



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44

MEMBERS PRESENT Co-Chair Deputy Mayor John Barclay
Councillor Deb Wilson
Co-Chair Ardis Lerner
Tabitha Valliant
Nancy Dery
Kevin Willey
Tom Graham
Rebecca Campbell

MEMBERS ABSENT Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan
Susanne Larner
Mayor Nancy Peckford
Inge van Gemeren

STAFF PRESENT Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT Fred Shueler
Aleta Schueler

A. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened by John Barclay Co-Chair at 5:05 p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The land acknowledgment was read by John Barclay.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Kevin Willey
Seconded By Rebecca Campbell

Be it resolved that:

The agenda for October 22, 2024 has been approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved By Kevin Willey
Seconded By Nancy Dery

Be it resolved that:

The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:

1. September 24, 2024
2. July 23, 2024

CARRIED

1. Committee Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2024
2. Committee Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2024

F. DELEGATIONS

1. Dr. Fred Schueler Heritage Collection

Dr. Fred Schueler presented to the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee about a Heritage Collection, highlighting a digital database of over 83,000 items related to invasive species, insects, and animals for research purposes. Some items have been moved to museums and teaching institutions for future use. The collection includes the largest freshwater mussel collection in Canada and aims to represent regional species accurately.

There is local interest in establishing a heritage museum in North Grenville, although previous funding applications to Trillium have not been successful. Dr. Schueler emphasized the need to preserve this information and proposed that a feasibility study for a museum location be conducted. Meanwhile, he and his team are seeking space and volunteers to sort and store items.

Kevin Wiley suggested involving Susan Smith from the grants department to explore government funding options. John Barclay proposed recommending the museum project to the council, while Rebecca Campbell suggested that the Historical Society start a steering committee to focus on funding and securing a location. A resolution will be drafted for the next meeting on November 26th.

The committee expressed full support for a designated space to store and curate collections, which would also facilitate meetings and workshops for community groups, including a naturalists club.

Moved By Kevin Willey
Seconded By Tom Graham

Be it resolved that:

The ACHAC committee supports and commits to providing full backing for a designated space to store and curate collections for educational exhibits. This space will also facilitate meetings, presentations, workshops, and serve as a venue for hosting a naturalists club.

CARRIED

G. DECISION ITEMS

None.

H. REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Workplan Changes/ Updates

Moved to next meeting.

2. Public Art Policy, Ardis Lerner and Tabitha Valliant

Moved to next meeting.

3. Heritage Plaques Update

Phil Mosher, Deputy Director of Planning, communicated with the Clerk's Office with an update on the \$10K budget for the replacement, repairs and installation of plaques from the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee. There will be a report sent to Council in November. Tom Graham is requesting a copy of the report from Phil once completed. He is also requesting clarification on the

ACTION: Chloe Preston, Municipal Clerk will reach out to the Co-Chairs about the resolution that was sent to Senior Management Team (SMT) before going to Council, for clarification on the process.

Tom Graham is seeking clarification on accessing any funds for this year for the plaques, noting that several plaques require immediate repair or replacement.

4. Arts & Culture Development Fund - Review and Recommendations

Nancy Dery discussed the Arts and Culture Development Fund, proposing changes to the application process to address gaps. She suggested making information more accessible to the public, expanding application dates, and allowing funding for year-round events. Nancy plans to collaborate closely with the Communications department next year.

She noted that applicants often fail to submit complete information, which leads to declined applications. To improve clarity, she recommended establishing a firm awards release date and providing a checklist of required documents. Jotform should include this checklist and relevant links, such as the Strategic Plan and Arts and Culture policy. She emphasized that incomplete applications or misuse of funds could result in a request for funds to be returned.

All members agreed on the need for these recommendations. Nancy will send the updated document to the Clerk's Office and relevant individuals.

Action: Confirm with Aiden Cleary, Laura Valcour, and Mark Guy about the most up-to-date forms used for the Arts and Culture Development Fund.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Items for Next Meeting

1. Public Art Policy, Ardis Lerner and Tabitha Valliant

2. Workplan Changes/Updates

J. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

K. ADJOURN

Moved By Kevin Willey

Seconded By Rebecca Campbell

Be it resolved that:

This meeting of Arts, Culture, and Heritage adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED