

Minutes: The Blue Mountains Public Art Evaluation Committee

MEETING DATE: January 5, 2012
MEETING TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Committee Meeting Room
PREPARED BY: Lisa Kidd, Committee Secretary

A. Call to Order by Chair

- Chair Barbara Hector called the meeting to order with all members in attendance, save and except Peter Tollefsen.
- Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Carol Cooley Seconded by: Adriene Veninger

THAT the Agenda of January 5, 2012 be adopted as circulated.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda.
- Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2011:

Moved by: Carol Cooley Seconded by: Adriene Veninger

THAT the minutes of December 1, 2011 be approved as circulated, with noted revisions.

B. Deputations/Presentations

None.

C. New Business

C.1 Lending Program - Report by Peter Tollefsen

The Committee discussed the draft report and expressed interest in moving forward with a final draft, noting minor revisions. Adriene Veninger noted that the purpose of a lending program would be to enhance the building, noting the two prime spaces are the Committee room and midway stairway. Staff spaces could also be part of the lending program, at the request and interest of staff.

The Committee members then agreed that art from the greater South Georgian Bay region should be included as part of the program.

Carol Cooley then noted that the Committee should serve as a liaison to the process and acquisition of public art. Adrienne Veninger then asked how the Committee should deal with donations which may come forward. Carol Cooley then replied that the interim policy would address the process by which the Town accepts donations.

Carol Cooley then noted that outdoor pieces could be brought forward and the Committee would need to deal with those pieces as well.

The Committee then agreed that directors from the relevant departments shall be consulted prior to recommendations to Council regarding placement of art.

Adriene Veninger then offered to draft a call to artists to circulate to the Committee, as part of the draft Staff report and next steps.

Chair Barbara Hector then offered to provide key contacts to Lisa Kidd, in an effort to extend the reach of the call to artists, when and if the program is approved by Council. Chair Barbara Hector then noted that the program may have an annual submission deadline and this should be included in the report to Council. Lisa Kidd then offered to advertise the call to artists through the Town's various communication outlets, pending adoption of the recommendations by Council.

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

THAT the Committee exchange comments on the draft report and that the Recording Secretary provide the final draft to the next meeting of the Committee. Carried

Moved by: Carol Cooley Seconded by: Adriene Veninger

C.2 David Oates Collection

Recording Secretary Lisa Kidd provided an update to the Committee on the David Oates Collection agreement.

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

THAT the Recording Secretary continue to gather information on the locations depicted in the collection and the corresponding local governments. Carried.

Moved by: Carol Cooley Seconded by: Adriene Veninger

C.3 Brass Sculptures

Recording Secretary Lisa Kidd noted that she spoke to the donor with respect to the origin of the sculptures and will continue to keep the Committee apprised of new information about the sculptures as it becomes available.

Lisa Kidd then noted that she will consult with the Director of Recreation on potential outdoor spaces for the sculptures.

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

THAT discussion relating to placement of the sculptures be moved to future business until further notice. Carried.

Moved by: Carol Cooley

Seconded by: Adriene Veninger

D. Follow-up Items Decisioned/ Discussed

D.1 Location for Bill Hartman Painting (1) – Update

Recording Secretary Lisa Kidd noted that Council adopted the recommended location for the Hartman painting and the painting is now on display.

D.2 Town Hall Floor Plan – Update from Adriene Veninger

Adriene Veninger presented the floor plan she created identifying public wall space suitable for art display. She noted that dimensions on the plan reflect the preferred size for the art, not the wall size.

Adriene Veninger then noted that the Council Chambers, Finance Meeting Room and Engineering and Public Works space should be measured and added to the plan for future reference.

The Committee then agreed that the floor plan should form part of the Report to Council as “designated” spaces. The Committee then requested Lisa provide dimensions to Adriene on these three spaces for Adriene to update as appropriate, and also provide a copy to Senior Management Team for information purposes.

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

THAT the Committee receive the Town Hall Floor Plan for information purposes.

Carried.

Moved by: Carol Cooley

Seconded by: Barbara Hector

D.3 Public Art in Meeting Rooms

The Recording Secretary noted that this matter was addressed under section D.2 of the agenda.

E. Correspondence

None.

F. Future Business

F.2 Proposal for invitation to artists to submit work

Chair Barbara Hector noted that E.2 was dealt with in section C.1 of the agenda.

F.3 Committee member loaning artwork

The Committee discussed the challenges and opportunities with respect to a Committee member loaning art. There was agreement that a future loaning program could work similar to the Library Art Gallery Program whereby an artist would not be excluded from the opportunity to participate in a juried selection.

F.4 Warden McKinlay- request for The Blue Mountains Art for Warden's Office

Recording Secretary Lisa Kidd noted that newly elected Grey County Warden McKinlay wished to secure a loaned local piece of art for his Grey County office.

The Committee then dealt with the following Resolution:

THAT B. Hector and C. Cooley work with local arts contacts to assist Warden McKinlay.
Carried.

Moved by: Carol Cooley

Seconded by: Adriene Veninger

G. Adjournment

Recommended (Move, second)

That this meeting does now adjourn at 3:00 p.m. to meet again February 2, 2012 , at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Committee Room, or at the call of the Chair.

Moved by: Carol Cooley

Seconded by: Barbara Hector