

## Minutes

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

**Electronic Meeting at 4:45pm**

### **Attendance:**

Councillor Carlos Garcia, Chair  
Councillor Kevin Townsend, Vice Chair  
Councillor Karrie Porter  
Dave Upper, Director of Fire and Emergency Services  
Justus Duntsch: 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  
Museum Advisory Committee, Chair

### **Regrets**

Tami Kitay, Director Planning and Building Services  
Stephen Remus, Public Art Advisory Committee, member

### **Staff Liaisons:**

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

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#### **1. Call meeting to order, 4:47pm ~ Chair Garcia**

- Sandy Middleton, Chair of the Arts and Culture Committee has resigned
- Welcome to Justus Duntsch, new Chair

#### **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?**

- The Chair of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is Justus Duntsch

**4. Motion to approve the amended agenda**

*That the amended agenda for the April 20, 2022 CSC meeting be approved*

**Moved by:** Justus Duntsch

**CARRIED**

**5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings**

*That the minutes from the Jan 26, 2022 CSC meeting be approved*

**Moved by:** Robert DeWolfe

**CARRIED**

**6. Any declarations of conflict of interest?**

- None declared

**7. Presentation**

- Not applicable

**8. Business arising from the minutes:**

- None

**9. Business**

**9.1 Public Art Advisory Committee Update~ Noora Rizvi**

- The Niagara Military Museum was interested in taking possession of the Watson Memorial, but their land is owned by the City of Niagara Falls. The Niagara Falls Culture Committee did not approve the accession. Staff are exploring Veterans Affairs funding to pay the costs of relocating the memorial to another site (potentially Victoria Lawn Cemetery)
- The Totem Pole is in storage while regular meetings are held with the artist/restorer. The restoration will take 4 weeks and the reinstallation will be scheduled later in June, perhaps to mark National Indigenous People's Day
- Rodman Six sculptures will be removed in late May and reinstalled downtown by the end of the summer. The sites will be one at Meridian Centre, three at the PAC and two at City Hall
- William Hamilton Merritt Monument will undergo some restoration to fix the base

- Outdoor exhibit at Richard Pierpoint Park will be unveiled in June 2022
- The Tow Horse sculpture, purchased by the PDBWC at Lock 1 in Port Dalhousie will be accessioned into the City's collection
- WCFWM panel will have the name of an additional fallen worker inscribed into the panel this summer

### **Motion to accept the Public Art Advisory Committee update**

*That the Public Art Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Brian Narhi

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update ~ Justus Duntsch, Chair**

- The committee welcomed new Culture Coordinator, Mandy Salter
- A curatorial assistant student position will be hired for the summer
- Culture Plan Sub Committee reviewed the last Culture Plan in order to identify a short term list of priorities
- SCCIP applications are currently being accepted until May 19th
- Staff will hold a SCCIP online Open House on April 26
- Last year's SCCIP report will be posted online

### **Motion to accept the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update**

*That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Dave Upper

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Heritage Advisory Committee update~ Brian Narhi, Chair**

- Heritage Advisory Committee brochure has been completed
- 13 properties were added to the City's Heritage Registry
- A Heritage designation were granted for the Carousel and a Heritage Property Grant was approved for 183 King St
- The staff delegation by law and heritage property insurance were both reviewed
- Discussions were held on the impact of the Province's Affordable Housing Taskforce on heritage properties
- Columns from the former TD building downtown, which are currently located behind the City's Geneva St property were discussed for potential re-use.

### **Motion to accept the Heritage Advisory Committee update**

*That the Heritage Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Robert DeWolfe  
**CARRIED**

### **9.4 Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update~ Bob DeWolfe, Co Chair**

The Heritage Permit Advisory Committee made recommendations on the following applications:

- 1 Signage Permit application recommended for approval
- 1 alteration of a Designated Part IV Heritage Property recommended for approval
- 1 alteration of a property in the Queen Street Heritage District recommended for approval
- 6 alteration applications for properties in the Port Dalhousie Heritage District recommended for approval
- 1 demolition application in the Port Dalhousie Heritage District recommended for deferral
- 1 demolition application in the Port Dalhousie Heritage District recommended for refusal

### **Motion to accept the Heritage Advisory Committee update**

*That the Heritage Permit Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Kevin Townsend  
**CARRIED**

### **9.5 Museum Advisory Committee update ~ Robert DeWolfe, Chair**

- The Committee considered 20 accessions that have been offered to the Museum for addition to the collection and 503 deaccessions of items from the collection. Most of the deaccessions will be sent to the library and some will be transferred to other public institutions where they are more relevant to their missions. Most deaccessions are duplicates from our collections.
- Museum reopened to the public on January 31<sup>st</sup>. During the closure the Museum continued with its Interpretive Plan development of the permanent galleries and the public spaces including improvements to the gift shop which included removal of the former desk and a shop remodel and new payment stations as well as a new exhibition of collections objects on display. Continued work on Interpretive Plan improvements was carried out in the

- galleries as well as ongoing collections management tasks related to cataloguing and digitizing objects for availability on the eMuseum platform.
- The Virtual Museum Lecture Series started back up on February 1<sup>st</sup> and there are 3 lectures left in the Spring series
  - Family Day was very well attended by the public, including our very popular behind the scenes tours of the Museum's collections spaces – done in person for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic started
  - The following temporary exhibits continue to be available:
    - *Hold on to Your Hats; Coming Home: St. Catharines and the Second World War; Marking Time; and a new exhibit highlighting the Soapbox Derby in St. Catharines.*
  - Also installed in March is *Leading the Way: Pioneering Women of St. Catharines*. This will replace *Marking Time* in anticipation of the new Introduction Gallery to be installed in late Spring 2022.
  - Both the Morningstar Mill and the Lakeside Park Carousel are now closed for the season and during the closure improvements to the interior of the Miller's House at the Morningstar Mill continues as well as artifact collections management for the Mill's artifact collection.

#### **Motion to accept the Museum Advisory Committee update**

*That the Museum Advisory Committee update be received*

**Moved by:** Dave Upper  
**CARRIED**

#### **9.6 2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force ~ recruitment**

##### **Motion to go in camera:**

*That the Cultural Advisory Committee go in camera to discuss identifiable individuals*

**Moved by:** Robert DeWolfe  
**CARRIED**

#### **IN CAMERA SESSION, 5:25pm to 5:40pm**

##### **Motion from in camera session**

*That the Cultural Advisory Committee recommend the appointments of the three individuals identified in camera to the 2029 Historic Welland Canals Task Force*

**Moved by:** Karrie Porter  
**CARRIED**

**10. Any other business?**

- None

**11. Date of next meeting:** Wed Jul 20, 4:30 to 5:30  
Wed Oct 19, 4:30 to 5:30

**12. Motion to adjourn**

*That the CSC adjourn at 5:45pm*

**Moved by:** Brian Narhi  
**CARRIED**