

Minutes

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 4:30pm

Attendance:

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair
Councillor Karrie Porter
Dave Upper, 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 De Wolfe: Heritage Permit Advisory Committee, Co Chair

Regrets

Councillor Kevin Townsend, Vice Chair
Michael O'Neill: Museum Advisory Committee, Chair

Staff Liaisons:

Kathleen Powell: Supervisor of Historical Services, Museum Advisory Committee
James Neilson: Heritage Planner, Heritage Advisory and Heritage Permit Advisory Committees
Lori Mambella: Manager Programs and Culture Services
Julie Hughes: Pillar Liaison

Regrets:

Noora Rizvi, Culture Supervisor, Public Art Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
Ashley Judd Rifkin: Culture Coordinator

1. Call meeting to order, 4:35pm ~ Chair Garcia

- Welcome to Dave Upper, new Fire Chief

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

We acknowledged 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. Any additions or deletions to the agenda?

n/a

4. Motion to approve the agenda

That the agenda for the Jan 26th CSC meeting be approved

Moved by: T. Kitay

CARRIED

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings

That the minutes from the Oct 13, 2021 CSC meeting be approved

Moved by: R. DeWolfe

CARRIED

6. Any declarations of conflict of interest?

None stated

7. Presentation

n/a

8. Business arising from the minutes:

- B Narhi provided an update from the Heritage Advisory Committee that the Kiwanis naming proposal for a section of John Page Park was discussed

9. Business

9.1 Public Art Advisory Committee ~ Stephen Remus, member

a) 2021 Annual Report

- A billboard tax was explored (as exists in Toronto) as a means of reducing visual pollution and funding cultural projects
- Legal advised that St. Catharines does not have the same latitude as Toronto to enact this and collect this type of tax
- Coun Porter requests that Director Kitay investigate whether the City could dedicate development charge funding towards Public Art projects and also whether the City could implement a hoarding beautification by law for construction sites

Motion to accept the Public Art Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

That the Public Art Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report update be received

Moved by Chair Garcia

CARRIED:

b) 2022 Workplan Presentation ~ Stephen Remus, member

- Continuing to work on the migration of the Rodman Hall Sculptures to new locations in downtown and creating a Sculpture Walk
- Working with utility companies on box wraps
- Establishing an outdoor exhibit in Richard Pierpoint Park

Motion to accept the Public Art Advisory Committee 2022 Workplan Presentation

That the Public Art Advisory Committee Annual 2022 Workplan Presentation be received

Moved by S. Middleton

CARRIED:

c) Amendment to the Terms of Reference

Motion to amend the Terms of Reference:

That the Terms of Reference of the Public Art Advisory Committee membership be amended to include one representative from the Rodman Art Institute of Niagara and one representative from the Faculty at Brock University's Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts;

and

That this item be referred to Council for approval.

Moved by B. Narhi

CARRIED:

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

a) 2021 Annual Report

- SCCIP funding of \$400K granted through 7 streams in 2021
- Culture Plan Sub committee established priorities
- Arts Awards were held Nov 21 in hybrid format
- Culture Days won #1 City in Canada for the second year in a row by staging 192 events, both in person and virtual in October

Motion to accept the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

That the Art and Culture Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report update be received

Moved by T. Kitay

CARRIED:

b) 2022 Workplan Presentation ~ Sandy Middleton, Chair

- Support the Culture Plan sub committee to update the Culture Plan, in consultation with other advisory committees
- Support Culture Plan sub committee to implement the Culture Plan priorities for 2022
- Cultural asset mapping
- 2022 SCCIP

Motion to accept the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee 2022 Workplan Presentation

That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Annual 2022 Workplan Presentation be received

Moved by S. Remus
CARRIED:

c) Amendment to the Terms of Reference

Motion to amend the Terms of Reference:

That the Terms of Reference for the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee membership be amended to include a staff member of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre; and, That this item be referred to the next Council meeting for approval.

Moved by R. DeWolfe
CARRIED:

d) Recruitment of new member

Motion to go in camera:

That the Cultural Sustainability Committee go in camera to discuss identifiable individuals

Moved by: K. Porter
CARRIED

IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion from in camera session

That the Cultural Sustainability Committee recommend the appointment of the individual identified in camera to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Moved by T. Kitay
CARRIED

9.3 Heritage Advisory Committee ~ Brian Narhi, Chair

a) 2021 Annual Report

- Provided feedback on the Private Watson Memorial, Knifework's skate park, vandalism to Harriet Tubman statue
- Heritage property evaluations and creation of form for evaluating properties for the Heritage Register
- Museum Word Press blog
- Chestnut St and Merritt St EA
- Designation recommendation for the Carousel under the Ontario Heritage Act
- Brian Nahri and Lorraine Giroux will sit on the Welland Canal Bi Centennial Committee
- Heritage grant recommendations

Motion to accept the Heritage Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

That the Heritage Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report update be received

Moved by K. Porter

CARRIED:

b) 2022 Workplan Presentation ~ Brian Narhi, Chair

- Creating an info sheet for the public to explain the role of the Heritage Advisory Committee and illustrating heritage in our City
- Working with comms to get out a media release for Heritage Week in February
- Expanding the heritage register to include several other properties
- Working with the other advisory committees as required

Motion to accept the Heritage Advisory Committee 2022 Workplan Presentation

That the Heritage Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Workplan Presentation be received

Moved by R. DeWolfe

CARRIED:

9.4 Heritage Permit Advisory Committee ~ Bob DeWolfe, Co-Chair

a) Heritage Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

- 19 heritage permit applications were reviewed for Part IV (Individually Designated) and Part V (Heritage Districts) properties
- All but 1 application was supported by the Committee

Motion to accept the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report update be received

Moved by T. Kitay

CARRIED:

b) 2022 Heritage Permit Advisory Committee Workplan Presentation, Bob DeWolfe, Co Chair

- The Heritage Permit Advisory Committee will discuss the opportunity for Heritage Permit Committee to provide input on their work

Motion to accept the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee 2022 Workplan Presentation

That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Workplan Presentation be received

Moved by B. Narhi

CARRIED:

9.5 Museum Advisory Committee update ~ K. Powell, Staff

a) Museum Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

- Morningstar Mill open July to Thanksgiving
- Museum open July to Dec and will reopen Jan 31, 50 % capacity
- The Museum continues with its Interpretive Plan development of the permanent galleries and the public spaces.
- During Museum closures, renovations and maintenance have taken place
- Review of 9 items for accession and 406 deaccessions has taken place
- Deaccessions are donated to other museums, and the library
- The collection continues to be digitized so it will be available online
- 4 temporary exhibits continue, Coming Home, Marking Time, Soap Box Derby and Hold Onto Your Hats

Motion to accept the Museum Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

That the Museum Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report be received

Moved by: S. Middleton
CARRIED

c) Museum Advisory Committee 2022 Workplan Presentation

- Morningstar Mill capital project, reconstruction of the dam, will begin
- During closure of Morningstar Mill, renovations are underway at the Miller's House as well as artifact collections management in process
- Museum Policy development continues as is necessary in order to qualify for provincial grant program
- Renewal of the 2020 Strategic Plan
- Accessions committee work will be a priority
- Virtual Museum lecture series starting is February 1
- Black History programming are planned for February
- Family Day activities are planned for Feb 21, in person
- New exhibit on the 4th Welland Canal History will be unveiled

Motion to accept the Museum Advisory Committee 2022 Workplan Presentation

That the Museum Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Workplan Presentation be received

Moved by: D. Upper
CARRIED

10. Other business

- none

11. Dates of next meetings:

- Wed April 20, 2022, 4:45 to 5:45pm
- Wed July 20, 2022, 4:45 to 5:45pm
- Wed Oct 19, 2022, 4:45 to 5:45pm

12. Motion to adjourn

That the CSC adjourn at 4:57pm

Moved by: B Dewolfe.
CARRIED