



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

**ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 30, 2025, 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  
Inge van Gemeren  
Tom Graham  
Rebecca Campbell  
Rose David

MEMBERS ABSENT Mayor Nancy Peckford

STAFF PRESENT Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

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**A. OPEN MEETING**

The meeting was opened by Co-Chair Ardis Lerner at 5:02 p.m.

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The land acknowledgment was read by Rebecca Campbell.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**#ACHAC-2025- 1**

Moved By Rebecca Campbell  
Seconded By Rose David

*Be it resolved that:*

*The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Meeting agenda for January 30, 2025 be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**D. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

**E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Doreen O'Sullivan is not a member and wasn't present at the meeting, correction will be noted.

**#ACHAC-2025- 2**

Moved By Deb Wilson  
Seconded By Nancy Dery

*Be it resolved that:*

*The following meeting minutes be approved as amended:*

1. November 26, 2024

**CARRIED**

1. Committee Meeting Minutes - November 26, 2024

**F. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**G. DECISION ITEMS**

1. 2025 Meeting Schedule

18 Feb 2025

18 Mar 2025

22 Apr 2025

20 May 2025

17 Jun 2025

**No Meeting in July**

**Thursday 21 Aug 2025**

16 Sep 2025

21 Oct 2025

**Monday 17 Nov 2025**

\*All other days are Tuesday

**#ACHAC-2025- 3**

Moved By Rebecca Campbell  
Seconded By Nancy Dery

*Be it resolved that:*

*The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee resolves to extend the regular meeting duration from 1.5 hours to 2 hours, effective February 18, 2025 meeting date.*

**CARRIED**

**H. REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Fragile Inheritance Resolution

Discussion regarding the Fragile Inheritance resolution. John Barclay noted that he suggested Kemptville Campus space for this Heritage Collection.

**#ACHAC-2025- 4**

Moved By John Barclay  
Seconded By Rose David

*WHEREAS, There is an identified need for increased public space(s) to house, engage in, and support arts, culture, and heritage activities for the municipality of North Grenville's residents and visitors.*

*And recognizing recommendations #23 and #24 from the Parks, Recreation, and Culture master plan1:*

*"#23. Undertake a strategic visioning exercise to identify arts and cultural space needs and determine potential strategies to address demonstrated needs over time.*

*#24. Consider opportunities for repurposing surplus municipal buildings for arts and cultural uses prior to disposal. Revitalized heritage facilities may be repurposed for uses such as museums, art galleries, exhibition spaces, and/or creative studios."*

*And in response to the February 2021 recommendation from the former North Grenville Heritage advisory committee2:*

*“That Council acknowledge the data and specimens accumulated by Dr Fred Schueler and Aleta Karstad as an important element of North Grenville's heritage, and take appropriate, prudent, and affordable action to assist them in finding homes for their specimens, and in making use of their data and specimens for research and public education”*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The ACH advisory committee advises Council to request staff to identify any unused or underused municipal spaces that could be repurposed for immediate use by Fragile Inheritance3 as they work to secure their collection of irreplaceable natural specimens primarily collected from the North Grenville region.*

*[1] Municipality of North Grenville Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan 2020, page 65 retrieved from <https://www.northgrenville.ca/component/edocman/parks-recreation-and-culture-master-plan/viewdocument/364>*

*[2] February 4, 2021 Minutes HAC-2021-03 Moved by: Neil Whyte  
Seconded by: Kenneth Mews*

*[3] <https://www.fragileinheritance.ca/>*

**CARRIED**

2. Arts Culture Development Fund Review

Nancy Dery noted that there he noted changes to the ACDF application and JotForm will need to be presented to Mark Guy the Director of Parks and Recreation. Request that he is invited to the next meeting.

3. Public Art Policy

Discussion regarding the Public Art Policy, concerns about the wording of the resolution, there was a recommendation to add residential and commercial to the 1% tax revenue wording.

**#ACHAC-2025- 5**

Moved By Nancy Dery  
Seconded By Rebecca Campbell

*WHEREAS, the development of a Public Art Policy is essential to supporting a vibrant cultural environment in North Grenville.*

*WHEREAS, the proposed Public Art policy outlines a framework for creating, installing, and maintaining public art in the community;*

*NOW BE IT RESOLVED The ACHAC request that Council accept the Public Art Policy Version #3 2025, created by the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee.*

**CARRIED**

**#ACHAC-2025- 6**

Moved By Nancy Dery  
Seconded By Rose David

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The ACHAC advises Council to adopt the North Grenville Public Art Policy dated January 2025.*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The ACHAC advises Council to establish an ongoing line item in the Municipality's annual budget, being up to 1% of residential and commercial tax generated revenues, to be used for commissioning, fabrication and installation of new art pieces and projects (subject to the approval of Municipality Council during the annual budget cycle).*

**CARRIED**

4. Heritage Plaques

Tom Graham presented his Canoe Sculpture Art presentation in North Grenville. Rekmans Auto has volunteered to make this sculpture for the waterfront. The proposed material is metal, painted or non-painted.

Some members are concerned about who is going to be maintaining this sculpture. Rose David asked if there was an environmental impact study completed. The Indigenous Advisory Circle was consulted and Hillary Geneau, Direction of Corporate Services has been included in conversations.

Tom Graham is working on a Heritage Plaques Policy for the purpose of maintenance, development of additional plaques, and he is in discussion with Carolyn Lundy from the Communications Department. He will work on a draft and present it at a future meeting.

**#ACHAC-2025- 7**

Moved By Kevin Willey  
Seconded By John Barclay

*Be it resolved that:*

*The Arts Culture Heritage Advisory Committee enthusiastically supports the North Grenville Friends of Indigenous Trails Groups Canoe Sculpture project.*

**CARRIED**

5. Workplan Changes/Updates

Moved to the next meeting.

6. Arts Council Update

Rebecca Campbell went over the changes and focuses that were discussed at the working group meeting. She suggested there will need to be a request for funding from Council each year in order to be successful. There will be additional information presented at a future meeting.

**I. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Items for Next Meeting

- Art Council Update
- Workplan Changes/Update
- Gary Courville, Heritage Property Designation

**J. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None.

**K. ADJOURN**

**#ACHAC-2025- 8**

Moved By Kevin Willey  
Seconded By John Barclay

*Be it resolved that:*

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

**CARRIED**