



**CITY OF KINGSTON
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NO. 10-2011
MINUTES**

**Thursday November 10th, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Councillor's Lounge, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Jocelyn Purdie, Chair
Councillor Liz Schell
Ms. Kristiana Clemens
Ms. Karen Dolan
Ms. Lynne Kenny
Mr. Sunny Kerr
Ms. Katherine Porter
Mr. Matt Rogalsky

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Jayson Duggan, Artistic Administrator
Mr. Brian McCurdy, Director, Cultural Services
Ms. Susan Powley, Committee Clerk
Mr. Colin Wiginton, Manager of Culture

OTHERS PRESENT

2 members of the public

REGRETS

Mr. Ebon Gage, Vice-Chair
Mr. John Palmer
Mr. Matt Salton

THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM REPORT

MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Jocelyn Purdie, Chair, called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

*Moved by Councillor Schell
Seconded by Ms. Kenny*

THAT the agenda be confirmed as amended to add under 'Other Business':

- *Update regarding the Domino Theatre*

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Schell

Seconded by Ms. Kenny

THAT the Minutes of Arts Advisory Committee Meeting No. 09-2011 held on Thursday October 13th, 2011 be confirmed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None was declared.

DELEGATIONS

BRIEFINGS

BUSINESS

- i. **Discussion** regarding a suggested mandate for a future Creative City Committee or Resource Group, including its composition and a revised composition of the Arts Advisory Committee – by Mr. Colin Wiginton, Manager, Cultural Services

A recommendation of Council October 04, 2011 was noted whereby Council directed staff to 'prepare a report to be considered by the Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee at the January 26, 2012 Committee meeting regarding the implementation of Recommendation 42 of the Kingston Cultural Plan, it being understood that the Arts Advisory Committee be provided an opportunity to offer a suggested mandate for a future Creative City Committee or Resource Group, including its composition and a revised composition of the Arts Advisory Committee'.

This item was discussed in conjunction with item iii (see page 3).

- ii. **Update regarding CKAF Review** – by Ms. Jocelyn Purdie, Chair

Ms. Purdie noted that Mr. Ted Worth, Grants Director, Kingston Arts Council (KAC), was in attendance at the meeting.

It was noted that the Kingston Arts Council met in October and will meet again in November to finalize the CKAF document. The process for circulation of the document was noted, and it was recognized that it would be approved by Kingston Arts Council on November 22nd. Any changes required by this Committee would be considered by Kingston Arts Council prior to consideration by the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee.

Ms. Purdie provided an overview of sections within the document noting those which are still under consideration. She noted that the business plan is on the Kingston Arts Council website.

Ms. Purdie invited Mr. Worth to speak to this matter. Mr. Worth advised that an update would be provided at the December meeting.

iii. Update from the Working Group regarding the membership of the Arts Advisory Committee – by Councillor Liz Schell

Copies of outcomes from the Working Group were distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Wiginton noted that he had met with the working group established at the October meeting. In regard to the resolution of Council, a staff report will be considered by the Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee in January 2012. He referenced two options developed by the working group as outlined on the handout. Option #1 described as 'a creative cities resource group established within the framework of Sustainable Kingston as a way to give action to the four pillars of sustainability, including cultural, economic, environmental and social'. Option #2 was for a creative cities committee 'established within the framework of the City of Kingston as a way to provide input and advice to the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee and Council regarding the positioning of Kingston as a creative city that supports cultural vitality, wealth creation and quality of life as a cross-departmental endeavour'. Possible mandates and compositions were added.

Option #1 was upheld as a preferable option, and the importance of publicity was highlighted.

Councillor Schell referred to various Heritage events and cultural matters which have been looked after individually; however, there is no City venue for their consideration, and the volume of work would exceed the time this committee has to assist.

Mr. McCurdy named the many public committees currently in place which consider cultural matters and require support. He noted current requirements for City staff support for these committees and the Clerk's Department role at this time. He suggested that in light of other culture committees and their meetings, that consideration could be given for this committee and others to meet every two months instead of monthly. A strategic review will assist. He noted the 60 recommendations in the Culture Plan which require implementation.

Mr. Wiginton read recommendations #2 and #42 of the Culture Plan and indicated that staff are working internally to fulfil these requirements. He said that the working group will continue discussions and staff will bring back a recommendation within a report.

Mr. McCurdy highlighted the need for the identification of champions in the City to move the recommendations forward.

Ms. Porter noted the difference between artists and champions influence in regard to funding. She pointed out the difference between champions who see the business side and are interested in the end result, and artists who create. She highlighted the importance of

representation of small arts groups, and the value of connections with City committees with budgets.

Mr. McCurdy noted the importance of arts as well as other sectors of the community who will all affect the transformation of the community. He emphasized the need for both internal and external participants to work together.

Mr. Wiginton noted a shift within the City which is beginning whereby a business need such as an accessible bus shelter is an opportunity for artists that would result from interdependent collaboration.

Mr. McCurdy summarized the emphasis during the discussion to build relationships which is an outcome rather than a strategic direction. Further to the discussion, he suggested that a dialogue could take place with interested senior business people in the community.

*Moved by Councillor Schell
Seconded by Mr. Rogalsky*

WHEREAS a resolution of Council on October 04, 2011 directed that a staff report will be considered by the Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee at the January 26, 2012 Committee meeting regarding the implementation of Recommendation 42 of the Kingston Cultural Plan, and noted that the Arts Advisory Committee have an opportunity to offer a suggested mandate for a future Creative City Committee or Resource Group, including its composition and a revised composition of the Arts Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS there are staff, Council and community resources to assist in providing information regarding topics relevant to a discussion of positioning the City of Kingston as a creative city;

THEREFORE BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT members provide suggestions to the Chair, which will be passed on to the working group established at the October meeting, and that the suggestions will be received prior to the Arts Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for December 08th, 2011.

CARRIED

iv. **Update regarding the development of an integrated Cultural Tourism and Cultural Heritage Strategy** – by Mr. Brian McCurdy, Cultural Director

Mr. McCurdy advised that a team is working on an integrated Cultural Tourism and Cultural Heritage Strategy, and provided an overview of the work being undertaken. Mr. Wiginton added that the strengths of the City are being considered, two working groups will involve external stakeholders, and then focus groups will be established. Innovative consultative processes are being considered. This project is funded by a grant with a March 2012 deadline.

Mr. Wiginton summarized that the strategy developed will describe how the City can foster, rather than own events such as commemorative anniversaries for the City. Staff are currently working on this strategy.

v. **Update regarding Artignite 2012** – by Ms. Jocelyn Purdie, Chair

Ms. Purdie advised that the upcoming showcase of events from January 27th – February 12th, 2012, includes partnerships with Queen's, the City of Kingston, Downtown Kingston Business Improvement Association (DBIA) and Kingston Arts Council (KAC). This year the City will do a marketing package for these events.

Mr. Rogalsky suggested the possibility of celebrating 'Arts Birthday' as a prelude to this event. He said that 'Arts Birthday' has been celebrated since 1963 to celebrate creativity and the arts.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

i. **Street Performers Working Group**

Mr. Wiginton said that further to a follow up with Ms. Leonard, Manager, Licensing and Enforcement, a meeting has been scheduled for December 12th with the Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth.

ii. **Domino Theatre**

Councillor Schell reported that Domino Theatre, who have recently been operating from the Baby Grand, will open a new theatre on January 19th, 2012 in the former Jock Hardy arena. She described the construction progress and highlighted the support received from the community in various ways. She noted upcoming events to include hosting the Theatre Ontario Festival on the long weekend in May 2013. She said that a brainstorming session will take place in two weeks time regarding enhancing community involvement.

Members also noted upcoming events for 'Able Artists' on January 21st and 23rd, 2012, and a Radio Residents' Audio Art launch at the Screening Room on Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm.

MOTION

OTHER BUSINESS

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CORRESPONDENCE

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meetings are scheduled to be held on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Councillors' Lounge as follows:

- 08 December 2011
- 12 January 2012
- 09 February
- 08 March
- 12 April
- 10 May
- 14 June
- 12 July
- 09 August
- 13 September
- 11 October
- 08 November
- 13 December

Any updates regarding the location, date and time will be noted on each meeting agenda and on the City meeting calendar at: <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/calendar/meetings/all/>.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

