



**CITY OF KINGSTON  
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MEETING NO. 10-2012  
Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.  
in the Councillors' Lounge, City Hall**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Liz Schell  
Ms. Kristiana Clemens, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Brett Christopher (arrived at 9:32 a.m.)  
Ms. Karen Dolan  
Ms. Lynne Kenny  
Ms. Katherine Porter  
Ms. Jocelyn Purdie, Chair

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Brian McCurdy, Director of Cultural Services  
Mr. Fred Saunders, Committee Clerk  
Mr. Colin Wiginton, Manager of Cultural Services

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Ted Worth, Kingston Arts Council

<p><b>THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM REPORT</b></p>
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**MEETING TO ORDER**

Ms. Purdie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Schell  
Seconded by Ms. Porter

**THAT** the agenda be approved as amended to add under 'Other Business' an update regarding the progress of the redevelopment of the J.K. Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning.

**CARRIED**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Schell  
Seconded by Ms. Dolan

**THAT** the Minutes of Arts Advisory Committee Meeting No. 09-2012 held on Thursday October 11, 2012 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were none.

## **DELEGATIONS**

There were none.

## **BRIEFINGS**

There were none.

## **BUSINESS**

### **i. Arts Advisory Committee Report Card 2012**

Ms. Jocelyn Purdie, Chair, provided the Arts Advisory Committee with an update on the discussion that took place at the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee meeting held Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, relating to the Arts Advisory Committee Report Card 2012. She commented that the report was received with little discussion due to its clarity and layout. She noted that a point that was raised was the possible difficulty in presenting the information to neighbourhoods where there may be many residents without access to computers in their homes.

Mr. Colin Wiginton, Manager of Cultural Services, commented that the Arts, Recreation, and Community Policies Committee was pleased with the report, which triggered a broader discussion. He said that there was a desire to include measurable figures for items such as attendance figures.

Ms. Porter suggested that it would be valuable to include figures such as volunteer hours and attendance numbers.

Ms. Purdie commented that measurable figures may aid in demonstrating the need for municipal funding.

Councillor Schell informed the Committee that the report passed through Council with no questions.

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**ii. Update from the Public Art Working Group**

Ms. Katherine Porter provided the Arts Advisory Committee with an update relating to the Public Art Working Group. She indicated that the group has shown a good level of interest in the arts and noted that everyone was able to make their points. She said that the group hosted a stakeholders meeting to gather information from those who are interested in the arts, to provide feedback for an RFP and consultation process.

Ms. Karen Dolan commented that the meeting provided answers to everyone's questions.

**iii. Update from the CKAF Review Committee**

Ms. Porter provided an update from the CKAF Review Committee. She indicated that the last meeting was relatively short, but that several items were brought forward. She expressed concerns related to barriers that can be found in the documents used for providing funding to artists, and suggested that these barriers may affect disabled artists and their abilities to receive funding. She indicated that the language used to qualify artists for funding may be exclusionary in nature.

Ms. Purdie indicated that the purpose of this update is to provide recommendations from the CKAF Review Committee.

Mr. Wiginton informed the committee that it was his understanding that a discussion took place at the CKAF Review Committee meeting which clarified that their mandate is to review aspects of the administrative plan, not to address concerns with the CKAF funding model. He suggested that Ms. Porter forward her concerns regarding exclusionary language to the Arts Advisory Committee through a report to the City Clerk's Department which could be considered at a future meeting.

Ms. Purdie reiterated that a report could be prepared to bring concerns forward to the next scheduled Arts Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Clemens commented that she understands that there may be procedural issues and accessibility issues that may need to be reviewed, but cautioned that this may be a human rights issue that goes beyond procedures and processes.

Ms. Porter indicated that she will be putting together a report addressed to the Arts Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wiginton informed the committee that inflationary increases, based on the Customer Price Index (CPI), may be applied to the operating funds for the City of Kingston Arts Fund, pending approval from Council. Councillor Schell asked if groups receiving funds will automatically receive the inflationary increase each year. Mr. Wiginton clarified that each group would need to provide justifications for increases to be considered by a jury through an application process.

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#### **iv. Cultural Services Update Report 2011/2012**

Mr. Wiginton provided the Committee with an overview of the Cultural Services Update Report 2011/2012 which was attached to the agenda as schedule pages 1 to 28.

In response to a question from Councillor Schell relating to developments in cultural mapping, Mr. Wiginton indicated that efforts will be moving forward with a partnership between the Information Systems & Technology Department and the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI). Mr. Brian McCurdy, Director of Cultural Services, indicated that there was a need to take a step back in order to include the entire City. He noted that the extra time taken will provide a more functional system.

Mr. Wiginton commented that with technology changing quickly, a cultural mapping tool may be richer than originally thought. Mr. McCurdy added that the complexity of building these relationships will result in an improved tool.

Mr. Wiginton informed the Committee that 2/3 of the 10 Year Cultural Plan has been completed or is currently in progress. Mr. McCurdy noted that it has been realized that many initiatives will be ongoing.

Referring to the programs for youth and seniors mentioned on page 22 of the report, Ms. Porter asked for further details on the particular programs that will be provided. Mr. Wiginton indicated that a new initiative that started in the summer of 2012 was the hiring of students to provide programs in parks and community centres. He noted that the process was not formal in nature, but may act as a model to develop programs in upcoming years. Ms. Porter commented that she would like to be aware of the programs in upcoming years. Mr. McCurdy clarified that the idea originated from the Recreation and Leisure Department's desire for the Cultural Services Department to create arts-based programs.

Councillor Schell commented that there is a need for more connections to happen surrounding programming to improve public communications.

Mr. Wiginton commented that there is a desire to make City Hall more of a cultural hub.

#### **MOTIONS**

There were none.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were none.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Schell provided the Committee with an update regarding the progress of the redevelopment of the J.K. Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning. She said that there

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is a hope that the centre will open in December 2013. She asked if the opening of the J.K. Tett Centre will have an effect on the Grand Theatre.

Mr. McCurdy commented that efforts are taking place to establish the J.K. Tett Centre as the centre of creativity within the community. He indicated that there will be opportunities to build relationships with Queen's University and local artists.

## **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:

December 13, 2012

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**

Moved by Ms. Clemens  
Seconded by Mr. Christopher

**THAT** the meeting of the Arts Advisory Committee adjourn at 10:12 a.m.

**CARRIED**

