



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**

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

**November 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m.  
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Co-Chair Deputy Mayor John Barclay  
Co-Chair Ardis Lerner  
Tabitha Valliant  
Tom Graham  
Rebecca Campbell  
Rose David

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan  
Inge van Gemeren  
Councillor Deb Wilson  
Nancy Dery  
Mayor Nancy Peckford  
Kevin Willey

**OTHERS PRESENT** Caroline Marshall, Grenville Arts Guild

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**A. OPEN MEETING**

The meeting was opened by Co-Chair John Barclay at 5:04 p.m.

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The land acknowledgment was read by John Barclay.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Move item to H.2 to H.6.

**#ACHAC-2024- 35**

Moved By Tom Graham  
Seconded By Rebecca Campbell

*Be it resolved that:*

*The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Meeting agenda for November 26, 2024  
be approved as presented.*

CARRIED

**D. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None.

**E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Corrections to previous minutes: Susanne Lerner resigned a few months ago, and Doreen O'Sullivan is not a Member.

**#ACHAC-2024- 36**

Moved By Rebecca Campbell  
Seconded By Tabitha Valliant

*Be it resolved that:*

*The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:*

1. October 22, 2024

CARRIED

**F. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**G. DECISION ITEMS**

None.

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

1. Public Art Policy, Ardis Lerner and Tabitha Valliant

Aris Lerner discussed the Proposed Public Art Policy, she obtained feedback from the Members. Discussion ensued with each section being reviewed by all Members.

**Action Item:** Ardis Lerner and John Barclay to review and compare policy with other communities for clarification on the budget request dollar amount.

2. Workplan Changes/ Updates

Moved to next meeting.

3. Arts Council

John Barclay reviewed the Council's decision concerning the Arts Council resolution and emphasized the importance of identifying board

members and volunteers for the Arts Council. Ardis Lerner pointed out that the unspent balance of the Arts Culture Development Fund could be allocated towards the establishment of the Arts Council, including any associated fees. John Barclay proposed an open call for local artists, while Ardis recommended a presentation comparing successful Arts Council setups in other communities.

**Arts Council Workgroup was set up with the following members:**  
Tabitha Valliant, Rebecca Campbell, Rose David and Ardis Lerner

4. Fragile Inheritance Resolution

Rebecca Campbell noted the changes to the resolution, the resolution was reviewed, and changes may have to be made at the next meeting.

**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 plan<sup>[1]</sup>:

*"#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 January 2021 recommendation from the former North Grenville Heritage advisory committee<sup>[2]</sup>:

*"The Heritage Advisory Committee recommends the North Grenville 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 requests Council to direct staff to explore the unused or underused municipal spaces that could be repurposed for immediate use by Fragile Inheritance as they work to secure their collection of irreplaceable natural specimens primarily collected from the North Grenville region.

5. Arts Culture Development Fund Review

Moved to next meeting.

6. Heritage Plaques

Moved to next meeting.

**I. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Items for Next Meeting

- Workplan Changes/Updates
- Fragile Inheritance Resolution
- Public Art Policy, Ardis Lerner and Tabitha Valliant
- Arts Culture Development Fund Review, Nancy Dery
- Heritage Plaques

**J. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None.

**K. ADJOURN**

**#ACHAC-2024- 37**

Moved By Rose David  
Seconded By Tom Graham

*Be it resolved that:*

*This meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.*

**CARRIED**