



## **Regional Municipality of Waterloo**

### **Public Art Advisory Committee**

#### **Minutes**

Friday, November 9, 2018

9:00 am.

Regional Administrative Headquarters, Room 217

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

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Present: Michelle Purchase (Vice-Chair), Betty Anne Keller, Jen Vasic, (Chair), Iga Janik  
Staff: Helen Chimirri-Russell, Michele Hopkins, Lori McDonald and Tracey Segerin  
Regrets: Councillor Dave Jaworsky, Glenn Scheels, Bruce Taylor, Councillor Berry Vrbanovic

#### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Under The Municipal Conflict Of Interest Act**

None declared.

#### **Minutes**

Quorum for the Committee was not met. The minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting of September 21, 2018 will be approved at the next PAAC meeting.

#### **Delegations**

Lori MacDonald, Financial Analyst for Cultural Services, presented the year-end status of the public art reserve budget to the committee. The public art reserve receives a tax levy of \$100, 000 per annum plus \$30,000 from large capital projects. All money currently in the public art reserve is committed.

## **1. Initiatives**

### **a) ION Public Art Installations Update**

Foundation Installation: The contract for the installation of the ION public art foundations has been awarded to Raven Construction. Once GrandLinq approves work plans, construction will begin. It is anticipated that the Foundation work will begin late November. Art installation planning and scheduling will also be subject to approval by GrandLinq. Art installation is currently planned for spring 2019.

ION Art Celebrations Subcommittee Update: Planning is in the works for a celebration of the ION artworks. The committee is considering smaller individual celebrations as well as a large celebration of all of the ION Art works once installations are complete. Rapid Transit Communications staff are working with Cultural Services and have a social media strategy in place to highlight the installation, launch and celebration of the artworks.

### **b) 200 Frederick St. Public Art Pieces Restoration Projects**

Restoration projects for the two pieces of public art acquired with the purchase of the property located at 200 Frederick St. are currently under consideration. "Aproria" by Ed Zelenak is located outside in front of the building and "From Old Bones, New Life Begins" by Ann Roberts is located inside the building and is adhered directly to the brick wall. With direction from PAAC and in cooperation with facilities, staff will determine how to restore these artworks. A meeting and site visit with artist, Ed Zelenick and Franklin Sandblasting is scheduled for late November. This will result in an estimation of the cost of this project.

### **c) Public Art and New Paramedic Services Facility Proposal**

In an attempt to engage and impact the community through art in meaningful ways, artist in residency programming is proposed. A residency will engage the community and bring art to the community in a truly integrative way through artistic process and creation. There is an opportunity to pilot this concept with Paramedic Services as this group moves into their new headquarters facility in Waterloo in the summer 2019.

The residency artistic process and creation is responsive, flexible and evolving. Location for the art are truly determined through the process and need for expression through the community. The location of the art may be a new building, however, other possible locations or sites may be considered or a part of it. The art itself can become embedded and reach throughout the region.

Many cities including Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton and Toronto have been running successful artist in residency programming for many years. This has not replaced their public art programs but rather enhanced arts activity within the community and directly engaged city staff and the community in the artistic process.

An Artist in residency program would allow an artist to work with the paramedic community as well as the broader community to develop meaningful art that is timely and impactful. This current opportunity could potentially explore the role and story of paramedics and their work in areas that are particularly poignant and timely like the opioid crisis and homelessness.

The committee recommends further investigation of artist in residence programming and investigating the possibility of initiating a Pilot Program with Region of Waterloo Paramedic Services.

#### **d) Councillor Recognition Policy**

The Jack Young Naming policy recognizes Councilors who have served 15 years on Council. A piece of art is to be purchased and publicly displayed in recognition of their service to the community. The display cases in council chambers could potentially be used to display three-dimensional art purchased for the Clay and Glass museum for this purpose. Staff will review the policy and determine next steps in this process.

### **2. Information Sharing**

No information sharing

### **3. Other Business**

No other business

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Committee Clerk, Michele Hopkins, Cultural Heritage Supervisor**