

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Via Zoom at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Mo Al Jumaily, Justus Düntsch, Don Evans, Jennifer Hay, Kate Leathers, Suzie Melville, Pam Seabrook, Janice Slade, Coun. Carlos Garcia

Absent:

Danny Custodio, David DeRocco, Sandy Middleton, Connor Wilkes

Staff:

Ashley Judd-Rifkin, Olivia Hope

1. Call meeting to order (Vice-Chair)

5:00 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

J. Düntsch 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

None

4. Motion to approve the agenda for June 30, 2021

Moved: D. Evans

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of June 2, 2021

Moved: D. Evans

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

J. Düntsch called for Conflicts of Interest for the SCCIP Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Program Recommendation Review.

The following members declared conflict:

- J. Slade declared a conflict as Silver Spire United Church, of which she is a member, applied to the Culture Builds Community program.

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 – J. Düntsch

J. Düntsch gave the following report:

Deadline for applications was May 20, 2021. The SCCIP Review Committee reviewed applications to the Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Programs. As laid out in the Program Guidelines:

- The **Arts Development Program** is intended for emerging arts organizations and artist ad hoc groups/collectives, or arts organizations that work on a project to project basis, as well as for new arts festivals. This program supports a range of cultural activities, art forms, and art practices, with priority given to Niagara-based arts creation and diverse cultural traditions.
- The **Culture Builds Community Program** is intended to support projects that engage residents through community art experiences, neighbourhood cultural activities and/or experiences that encourage participation, creativity and innovation. The program is open to artists, cultural organizations and other not-for-profit organizations that have the ability to engage residents at a local community level. Projects will culminate in a work of art or a public event. Projects that engage under-served local communities will be given priority.

The Review Committee read 7 applications to these Programs, then met on June 22 to discuss and score all applications.

J. Düntsch noted that the Committee needed to pass a motion to go In-Camera for: commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality. J. Düntsch once again called for any conflicts of interest.

i. 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, regarding 2021 Arts Development Program and 2021 Culture Builds Community Program Application Review.

Moved by: S. Melville

Carried

J. Düntsch stated that the Committee would go In Camera and would come back out to the public session once the application discussion had taken place. He explained to the Committee how they would be moved to a breakout room. J. Slade did not move to the breakout room, as she had a conflict with an application.

In-Camera: the Arts Development Program and Culture Builds Community Program recommendations made by the SCCIP Review Committee were presented to the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee for consideration.

The Committee moved back into Open Session at 5:37 p.m.

ii. Motion Arising from In-Camera Session

J. Düntsch thanked the SCCIP Review Committee for their evaluation of the applications and the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee for their discussion.

Motion:

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee recommend the allocation of SCCIP funding as identified during the In-Camera session; and

That the recommendations be referred to City Council for ratification.

Moved by: S. Melville

Carried

iii. Approval of SCCIP Sustaining-Festival Evaluation Tool

The 2021 SCCIP Sustaining-Festival Evaluation Tool was largely unchanged from 2019, aside from some revisions in relation to COVID protocol for proposed activities. A. Judd-Rifkin shared the documents with the committee, for review.

Discussion ensued, including a suggestion to provide guidelines for organizations on how they can collect data during their festival, as well as providing the final report documents at application.

Motion:

That the revised SCCIP Sustaining-Festival Evaluation Tool be approved as presented.

Made By: S. Melville

Carried

Motion to accept report: K. Leathers

Carried

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

Coun. Garcia requested Item 9.6.i (Update regarding the Cultural Services Supervisor position) be moved up.

L. Mambella, Manager of Programs and Culture Services, provided the following update to S. Middleton via email:

- They have made an offer to a new Culture Supervisor. The offer letter is not signed yet so L. Mambella couldn't share the person's name, however senior staff are very optimistic. If this person accepts, the tentative start date is Monday, August 9th.
- Once the Supervisor starts, the Culture Portfolio will return to its original staff compliment of one Supervisor and two Coordinators.
- O. Hope will be going on maternity leave in mid-August and M. Nicholls will be covering her year-long leave.

Report from Cultural Services Office

- SCCIP deadlines and review committee meetings are complete for the spring, and today's round of recommendations will be going to Council in July. To date, a total of \$289,715 in SCCIP funding has been allocated to artists and arts organizations by Council.
- The next SCCIP deadline is September 23. At this deadline, we will accept applications to the Sustaining-Festival Program, as well as the second round of applications to the Arts Development and Culture Builds Community Programs.
- All application materials and the online application portal for these programs should be available by the end of July, and we hope to host an information session in August via zoom for all interested artists and organizations.
- The Arts Awards Jury has met to discuss nominations. We hope to announce all nominees in July, so keep your eyes peeled!
- PAAC Update:
 - The current City Hall exhibit: 'Soft Walls' presented by Studies in Arts and Culture, and Visual Arts, the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts is currently on display until July 22, 2021.

In person viewings are currently available. For more information on dates, times and health and safety measures, please visit:
www.stcatharines.ca/exhibits

- Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial – no update since last meeting.
- Neil Peart Memorial – no update since last meeting.

One member questioned whether there would be more funding for Festivals in 2021 than there was in 2020. Staff noted there is more in the 2021 budget.

Motion to accept report: J. Slade

Carried

f. 9.6 Other Business

i. Update regarding the Cultural Services Supervisor position

(See Item 9.5 – Report from Cultural Services Office)

ii. Summer/Fall ACAC meeting dates

A. Judd-Rifkin noted that the committee shouldn't need to meet in July or August. Staff proposed meetings the first Wednesday of every month, from 5 – 6:30 p.m. as usual, for the remainder of 2021. Dates include:

- September 8th
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st

There was discussion around potentially time-sensitive agenda items coming up before the next suggested meeting date. Staff noted that a meeting could be convened in August if anything urgent was brought forward that needed ACAC's attention.

Committee members agreed to the meeting schedule as presented.

ACTION: Staff to provide meeting notices to committee members.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, September 08, 2021

Via Zoom

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee be adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Moved by: D. Evans

Carried