of CSC
- Welcome to Margaret Josipovic, new staff liaison for both the Heritage Advisory and the Heritage Permit Advisory Committees

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

We acknowledged the land on which the Cultural Sustainability 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**

n/a

**4. Motion to approve the agenda**

*That the agenda for the April 21 CSC meeting be approved*

**Moved by:** R. DeWolfe

**CARRIED**

**5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings**

*That the minutes from the January 27 and the February 17 CSC meetings be adopted*

**Moved by:** S. Middleton

**CARRIED**

**6. Declarations of Interest**

n/a

**7. Presentations (invited guests)**

n/a

**8. Business arising from the minutes**

n/a

**9. Business**

**9.1 Public Art Advisory Committee update ~ Stephen Remus, member**

- Fallen Firefighter RFP closed on Feb 1 with 6 artists shortlisted
- Neal Peart RFP closed on Mar 15 with over 20 submissions received
- Exhibit at City Hall continues,
- Next juried exhibit is themed “Art of Resilience”, will be launched June 21
- Private Watson public consultation continues
- Civic art collection acquired 2 new works

### **Motion to accept the update**

*That the PAAC update be accepted*

**Moved by:** Councillor Townsend

**CARRIED:**

### **9.2 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update ~ Sandy Middleton, Chair**

- SCCIP Culture Activity applications were submitted and evaluations will begin by May 5
- The SCCIP Sustaining Core and Mid Sized Funding application deadlines were April 15
- SCCIP Culture Building and Arts Development application deadlines are May 20
- Virtual online information session being held tonight on Culture Building applications,
- Arts Awards nominations are now due on April 23, 2021

### **Motion to accept the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update**

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

**Moved by:** B. Narhi

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 i) Heritage Advisory Committee update ~ Brian Narhi, Chair**

- Updates continue on the fate of the St. Catharines General Hospital doorway arch
- Discussions continue on the secondary access from Moffat Street, from houses to Oakdale Avenue
- Review of Wordpress articles continues with the Museum
- Reviewing the restoration at the Pony Mini Mart
- Heritage designation consideration underway for the Synagogue
- Heritage designation considered underway for Merritton High School
- Feedback being provided on the Private Watson memorial, site and plaque consideration

### **Motion to accept the Heritage Advisory Committee update**

*That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be accepted*

**Moved by:** R. DeWolfe

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 ii) Vacancy, Heritage Advisory Committee**

#### **Motion to go in camera**

*That the CSC go in camera at 4:45pm to discuss identifiable individuals*

**Moved by:** Chair Garcia

**CARRIED**

### **IN CAMERA SESSION, 4:45pm to 4:55pm**

#### **Motion to recommend new member**

*That the two individuals identified in camera be recommended for membership to the Heritage Advisory Committee*

**Moved by:** Councillor Townsend

**CARRIED**

### **9.4 Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update ~ Robert DeWolfe, Co Chair**

- Permits reviewed for Yates Street property and a few Port Dalhousie properties

#### **Motion to accept the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update**

*That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update be accepted*

**Moved by:** S. Middleton

**CARRIED**

### **9.5 Museum Advisory Committee update ~ Kathleen Powell, staff liaison**

- Museum only open between Stay at Home orders, Mar 3 to April 8
- New Exhibit “Just a Line to Say” (postcard collection) launched on April 8 but will remain until Museum re-opens to the public
- Gift shop is open for curbside pick up of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers book
- Virtual Top Hat ceremony held on March 19
- Digital engagement and Museum programming continues:
  - Storylab
  - Virtual spring lecture series
  - Participation in Seniors Centre Without Walls programming
  - Virtual lego building challenge
  - School programming
  - Podcasts twice a month

- Regular blog posts
- Collections management continues
- Interpretation Plan, Phase I, installation of Welland Canal Gallery, is complete
- Phase 2, an update of the permanent galleries, will begin

### **Motion to accept the Museum Advisory Committee update**

*That the Museum Advisory Committee update be accepted*

**Moved by:** B. Narhi

**CARRIED**

### **9.6 Other business**

- The recruitment process of the new Cultural Services Supervisor is in progress

### **10 Dates of next meetings:**

- Wed July 21, 4:30 to 5:30pm
- Wed October 13, 4:30 to 5:30pm
- Or at the call of the Chair

### **11. Motion to adjourn**

That the CSC adjourn at 5:10pm

**Moved by:** J. McCormick

**CARRIED**