



## **ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Thursday, April 4, 2019, 4:00 pm  
Committee Room

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**ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 7, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

Committee Room – City Hall

- Present:** F. Perkins, Member  
D. Bloxom, Member  
L. Finn, Member  
J. Grummett, Member  
R. Baird, Member  
S. Finamore, Councillor  
T. Turner, Councillor  
E. Ten Broek, Member of the public
- Regrets:** D. Marchisella, Ex Officio/Mayor  
L. Cyr, Councillor
- Resources:** K. Matuszewski, Coordinator of Arts & Culture, Recording Secretary  
T. Dunlop, Director of Recreation & Culture

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 pm

**2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None declared**

**3. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE**

Chair: F. Perkins (nominated by L. Finn) – Position accepted

Vice Chair: L. Finn (nominated by F. Perkins) – Position accepted

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 Thursday, Sept 6, 2018

**Resolution #: 1/19**

Correction to minutes: Under theatre shows Stage Door Players did not do a performance June 25 – 28, 2018

Moved by: L. Finn

Seconded by: J. Grummett

Carried

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATION – None**

## 6. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE REPORTS

### 6.1 Director of Recreation & Culture Report

- A comprehensive Recreation & Culture Annual Review 2018 was presented by the Director outlining all the programs of the department, attendance and outcomes. Copy attached. After presentation of the report the floor was opened to questions and discussion.
- The Coordinator of Arts & Culture spoke to the Elliot Lake Entertainment Series show of Brass Transit that was presented March 1. Full production was provided by DBSL Services with acoustical augmentations, added lighting and sound. The Show was sold out and the Entertainment Series audience provided very positive feedback on how the hall sounded and looked. Seating was positioned similar to the Civic Centre Theatre layout with seats offset. There were no complaints about the seating. This show was a fine example of what can be accomplished at the Collins Hall with the appropriate production.
- The Coordinator of Arts & Culture indicated that options for improvements to the Collins Hall were being investigated such as proper lighting for the stage, added sound and acoustic considerations. With over 28 events currently booked at the Civic Centre theatre, and now being transferred over to the Collins Hall, it will be important to ensure that The City can properly accommodate these bookings and that the performing arts are not unduly hindered.
- Discussion ensued in regard to whether volunteers could be utilized at the Trailhead and Fire Tower Lookout attractions. The Senior Advisory Committee has in the past indicated possible interest in seniors volunteering at both locations. Summer students are hired for the height of tourist season, however, the Director indicated that volunteers are always appreciated to augment if needed.
- A computerized interactive kiosk will be installed at the Trailhead this summer for tourists.
- Committee members are impressed with the significant improvements that have been made over the last two years at the Trailhead.
- It was recommended that any suggestions of further enhancements to the Trailhead be referred to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for consideration.
- Discussion ensued regarding facilities: **Civic Centre Theatre/Community Hub**. Looking at the feasibility of adding a further 22,000 sq feet to the Community Hub increasing the size of that facility from 118,000 sq feet to 140,000 sq feet. Members of the committee reiterated the significance of arts and culture in our community and the importance of ensuring that the arts and culture community stay connected and operational as much as possible during this time of transition. It was stated that arts and culture do have a direct affect on the local economy and that people do come to Elliot Lake for special events, programming and the use of our cultural facilities. It was also discussed that there might be some consideration given to have a stand-alone arts and cultural centre housing the arts groups, theatre, and museum and that delaying this process would have an adverse effect on the arts community. There will be an updating of the functional design of the community hub presented at Council

March 11.

**When will the arena open again?** Snow is still being cleared off this facility. Once complete the structural engineer will inspect and provide recommendations. At this time all programs and events at the arena are cancelled.

- Discussion ensued in regard to housing of the displaced arts & cultural groups from the Civic Centre. Various spaces around the community are being looked at including schools, church halls, rental spaces through local landlords. The consensus was that it is easier for enquiries to come direct from The City for assisting in finding spaces for the displaced groups.
- Archives from the museum storage area on the north side of the building will be removed in the next few days. A temporary museum space/storage will be set up at the Collins Hall. There has been positive support and offers of assistance from all the area museums and this has been very helpful to museum staff.

**7. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**9. CORRESPONDANCE - None**

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

- Mr. Edo Ten Broek extended his thanks and compliments to staff for their working through extenuating circumstances and continuing to present events and programming for the community. Mr. Ten Broek also complimented the Director on an excellent year end report that provided in depth statistics on usage at Recreation and Culture facilities.

**11. ADDENDUM - None**

**12. CLOSED SESSION - None**

**13. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Arts & Culture Advisory Committee meeting is Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #: 2/19**

Moved by: S. Finamore

Seconded by: D. Bloxom

That the meeting be adjourned at the hour of 5:11 p.m.

Carried.