



**MINUTES**  
**22-001**  
**ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

January 25, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Buildings, this meeting virtually.

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**Present:** Annette Paiement (Chair), Monolina Bhattacharyya-Ray, Monika Ciolek, Councillor Danko, Lisa LaRocca, Janna Malseed, Ranil Sonnadara

**Absent:** Elizabeth Jayne Cardno, Councillor Farr

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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)**

**(Ciolek/Malseed)**

That the Agenda for the January 25, 2022 Arts Advisory Commission, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) November 23, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

**(Bhattacharyya-Ray/Malseed)**

That the Minutes of the November 23, 2021 Arts Advisory Commission, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

**(Malseed/Sonnadara)**

That the following Communication Items, be received:

- (i) Jen Anisef is the acting staff liaison. Ken Coit has accepted a different role with the City of Hamilton.

**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)**

There were no public hearings or delegations.

**(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) 2022 Hamilton Arts Awards Update (Item 9.1)**

Jen Anisef, Cultural Project Specialist, provided an update regarding the Hamilton Arts Awards, advising that public nominations closed January 14, 2022. There were 94 nominations for 70 nominees. At the upcoming Arts Sector Review Panel phase there will be an opportunity to add more nominees.

**(Malseed/Sonnadara)**

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Arts Awards, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Public Art Update (Item 10.2)**

Jen Anisef, Cultural Project Specialist, provided an update regarding the work of the Placemaking, Public Art and Projects team.

Hamilton the Electric City, Nikola Tesla and the 5 Johns Public Art Project has had their focus group in preparation for the call for artists. Council approved a \$25k donation from the Tesla Foundation toward this project.

Locke Street Public Art Project had 20 submissions for Stage One adjudication. Jury will shortlist 3-6 projects in early February.

Century Street Parkette Public Art Project selected artist has started work on detailed design drawings for fabrication.

Ancaster Public Art Project call for artists will be deferred until the Manager of Placemaking, Public Art and Projects role is filled.

A motion is going to General Issues Committee to request funding to cover COVID inflation costs for public art projects.

Seed funding for the Concrete Canvas Festival 2022 has been approved by Council to support the creation of several murals.

**(Malseed/Sonnadara)**

That the presentation, respecting Public Art Update, be received.

**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:

- Planning the Resilience in the Arts Symposium for November 2022 has begun, and the subcommittee would like to approach Hamilton Arts Council (HAC) to coordinate and produce the event.
- HAC were instrumental in preparing the survey and call for artists for Resilience in the Arts project in 2021.

- The subcommittee will approach HAC for a quote and scope of work and will identify 2 alternate consultants in case they are not available.
- Quotes and scope of work will be presented to AAC at the next meeting for approval.

**(Bhattacharyya-Ray/Malseed)**

That AAC will approach HAC to find out their availability and to obtain a quote to plan, develop and implement Celebrating Resilience in the Arts Symposium November 2022.

**CARRIED**

**(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)**

**(Malseed/Sonnadara)**

That, the Arts Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 4:56pm.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Paiement, Chair  
Arts Advisory Commission

Lauren Anastasi  
Recorder