

The Tenth Meeting Minutes of the Public Art Committee

Teams meeting

4 pm

March 18, 2021

In Attendance:

- Councillor Steve Wookey
- Laura Woermke, Chair
- John Allen
- Timothy Hedden
- April Gazda, Secretary
- Justin Lawrence, Director of Environmental Services

MINUTES

Motion by J. Allen – T. Hedden:

THAT: The minutes of the October 24, December 5, 2019, February 7 and August 19, 2020 meetings to be confirmed.

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appendices – deferred to a future meeting

NEW BUSINESS

The chair introduced the new Committee member, Councillor Wookey.

The Committee discussed their roles and what their expectations were moving forward with the application review process.

Laura – the secretary will send Councillor Wookey the Public Art Policy and Terms of Reference.

Fairview roundabouts Art

Justin Lawrence Director, Environmental Services Department was in attendance to discuss the concepts for the art projects.

Tim – how was the artist selected for this project? Do you consult with other artists? Is this work tendered?

Justin – the project did not need to go to tender, we have previously used this artist and are looking to carry the materials theme.

The Committee discussed the diverse art community and wondered if artists could have input in the future before a Council decision.

John – I do not mind the same artist as it shows some consistency. What is the roundabout impact in these areas?

Councillor Wookey – the roundabouts are to slow traffic as there have been numerous complaints over the years in these areas. Safety is a major concern.

Justin – the project will be starting Monday and last 8 months with the roundabout art installations taking place half-way through.

Justin explained selection vs procurement

The Committee expressed concerns with approving applications for projects after the fact as opposed to being involved in the design process at the beginning.

Councillor Wookey will speak to Council regarding Committee concerns.

The Committee deferred the roundabout applications until the next meeting so they could gather some additional information.

Lions Club Friendship Arch – Pinafore Park

Motion by J. Allen – T. Hedden:

THAT: The Public Art Committee recommend the Chair prepare a report to Council regarding Lions Club Friendship Arch Art at Pinafore Park.

Carried.

St. Thomas Public Library Art Collection Discussion

The Committee discussed the library's art collection and whether it should be covered under the City policy or separate as they are governed under a Board.

The Committee decided that the Library should be responsible for their own fine art coverage similar to the Art Centre. The City will log the outdoor sculpture as part of their inventory and list on the insurance rider.

NEXT MEETING

At the call of the Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councillor Wookey – J. Allen:

THAT: The meeting be adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Carried.