



**City Of Kingston
Arts Advisory Committee
Meeting Number 09-2017
Confirmed Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2017
9:00 a.m., Loyalist Room, City Hall**

Members Present

Barbara Bell, Chair
Councillor Neill
Tricia Baldwin
Bob Brooks
Cathie Hamilton
Jane Karges
Danika Lochhead
Ashleigh McKeil (arrived to meeting at 9:15 a.m.)
Jocelyn Purdie

Members Absent

Councillor Candon
Karma Tomm

Staff Present

Julie Fossitt, Manager, Cultural Marketing
Taylor Norris, Public Art Coordinator
Derek Ochej, Committee Clerk
Colin Wiginton, Culture Director

Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Neill
Seconded by Ms. Hamilton

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Ms. Purdie
Seconded by Ms. Baldwin

That the Minutes of the Arts Advisory Committee meeting Number 08-2017 held Thursday, August 10, 2017 be amended by:

- Replacing Mr. Norris with Ms. Norris on Page 3, Paragraph 1; and
- Replacing Ms. Taylor with Ms. Norris on Page 3, Paragraphs 3 and 5,

and as amended, be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

- a) Julie Fossitt, Manager, Cultural Marketing, was present and spoke to the Committee regarding Culture Days.

Ms. Fossitt conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding Culture Days, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Department.

Ms. Baldwin discussed the Culture Days events that took place at the Isabel Bader Centre and the Queen's Arts and Recreation Centre.

Ms. Lochhead discussed the Culture Days events supported by the Kingston Arts Council.

Ms. Karges discussed the Juvenis Festival's involvement in Culture Days.

Ms. Baldwin stated that the event was better organized than in years past, expressing support for the approach of reducing the number of events and focusing on quality instead of quantity.

Mr. Wiginton discussed the challenges of organizing Culture Days, adding that the event was re-framed this year and that the Committee should continue to discuss the evolution of Culture Days moving forward. He stated that a shift in the organization of the event was payment of participating artists and providing assistance to partners in marketing the event.

Ms. Bell stated the importance of gathering qualitative and anecdotal data from participants regarding the success of Culture Days.

Councillor Neill stated that Culture Days was better organized and visible than in years past, citing in particular the impact on the community of the partnership with Kingston Transit.

Ms. Baldwin expressed her thanks to City staff for assistance with funding and organizing Culture Days.

Business

a) Update on the Mayor's Arts Awards

Mr. Wiginton discussed the procedural issues that arose with the Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Arts Awards. He described the two options that were presented to solve the procedural issues, which were to have Council delegate the authority to the Nominations Working Group to select the winners, or for a staff report to be presented to Council identifying the selections from the Nominations Working Group. Mr. Wiginton advised that Council selected the first option and that the Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Arts Awards have been updated. Regarding the timeline for the awards, he advised the Committee that a reception will be held in late November or early December and that discussion is still occurring surrounding the setup of the reception.

Councillor Neill thanked Mr. Wiginton for his work on the Mayor's Arts Awards.

Ms. McKeil inquired which company has been hired to create the video of the award winners. Ms. Lochhead answered that the video production had been contracted to Make Hay media. Ms. McKeil suggested that Spark be considered in the future.

Ms. Bell asked if the awards reception will be recorded. Ms. Lochhead advised that there is budget for photography and that videography could be included. Mr. Wiginton expressed his support for recording of the awards reception.

b) Working Group updates

i. Public Art Working Group

Ms. Norris provided the Committee with an update on the Alderville commemoration project, stating the next steps will involve issuing the Request for Information (RFI) and assembling a jury. She discussed the Victoria Park public art project, stating that a RFI will be released before the end of the year. Ms. Norris stated that the mural mosaic project is

working towards completion, and that the Rideau Heights project is being re-examined for more accessible and integrated public art opportunities.

c) Discussion regarding community appointees to the Professional Development Working Group

Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Lochhead and Ms. Karges conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the recent work of the Working Group, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Department.

Mr. Wiginton discussed the timeline for the finalization of public member appointments to the Working Group. He suggested that the Working Group consider the importance of including accessibility when it comes to professional development. Ms. Lochhead stated the group will be consulting with the H'art Centre regarding accessibility.

Ms. Purdie discussed the visual arts strategy, stating that the strategy may contain information regarding professional development in the visual arts community.

d) Discussion regarding AAC nominations

Mr. Ochej confirmed for the Committee that the new public member appointee was Kyle Holleran.

Ms. Lochhead stated that she is continuing to recruit for the final Kingston Arts Council technical representative, but that it has been difficult to find interest with the Indigenous community. She discussed the importance of demonstrating the value of a position on the Committee to potential recruits.

Ms. Baldwin suggested some potential members to fulfill the technical representative position. Ms. McKeil advised that she may know of some interested persons for the position as well.

Responding to a question from Mr. Brooks, Mr. Ochej provided clarity regarding the terms of appointment for technical representatives for the Committee.

Motions

There were none.

Notices of Motion

There were none.

Other Business

Councillor Neill discussed a draft motion regarding a program for the City to recognize significant film locations in Kingston, citing examples from Kanab, Utah. He added that the motion would not be coming through the Committee directly, but would see the Committee involved in further research on the topic.

Mr. Wiginton advised that the proposed motion may be within the scope of the commemoration policy and that it may be appropriate to consult with the Cultural Heritage Working Group on the matter. He provided background on the commemoration strategy, stressing the importance of commemoration's occurring in an integrated and strategic manner.

Councillor Neill discussed the recent motion at Council regarding the historical context of statues. Mr. Wiginton added the importance of sharing multiple sides of a story when it comes to commemorations.

Ms. Purdie sought further details regarding Project Bookmark. Mr. Wiginton clarified that Project Bookmark is a national organization that commemorates writers that are connected to specific places and spaces. He added that the municipalities lease property to Project Bookmark for their commemorations.

Correspondence

There was none.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Arts Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Neill
Seconded by Ms. Baldwin

That the meeting of the Arts Advisory Committee adjourns at 10:05 a.m.

Carried