MINUTES
21-005
ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 23, 2021
4:00 p.m.
Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Buildings, this meeting virtually.

Present: Annette Paiement (Chair), Monolina Bhattacharyya-Ray, Elizabeth Jayne Cardno, Monika Ciolek, Councillor Danko, Janna Malseed, Jason Samilski (Guest from Canadian Artists' Representation Le Front des Artistes Canadiens), Ranil Sonnadara

Absent: Councillor Farr, Lisa LaRocca

The Chair called the meeting to order and recognized that the Committee is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

(Malseed/Sonnadara)
That the Agenda for the November 23, 2021 Arts Advisory Commission, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) July 27, 2021 (Item 4.1)

(Ciolek/Bhattacharyya-Ray)
That the Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Arts Advisory Commission, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(Malseed/Cardno)
That the following Communication Items, be received:

(i) Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report – Aug 12, 2021 (Item 5.1)

(ii) A By-law to govern the proceedings of Council and Committees of Council Consolidation - By-law 21-021 – Aug 13, 2021 (Item 5.2)

(iii) Hybrid Meetings approved by Council for 2022 – Aug 13, 2021 (Item 5.3)

(iv) Recording and Retention of Meetings (Item 5.4)

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Items 6)

There were no delegation requests.

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Items 7)

There were no consent items.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(Cardno/Malseed)
That the following Delegation Item, be received:

(i) Artists' Legal Advice Services (ALAS) – (Item 8.1)

- Virtual legal and peer support network for artists. Entertainment lawyers, mental health supports, copyright and agreement group seminars, all are mostly free of charge. Many resources and legal database available. Want to make people aware of services,

particularly those who face systemic barriers. Can help with policy creation recommendations.

CARRIED

(Malseed/ Bhattacharyya-Ray)
That the following Delegation Item, be received:

(ii) Canadian Artists' Representation Le Front des Artistes (CARFAC) – presentation by Jason Samilski
(Item 8.2)

- Provincial representation of Artists to assist in creating a strong and equitable ecosystem for fair pay and equal rights. Work with ALAS to offer assistance and provide support to artists. CARFAC Fee Schedule assists those seeking minimum rates of pay for artists.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) 2021 Hamilton Arts Awards Program Evaluation Report (Item 9.1)

Ken Coit, Program Manager Public Art and Projects, provided an update regarding the Hamilton Arts Awards, advising that the new nomination and adjudication processes worked well and resulted in increase number of nominations. Viewership increased from last year.

(Ciolek/Malseed)
That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Arts Awards, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Public Art Update (Item 9.2)

Ken Coit, Program manager Public Art and Projects, provided an update regarding the Public Art update, advising of the following:

(1) Century Street Parkette award announced – Convergence Hooman Mehdizadehjafari**.**

(2) Electric City Nicola Tesla and the Five Johns Public Art Project on the Waterfront is underway. Ranil Sonnadara to be the AAC representative adjudicator.

(3) Locke St. Marker Public Art Project has started.

(4) Ancaster Call for Artists in the new year.

(5) Keddy Access Trail Temporary Street Art Project – Approved by Council.

(Malseed/ Bhattacharyya-Ray)
That the presentation respecting the Public Art Update, be received. And that, Ranil Sonnadara will represent AAC as the Adjudicator for Electric City Public Art Project.

CARRIED

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Celebrating Resilience in the Arts Update (Item 10.1)

The following points were made during the discussion of the Celebrating Resilience in the Arts Proposal Sub-committee Notes:

- Hamilton Arts Council (HAC) has collected submissions. Adjudication is complete and all artists have been contacted regarding whether their submission have been selected.
- HAC ran the survey via social media and the results are presented here by David Hudson.
- Survey results will be shared as a public document and will inform the 2022 Symposium.

(Bhattacharyya-Ray /Malseed)
That the Celebration of Resilience of the Arts Sub-committee update and David Hudson's presentation on behalf of HAC be received.

CARRIED

(ii) 2022 AAC Budget Submission (Item 10.2)

The following points were made during the discussion of the 2022 AAC Budget Submission Notes:

- $9,000 is the annual request made by AAC.
- Big Picture Recovery Event Symposium suggested budget of $19,300. Suggested we request $10,300 from $18,000 in reserves currently.
- If approved, Chair will sign the budget request to go to council in 2022.

(Ciolek/Malseed)
(a) That the annual budget request be approved

(b) That $10,300 be requested from reserves to fund the 2022 Symposium.

CARRIED

(iii) Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 (BOH20015) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

The following point was made during the discussion of the Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 Study Notes:

- No feedback at this time.
- AAC Members with feedback to offer will email Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, Director, Healthy & Safe Communities as advised. Jennifer.Vickers-Manzin@hamilton.ca
- No due date was given. The request that we attach report to next advisory committee agenda was made September 14, 2021.

(Ciolek/Malseed)

(a) To accept receipt of study and request for feedback from AAC.

(b) That the AAC Secretary will send the report, feedback contact and due date to the members via email.

(iv) All Advisory Committee Meeting (Item 10.4)

The following points were made during the discussion of the All Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

- Each Advisory Committees presented over the span of three hours.
- Would like the presentation to be available to online to inform citizens.
- Suggestion that Committees have grant funds available to award to community.
- Including youth on Committees was a welcome suggestion.
- Updated handbook is anticipated.
- AAC has been successful in retaining membership and achieving quorum as compared to some other Committees.

(Sonnadara/ Bhattacharyya-Ray)
That the All Advisory Committees Meeting Update as presented be received.

CARRIED

(l) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

(Malseed/Sonnadara)
That, the Arts Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 5:01pm.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Paiement, Chair
Arts Advisory Commission

Lauren Anastasi
Recorder