

Minutes

Thursday, August 05, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Ayo Adewumi, Susan Ashukian, Catherine Chin Yet, Mark Roe, Natasha Pedros, Coun.
Carlos Garcia

Absent:

Justus Düntsch, Michael Zuberec

Staff Liaison:

Olivia Hope, Michelle Nicholls

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

5:00 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

S. Ashoukian 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.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

Deletion: Under Item 9.1 **Civic Art Collection**, O. Hope removed item 9.1.i.

Donation – Jon Shaw Prints until she can provide more information about the pieces with PAAC.

Addition: Under Item 9.5 **Other Business**, O. Hope added item 9.5.i. Update on Lakeside Park Carousel door wraps

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved: A. Adewumi

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: C. Chin Yet

Carried

6. **Declarations of Interest**

None

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

None

8. **Business arising from the minutes**

None

9. **Business**

a. **9.1 Civic Art Collection – No Report**

b. **9.2 Public Art Programming**

i. 2021 Annual Juried Exhibit: Art of Resilience

O. Hope forwarded an email to PAAC noting which pieces the jury selected for the exhibit. Committee members reviewed the email before the meeting.

Motion: that the Public Art Advisory Committee approve the recommended selected artists as identified during the In-Camera session for the 2021 Annual Juried Exhibit: The Art of Resilience.

Moved by: A. Adewumi

Carried

ii. This Just In

Staff will be installing an exhibit next week titled “This Just In!” this exhibit features works that have been accepted into the City’s Art Collection through our Annual Juried Exhibits over the years. The exhibit will be an homage to our local artists. On display: August 13th to September 10th.

For information on viewing visit www.stcatharines.ca/exhibits

When this exhibit comes down the Annual Juried Exhibit will be installed. Coun. Garcia asked about timelines and O. Hope clarified that “This Just In!” is a shorter than usual exhibit timeframe, while the Annual Juried Exhibit will run from September 2021 to March 2022.

Motion to accept report: N. Pedros

Carried

c. **9.3 Committee Work Plan**

S. Ashukian noted that there have been a few meetings regarding the Sculpture Garden. Looking for a possible location as well as investigating municipal comparators and available provincial/federal funding. Just at the

beginning stages with this idea. Jaycee park is one potential location, as well as Montebello Park. The Committee explore which other possible green spaces might be appropriate.

Motion to accept report: N. Pedros

Carried

d. 9.4 Report from Cultural Services Office

- Noora Rizvi has been hired as the new Culture Supervisor and will start this 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.
- SCCIP deadlines and review committee meetings are complete for the spring, and the most recent round of recommendations went to Council in July. To date, a total of \$315,109 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 are now available at www.stcatharines.ca/sccip.
- An information session, via zoom, is scheduled for next Wednesday August 11 at 5:30 p.m. for all interested artists and organizations.
- The Arts Awards Jury has met to discuss nominations. A press release announcing nominees went out this afternoon. Details, including a list of nominees, can be found on the City's website at www.stcatharines.ca/artsawards as well as the Culture Office facebook and twitter pages.

Coun. Garcia asked if there was a press release announcing the hiring of the new Cultural Services Supervisor. O. Hope noted she would inquire about it with the Communications department.

Motion to accept report: C. Chin Yet

Carried

e. Other Business

- i. Lakeside Park Carousel door wraps – will be installed between the 19-20 of August. PAAC's suggestions and input were all received with appreciation.
- ii. Update on Rodman Hall – a Report is going to Council on August 9. Report is public and available online on the City's website. There is

a recommendation that PAAC help determine final locations of the outdoor public art pieces.

S. Ashukian noted that the pieces could be incorporated into the proposed Sculpture Garden.

N. Pedros noted that NAC was able to obtain the catalogues from Rodman Hall, with help from the Marilyn I. Walker School and Willow Arts Community. They hope to make these catalogues accessible to the community.

iii. Update on Niagara Artists Centre (NAC)

- NAC is getting ready to launch the Mighty Niagara Film Festival, running from August 18 to 22. Tickets and program will be released tomorrow and there is lots of local Niagara content.
- NAC also launched their Showmobile for helping to activate the east end of St. Paul Street throughout the rest of the summer.
- New tenants in the NAC Studio shop with pop-up hours on the weekends.
- NAC is partnering with In The Soil Arts Festival to present live music in the showmobile and on the NAC rooftop terrace.

iv. Update on Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force – no updates

v. Update Fallen Firefighters Commemorative Task Force – no updates

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Via Zoom

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Public Art Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Moved by: M. Roe

Carried