

Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 4:30pm

Attendance:

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair
Councillor Karrie Porter
Jeff McCormick, Director of Fire and Emergency Services
Tami Kitay, Director of Planning and Building Services
Sandy Middleton, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee, chair
Brian Narhi, Heritage Advisory Committee, Chair
Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co-Chair

Absent:

Councillor Kevin Townsend, Vice Chair
Stephen Remus, Public Art Advisory Committee, member
Robert Dewolfe, Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co-Chair
Kevin O'Neill, Museum Advisory Committee, Chair

Staff Liaison:

Noora Rizvi, Culture Supervisor
Kathleen Powell, Historical Services Supervisor
Lori Mambella, Manager of Programs and Culture Services
James Neilson, Heritage Planner
Julie Hughes, Pillar Liaison

1. Call meeting to order, Chair Carlos Garcia

- 4:35pm
- Introduction of Noora Rizvi, new Culture Supervisor
- Introduction of James Neilson, new Heritage Planner
- Retirement of Chief Jeff McCormick announced

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

We acknowledge that the land on which the Cultural Sustainability 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

That the agenda for the October 13 CSC meeting be approved

Moved by Sandy Middleton

CARRIED

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

That the minutes from the July 21 CSC meeting be approved

Moved by Brian Narhi

CARRIED

6. Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest stated

7. Presentations

- There were no presentations

8. Business arising from the minutes

- There was no business arising from the July 21 minutes

9. Business

9.1 Public Art Advisory Committee update, Noora Rizvi

- The sculptures at Rodman Hall are being removed this fall and placed into storage with the City for the winter, then installed in the spring
- Locations for installs are being determined throughout the downtown and interpretations will be installed with each sculpture
- Port Dalhousie Beautification and Works Committee has fundraised and commissioned a sculpture of a "Tow Horse" by Floyd Elzinga to be installed at Lock One and unveiled next spring
- Consultation is underway between the City and the Niagara Military Museum on transferring ownership of the Watson Memorial to the museum
- Totem Pole is in storage and with the pandemic restrictions lifting, there are plans to invite the artist from BC to begin the restoration work

- With the renaming of Centennial Park to Richard Pierpoint Park, staff is working on an official plaque and event for next spring

Motion to receive the update:

That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by T Kitay
CARRIED

9.2 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update, Chair Sandy Middleton

- The final intake of applications for SCCIP have been received
- The recommendations will be presented by the review committee at the next meeting
- Culture Days continues, virtually and in person, until October 24
- The Arts Awards are scheduled for Sunday November 21 at the PAC, both in person and virtual
- The Neil Peart Task Force has evaluated and short listed the artists' submissions to 7 proposals who have until March 22 to submit an NRFP of their designs
- The current focus is on fundraising
- The Fallen Firefighters Task Force has evaluated all the artists' submissions and chosen a proposal and will now focusing on fundraising
- The Rodman Hall Arts Centre Inc is requesting funding for a feasibility study of establishing an art gallery, at the Nov 8 Council of the Whole Budget Committee
- Culture Plan committee is assessing the status of the Culture Plan and submitting a funding request in the 2022 Budget
- Culture staff are relocating from the Museum to the Old Courthouse

Motion to receive the update:

That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by Karrie Porter
CARRIED

9.3 Heritage Advisory Committee, Chair Brian Narhi

- The committee continues to edit the NT&T railway plaques
- Work continues to update the heritage registry and the Wordpress logs with the Museum
- The committee provided input to the QEW Garden City Skyway Strategy Conservation Plan
- 2 grants approved for repairs to 2 homes

- The owner of the Welland House property is required to hire a heritage consultant to draft a plan to retrieve any remnants from the site which may have heritage significance
- The Fire Chief reports that the Ontario Fire Marshall has not released their report on the cause of the fire
- The committee received a request from the Kiwanis Club to rename the Fairview Golf course lands in their name
- Review of the Knifeworks site has been deferred

Motion to receive the update:

That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by Sandy Middleton
CARRIED

9.4 Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co-Chair Brian Narhi

- Summer meetings were not held due to lack of business
- A meet and greet was held with James Neilson, new Heritage Planner
- Reviewed permit applications for 3 properties in Port Dalhousie

Motion to receive the update:

That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update be received

Moved by Jeff McCormick
CARRIED

9.5 Museum Advisory Committee, Kathleen Powell

- Reviewed and accepted 5 groups of accessions (62 artifacts) for the collection
- 13 deaccessions were approved
- St. Catharines Museum, Morningstar Mill and Lakeside Park Carousel all opened to the public in July 2021
- The mill and the carousel are now closed for the season
- Volunteers are now back in facilities
- The Museum continues with its Interpretive Plan with respect to the development of the permanent galleries, which is estimated to take 2-4 years to complete
- All internal upgrades have been completed
- Four temporary exhibits, *Hats off to Hats; Coming Home: St. Catharines and the Second World War; Marking Time and Something's Happening Here*, are currently staged
- The Virtual Museum Lecture series runs September 23 to November 30

- These are available on the Museum's Youtube and the Museum's Soundcloud

Motion to approve the Museum Advisory Committee's update

That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received

Approved by Councillor Karrie Porter
CARRIED

10. Date of next meeting

- January 2022 or at the call of the Chair

11. Motion to Adjourn

That the Cultural Sustainability Committee be adjourned, 5:18pm

Approved by Brian Narhi
CARRIED