



**CITY OF KINGSTON
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MEETING NO. 05-2013
Thursday, May 9, 2013
9:00 a.m., Councillors' Lounge, City Hall**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Brett Christopher (Chair)
Ms. Kristiana Clemens (Vice Chair)
Councillor Bill Glover
Ms. Karen Dolan
Ms. Lynne Kenny
Mr. Sunny Kerr
Ms. Jocelyn Purdie

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Matt Salton

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Brian McCurdy, Director, Cultural Services
Mr. Colin Wiginton, Manager, Cultural Services
Ms. Megan Michie, Committee Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Two members of the public

<p>THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM REPORT</p>

MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Brett Christopher, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Glover
Seconded by Ms. Purdie

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Glover
Seconded by Mr. Kerr

THAT the Minutes of Arts Advisory Committee Meeting No. 04-2013 held on Thursday April 11, 2013 be confirmed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

DELEGATIONS

There were none.

BRIEFINGS

There were none.

BUSINESS

a) Mandate for the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF) Review Working Group

Ms. Karen Dolan provided an update, including the membership of the working group. Mr. Wiginton updated the Committee on the current initiatives of the working group, with a key question being whether CKAF's mandate meets the needs of the City and different groups within the community.

Mr. Wiginton discussed the topic of public awareness and the importance of ensuring that the public and Council is aware of CKAF and their accomplishments.

Mr. Wiginton discussed the draft action plan, and the intent of using it as an opportunity to educate the general public and to create continuity to the next Arts Advisory Committee that is formed.

Mr. Wiginton noted that a longer term goal of the working group is to hold a stakeholder meeting to gather information from groups that were unsuccessful in receiving grants.

b) Arts Advisory Committee Priority Setting

Mr. Wiginton spoke to the Public Art Policy and advised that a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be released in the upcoming weeks. In response to a question from Ms. Purdie, Mr. Wiginton advised that the consultant will be hired to complete the policy between July and December of this year. Ms. Kenny enquired how consultants are made aware of the request for proposals. Mr. Wiginton explained that potential vendors can register to receive updates regarding RFP's, the Ontario Arts Council website has

an extensive list and there is networking that occurs in which information is shared. In response to a question for Mr. Kerr, Mr. Wiginton advised that the Public Arts working group will have an opportunity to meet with the hired consultant.

Mr. Wiginton provided an update on cultural mapping, noting that it will be awhile before it is provided to the public because of the plan to make it more interactive, not just a Google based map. Mr. Wiginton advised that when the prototype is complete it will come to the Arts Advisory Committee for feedback.

Mr. Wiginton advised that the topic of bylaws and how they affect the arts is an ongoing discussion and task.

Mr. Wiginton spoke to the Culture Plan and provided information on the development of the Tett Centre. Mr. McCurdy advised that the Empire Theatre has been sold but no further information has been released at this point.

Mr. Christopher expressed gratitude for the Councillors that voted to approve the funding for the Tett Centre and to the City staff that worked diligently to defend the arts and the Tett Centre. Mr. Christopher expressed concern regarding feedback during Council implying that the arts community expects handouts. Mr. Christopher spoke to the need to address the negative view some people have regarding the arts community.

Councillor Glover suggested that an underlying topic of the Tett Centre is the fact that it is a Heritage building and the costs associated with maintaining and upgrading a heritage building.

Councillor Glover spoke to the history behind the funding for the Tett Centre. Councillor Glover spoke to the relationship between the City of Kingston and Queen's university and the Provincial funding that could have been lost had the funding not been approved at Council. Councillor Glover advised that the cost of breaking contracts was not discussed however it is important. Councillor Glover encouraged the Committee to share both sides of the story regarding the Tett Centre. Ms. Dolan advised that this seemed like a fitting role for the Advocacy Committee.

MOTIONS

There were none.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence received from Mr. Matt Salton, dated April 12, 2013, regarding the liability insurance increase for arts organizations applying for CKAF funding

Mr. Wiginton advised the Committee that there was a meeting with Mr. Alan McLeod, Senior Legal Counsel for the City of Kingston regarding the topic of liability insurance. Mr. Wiginton spoke to the details of the meeting, specifically that insurance requirements should be viewed as protection for the arts community, especially at public events.

Mr. Wiginton shared some suggestions that Mr. McLeod provided regarding initiatives for the future, including investigation by City staff into the different companies that specialize in arts insurance.

Mr. Kerr inquired why the liability insurance is a requirement to receive funding, instead of a recommendation. Mr. Wiginton advised that the City can be liable in the case of an accident so it needs to be included as a requirement. Mr. Kerr pointed out that the City is also benefiting from the arts community having liability insurance.

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:

June 13, 2013	October 10, 2013
July 11, 2013	November 14, 2013
August 8, 2013	December 12, 2013
September 12, 2013	

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/web/guest/residents/city-calendar-events>

Ms. Clemens provided her regrets for the June 13, 2013 Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Clemens
Seconded by Ms. Purdie

THAT the meeting of the Arts Advisory Committee adjourn at 10:05 a.m.

CARRIED

