



**MINUTES**  
**ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
January 26th, 2021  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**WebEx – Virtual Platform**

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Chair: Annette Paiement

Recorder: Lauren Anastasi

Present: Monika Ciolek, Monolina Bhattacharyya-Ray, Ranil Sonnadara, Janna Malseed, Eileen Reilly, Elizabeth Jayne Cardno, Lisa LaRocca, Councillor Farr, Councillor Danko, Ken Coit (Staff)

**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

Land Acknowledgement

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2.1 Request to add the following items to the agenda under Staff Presentations:

9.1 Update on Hamilton Arts Council Digital Arts Hub Project.

9.2 Update Hamilton Arts Awards Program

MOVED: Janna Malseed

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

**That** the agenda of today's meeting as amended be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 Annette Paiement is on the Board of Directors for Together in Dance.  
Item 6.1 will be Chaired by Eileen Reilly.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 Approval of Minutes November 24th, 2020. No changes to the minutes were required.

MOVED: Eileen Reilly

SECOND: Ranil Sonnadara

**That** the meeting minutes of November 24th, 2020 be approved.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.1 Communication re Advisory Committees and Citizen Committee Reports from City Clerk

AAC Reports to General Issues Committee. Citizen Committee Reports required for GIC approval for certain actions.

#### **6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

6.1 Together in Dance – Haleigh Eady, Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts presented a written delegation.

MOVED: Janna Malseed

SECOND: Lisa LaRocca

**That** the written delegation request from Haleigh Eady, regarding Together in Dance be received at this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**Annette Paiement Abstained**

#### **7. CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

## **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS**

Update from Monika Ciolek. Together in Dance Festival will take place virtually in April 2021. The written delegation is an update to the AAC regarding last year's delegation.

## **9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **9.1 Hamilton Arts Council Digital Arts Hub**

Ken Coit shared an update from Hamilton Arts Council regarding the HAMSTR Digital Arts Hub initiative. AAC approved a motion to provide seed money and a letter of recommendation for this project at the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting.

Hamilton Art Council will know if they received additional grant funding by March 2021. They have hired Research Coordinator Jessica Vann to oversee the digital arts hub. HAC would be happy to present a progress report to the AAC at a future meeting.

### **9.2 Arts Awards**

Ken Coit shared that the Hamilton Arts Awards received a total of 176 nominations for Creator, Arts Champion and Lifetime Achievement categories this year, a significant increase from nominations received in years past.

The second phase of nominations beginning soon for Shirley Elford Emerging Artist Commission Prize which will award two \$2000 commissions to Hamilton artists to create artworks specific to Hamilton's Arts Scene for presentation at the 2022 awards event

50 members of the arts community have been engaged to review the nominations.

Request for AAC volunteers to audit the arts awards juries during the adjudication process.

MOVED: Janna Malseed

SECOND: Councillor Farr

**That** Monika Ciolek and Eileen Reilly represent Arts Advisory Commission to attend juries to audit the Hamilton Arts Awards adjudication process.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery**

Ken Coit provided an update on Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery Report 2020.

AAC Commissionaire Lisa LaRocca participated as a representative of the Arts and Culture Subcommittee on the Task Force that created the Report. Next meeting is in February to discuss what recommendations have passed and how to address long term items.

AAC to further review the Report in order to select specific recommendations to support by way of a report to council. This will require further discussion

The report was presented to council. Several motions passed to take immediate action. Additional follow up Task Force meetings are planned to discuss further action.

MOVED: Jayne Malseed

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

**That** Arts Advisory Commission receive the Mayors Task Force on Economic Recovery Report.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery AAC Membership**

One item in the report speaks directly to AAC as follows:

“3) Create a policy to have a minimum of one-third of the seats for Coalition of Black and Racialized Artists members and/or BIPOC

representation on the City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Committee at all times.”

MOVED: Jayne Cardno

SECOND: Monika Ciolek

**That** in support of this recommendation, the staff liaison is to communicate with the Legislative Coordinator about the recruitment and selection process of AAC commissionaires and to provide recommendations to the ACC on how to address the Task Force recommendation and to enhance the process to ensure that it is inclusive of persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ and BIPOC+ citizens.

**CARRIED**

## **10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

10.1 Communication, education and training. This discussion item is addressed in item 10.3

10.2 Symposium 2020 – Creative Café

Given the delays due to COVID and its impact on the arts community the Symposium will be put on hold and a subcommittee formed to review the Arts and Culture recommendations of the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery Report to determine how the AAC may assist in moving recommendations forward and in supporting the recovery of the arts community.

Subcommittee volunteers include: Jayne Cardno, Lisa LaRocca, Eileen Reilly, Monika Ciolek, Ranil Sonnadara and Janna Malseed.

Councillor Farr and Councillor Danko have volunteered to advise the subcommittee.

MOVED: Eileen Reilly

SECOND: Janna Malseed

**That** the creation and meeting of an AAC subcommittee be formed to review the recommendation of the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic

Recovery and to report back to AAC with possible action items at the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Danko and Councillor Farr could present a Motion to indicate to the Mayor's Task Force that they support the recommendations and will assist where appropriate with implementation.

MOVED: Elizabeth Jayne Cardno

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

**That** the AAC supports Councillors Danko and Farr in putting forward a motion indicating that AAC is in full support of Mayor's task force on Economic recovery recommendations on Arts and Culture and encourages council to address the immediate needs as quickly as possible. The AAC will provide their expertise and work to assist with action on any immediate recommendations as needed.

**and**

**That** Councillors Danko and Farr be asked to communicate the AAC's support to Council via motion to ensure that it is received for consideration before the Task Force's February meeting.

**CARRIED**

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**12. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no general information/other business.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED: Ranil Sonnadara

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

**That** the Arts Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 5:14pm

**CARRIED**