

## Minutes

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

**Electronic Meeting at 4:00pm**

### **Attendance:**

Ayo Adewumi, Susan Ashukian, Catherine Chin Yet, Mark Roe, Niagara Artists Centre Representative, Michael Zuberec

### **Absent:**

Justus Duntsch

### **Staff Liaison:**

Olivia Hope, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

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- **Call meeting to order (Chair)**  
4:00 pm
- **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.
- **Amendments to the Agenda**  
None.
- **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Moved: C. Chin Yet                      Carried.
- **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Moved: M. Roe      Carried.
- **Declarations of Interest**
- **Presentations (invited guests)**

None.

- **Business arising from the minutes**

- a) Potential Acquisition

Motion to acquire Unknown by Elizabeth Penner into the City of St. Catharines Civic Art Collection.

Moved: S. Ashukian      Carried.

- **Business**

- a. **9.1 Civic Art Collection**

- i. Potential Acquisition – Annual Juried Exhibit

**Motion to go In Camera:**

That the committee meet in-camera pursuant to By-law 2015-121, Schedule A, Section 11.1 (i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; in regards to a potential acquisition into the City's Civic Art Collection from the 2020 Annual Juried Exhibit: More Than Words: Truth and Reconciliation.

Moved: C. Chin Yet      Carried.

**Motion:**

That the Public Art Advisory Committee acquire 'Open Water' by Melani Pyke from the 2020 Annual Juried Exhibit More Than Words: Truth and Reconciliation as determine in the In-Camera Session.

Moved: M. Roe      Carried.

- ii. Private Watson

- O.Hope noted that the Cultural Services office would like to discuss Private Watson with the Committee.
      - The Committee agreed with the above proposal.

- b. **9.2 Public Art Programming**

- i. Annual Juried Exhibit – has been extended due to the lockdown
- ii. Upcoming Exhibit: Soft Walls – exhibit is being presented by Studies in Arts and Culture, and Visual Arts, the Marilyn I Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts.

The exhibit is described as such:

The hallways of City Hall lead us from busy streets to busy meeting rooms and offices. This exhibition imagines that they also offer visitors a restful transitional space.

Paintings using soft floral and figurative patterns that are both complex and soothing create a relaxed, pleasant atmosphere. Inspired by decorative art practices, they are intended to suggest a meditative and carefree environment and are accompanied by soft-spoken fragments of text. In a place where important, at times difficult decisions are made and where city life is shaped, the “Soft Walls” in the hallway invite visitors to enjoy a quiet, introspective moment while letting their eyes linger on delicate structures and engaging colour associations.

Date TBD – Due to lockdown.

**c. 9.3 Committee Work Plan**

None.

**d. 9.4 Report from Cultural Services Office**

- Received SCCIP Culture Days Activity Program applications on March 25. There are 16 in total and the Review Committee is currently evaluating them. We hope to have recommendations brought to ACAC by the next meeting. (May 5)
- The Sustaining-Core, Sustaining- Midsized, Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Program application materials were released in March. All applications will be accepted via an online submission portal, where applicants can upload the forms and supporting documents. This is instead of paper submissions.
- The application deadline for the 2 sustaining programs is this week – Thursday, April 15 – and the application deadline for the 2 development programs is Thursday, May 20.

- Staff will be hosting a SCCIP Information Session on Wednesday, April 21 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. focusing on the Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Programs. It will take place via Zoom and will require participants to pre-register by emailing [culture@stcatharines.ca](mailto:culture@stcatharines.ca). Please pass this info along to anyone you know who might want to attend!
- Released a Cultural Funding Newsletter in mid-March with details about SCCIP application materials and deadlines.
- Arts Awards Nominations – deadline has been extended and is now Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm
- O.Hope to start maternity leave starting in late August.

Motion to approve the Report from the Cultural Services Office

Motion: C. Chin Yet Carried.

**a. 9.5 Other Business**

- i. Cultural Sustainability Committee – PAAC Representative
    - Next meeting is on Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 4:30-5:30pm. The committee meets 4 times a year. Give an update on PAAC.
  - ii. Update on Rodman Hall
 

None.
  - iii. Update on Niagara Artists Centre (NAC)
 

Investing in a mobile trailer/ bandshell to animate downtown with bands and films
  - iv. Update on Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force
    - The RFPQ is now closed.
  - v. Update Fallen Firefighters Commemorative Task Force
    - Artists have been shortlisted. Next step is sending RFP to artists.
- **Date of next meeting**  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 4:30pm
  - **Motion to Adjourn**  
Moved: A. Adewumi Carried.