

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, April 07, 2021

Via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Justus Düntsch, Jennifer Hay

Staff:

Olivia Hope, Ashley Judd-Rifkin

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 April 7, 2021

Moved: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of March 3, 2021

Moved: S. Melville

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

None

7. Presentations (invited guests)

None

8. Business arising from the minutes

Item 9.5 – Report from Cultural Services Office from the March 3, 2021 minutes included a request from the Committee for an update regarding the Cultural Services Supervisor position.

S. Middleton provided an update, noting that the position posting has officially closed. Staff are working on a shortlist of candidates and are also devising the interview process, making sure they have additional steps in place because it will have to be done remotely. There will be more info in the coming weeks.

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

- Received SCCIP Culture Days Activity Program applications on March 25. There are 16 in total and the Review Committee is currently evaluating them. The Review Committee meeting date has been set and 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 next 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. 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!
- PAAC Update:
 - Neil Peart Memorial RFPQ has now closed.
 - Submissions are now being accepted for the 2021 Annual Juried Exhibit: The Art of Resilience. Deadline is June 21, 2021.
 - Staff are working with the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts on an exhibit for the 2nd floor of City Hall. More details will follow in the coming weeks.
 - 2020 Juried exhibit can still be viewed virtually, on the website and on our social media.

Motion to accept report: M. Al Jumaily

Carried

f. 9.6 Other Business

i. Arts Awards Nominations

The Arts Awards Nomination deadline has been extended. We will continue to accept nominations until Friday April 23 @ 4:00. 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.

S. Middleton called for any other updates from organizations, and the following was noted:

- P. Seabrook said that Folk Arts Festival will still have live events this year and would like to be able to present many artists. P. Seabrook will send information about how artists can apply to perform to A. Judd-Rifkin to distribute to Committee.
- K. Leathers said Carousel Players cannot operate any in-person events/activities right now but will host online activities during April Break, as well as summer drama camps for young people.
- J. Slade noted that the Niagara Youth Orchestra is still rehearsing nearly every week. Their recent chamber concert can be found online at their website and they are creating an outreach video of instrument demos. Their final concert this year will be in May on YouTube.

- D. Custodio mentioned that the deadline for the Canada Council's Explore and Create program is tomorrow, and that another OAC deadline is in early May.
- S. Middleton noted that Suitcase in Point is doing their last Art of the City presentation live at 7pm tonight on YouTube and Facebook.
- A. Judd-Rifkin noted that there is more funding available for non-profits through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. She will forward the information to the committee.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, May 05, 2021

Via Zoom

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be adjourned at **5:29** p.m.

Moved by: M. Al Jumaily

Carried