

Minutes

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Electronic Meeting 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
Stephen Remus, Public Art Advisory Committee, member
Sandy Middleton: Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, Chair
Brian Narhi, Heritage Advisory Committee, Chair
Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co Chair
Robert DeWolfe: Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co Chair

Absent: Michael O'Neill: Museum Advisory Committee, Chair

Guest:

Phil Cristi, Director of CRCS

Staff Liaisons:

Kathleen Powell: Public Arts Advisory, Arts and Culture Advisory, Museum Advisory Committees
Margaret Josipovic, Manager of Planning Services
Michael Seaman, Heritage Advisory and Heritage Permit Advisory Committees
Lori Mambella: Manager Programs and Culture Services
Julie Hughes: Pillar Liaison

1. Call meeting to order ~ Chair Garcia

- Welcome to Stephen Remus who is now a voting member of the CSC, as supported by Council. Stephen is a member of the Public Art Advisory Committee
- Welcome to guest Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Rec and Culture Services

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

3. Any additions or deletions to the agenda?

- Appendix 4: Rodman Hall Task Force Memo

4. Motion to approve the agenda

That the agenda for the July 21 CSC meeting be approved

Moved by: S. Middleton

CARRIED

5. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting

That the minutes from the April 21 CSC meeting be approved

Moved by R. DeWolfe

CARRIED

6. Any declarations of conflict of interest?

- none

7. Presentation

The Rodman Hall Task Force ~ Rob De Wolfe and Sandy Middleton

- See Appendices 1,2,3 and 4
- P Cristi explains that the information available to the Rodman Hall Task Force at the time they made their recommendations did not include any details of the confidential meetings between Planning Services and the new owner of Rodman Hall
- T Kitay confirms that the property owner is exploring several options but there is no planning application submitted to the City at this time
- The Heritage Advisory Committee will receive information on the planning application when it is submitted, given the heritage designation of Rodman Hall

Motion to approve the presentation

That the presentation from the Rodman Hall Task Force be received and forwarded to the owner of the Rodman Hall property for consideration

Moved by S. Middleton

CARRIED

8. Business arising from the minutes

- none

9. Business

9.1 Public Art Advisory Committee update ~ Stephen Remus, member

- The Fallen Firefighter memorial submissions have been shortlisted to 6 artists
- The Neil Peart Memorial submissions are in and will be short listed by the committee
- “The Art of Resilience” call for art closed on June 21 and all works will be on display from September 20 to March 2022 at City Hall
- “Soft Walls” is currently on display at City Hall

Motion to accept the Public Art Advisory Committee update

That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by S. Middleton

CARRIED:

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

- New Cultural Supervisor starts Mon Aug 9
- Staff compliment will be 1 supervisor and 2 co-ordinators
- SCCIP has allocated \$315,000
- Sustaining Events and Culture Builds Programming applications close on Sept 23
- A virtual information session is planned for August on these streams
- Nominees for the Arts Awards will be announced later this summer

Motion to accept the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update

That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by R. DeWolfe

CARRIED

9.3 Heritage Advisory Committee update ~ Brian Narhi, Chair

- no meeting held in May or July
 - 2 former committee members were selected to fill vacancies on the committee
 - New Heritage Planner will begin in August as staff resource
 - M. Seaman presented on the changes to the Ontario Heritage Act
 - Heritage inventory continues to be updated
 - Despite the recent devastation caused by fire, the Welland House heritage designation protects anything of historical significance above or below the ground
 - The Welland House was constructed by freedom seekers between 1853-86
 - It was one of three hotels that boasted the healing powers of the mineral waters
 - Many high profile guests visited the hotel over the years
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- Councillor Porter requests that the committee review the heritage preservation incentive programs in place at the City and those of other cities

Motion to accept the Heritage Advisory Committee update

That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by R. DeWolfe
CARRIED

9.4 Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update ~ Brian Narhi, Co Chair

- Five renovations in Port Dalhousie and one downtown reviewed
- July meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items

Motion to accept the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update

That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by R. DeWolfe
CARRIED

9.5 Museum Advisory Committee update ~ Kathleen Powell, staff liaison

- The Museum was closed once again with the Provincial Stay at Home order as of April 8th, 2021 and re-opened to the public on July 16, 2021
- Digital engagement continued during the closure

- A new exhibit, “*Just a Line to Say...*” postcards from the Museum’s collection is now completed and will be open to the public as soon as the Museum is back open to the public (2nd week in August according to current provincial guidelines)
- Interpretive Plan phase 1 is completed with the additional of our new Welland Canals Gallery and work on phase 2 is in process
- Collections management – in April staff continued with data entry and cataloguing and supporting exhibition and digital engagement platform, fielding research requests and photo orders until May 7th lay off
- The Museum received funding for students from the Young Canada Works program and the Canada Summer Jobs program. Some of that hiring is on hold while the stay at home order continues.

Motion to accept the Museum Advisory Committee update

That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by: R. DeWolfe
CARRIED

10. Other business:

- Emancipation Day activities being held virtually (Julie Hughes to forward)
- S. Middleton thanks Kathleen Powell for taking on the role of Supervisor of Culture Services in addition to the Supervisor of Historical Services

11. Dates of next meetings:

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

12. Motion to adjourn

That the CSC adjourn at 5:50 pm

Moved by: R. DeWolfe
CARRIED

Appendices: 1. Art Gallery Comparison finalized
 2. Rodman Hall Task Force Report to Council
 3. Alf Bogusky Report
 4. Rodman Hall Task Force Report memo