

Minutes: Public Art Committee



MEETING DATE: September 4, 2014 - REVISED
MEETING TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Town Hall, Committee Room
PREPARED BY: Karen Hilgendorf,
Executive Assistant

A. Call to Order

Chair Barb Hector called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.

▪ **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Adriene Venninger Seconded by: Peter Tollefsen

THAT the Agenda of September 4, 2014 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda. Carried.

▪ **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

▪ **Previous Minutes**

Moved by: Peter Tollefsen Seconded by: Adriene Venninger

THAT the Public Art Committee minutes of June 5, 2014, be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made. Carried

B. Correspondence

B.1 Municipal Art Program (MAP) Martha Hendrickson

Correspondence received for information.

Adriene advised she communicated with Martha Hendrickson regarding her email questions and suggestions. The committee discussed the goal of the MAP program relative to the website and the placement of art within Town Hall in public and semi-public locations. The MAP brochure on the website is a tool to bring additional exposure to the program and to the artists. Artist contact information is in the brochure to provide an opportunity for readers to contact an artist directly if their art is of particular interest to them. Additional information about the artists can then be secured from their individual websites or by contacting the artists directly. As there are upcoming changes to the Town's website, the committee will offer suggestions for MAP enhancements for consideration.

C. New and Unfinished Business

C.1 Oates Collection – De-accessioning Project

The committee discussed research conducted regarding past communication with the family of David Oates to confirm the resolution and direction by Council to have the Public Art Committee oversee the de-accessioning of some of the pieces. Council approved the de-accessioning of some of the paintings in the collection, which may have value to specific municipalities across Ontario, at their on April 23, 2012. The decision to de-accession was due to a disproportional representation of the David J. Oates' art in the Town's permanent collection.

Peter provided an update on the project that involving research and sorting in the file storage area. The first step has been completed; an inventory of the pieces to be de-accessioned, separate from those identified to remain as part of the permanent collection. A spreadsheet was developed showing the municipality in which each bridge resides, details about the painting, contact information etc.

A letter has been drafted for distribution to each municipality to which a painting will be offered. An image of the painting/ will be included for reference and verification by attaching an electronic copy of the "Art by David J. Oates – Wooden Road Bridges of Ontario". Contact information for the clerk in each municipality is part of the master spreadsheet.

Following return communication from each municipality contacted, the committee will identify the related shipping costs; the only expense to the recipient municipality expressing an interest in permanent safe keeping.

The final step will include shipping each piece and when the project is complete, communicating to the Oates family the location of each piece in the collection originally donated to the Town.

Adriene offered to do some preliminary research regarding the cost of shipping, through Purolator Courier.

C2 Municipal Art Program (MAP) 2015

The committee agreed to look at the MAP program individually and at the next meeting, collectively discuss the ideas presented, at the October meeting. A few areas identified for consideration included revisiting the submission for changes and revisions, establishment of a timeline for 2015, the 2015 brochure.

C.3 Official Plan

Peter noted the acknowledgement by the Town to the Public Art Committee's November 28, 2013² letter and comments on the Town's proposed draft Official Plan. He reiterated his comments from the June meeting wherein he noted that following a review of the recommended response to comments by the Steering Committee, there were plans to hold a Statutory Open House Meeting. On behalf of the Committee, Peter attended the Saturday, June 18 Open House.

