

As approved at the meeting on 20 Dec 17

**GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS**

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 26 October 2017  
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Judith Hoglander, Chair  
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary  
Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer

Rebecca Reynolds  
Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

Catherine Ryan

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 20 SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING**

A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Sinikka, to approve the minutes of the 20 September 2017 meeting was approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sinikka reported that she had deposited \$57 in receipts from the Trails and Sails event in the Gloucester Fund, bringing the balance to \$1,996.81. Judith will send Sinikka a note relative to treating the \$91.76 she spent on copying for the Poet Laureate selection process as a donation in kind. A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to approve the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**POET LAUREATE**

Judith presented the recommendation of the Poet Laureate Selection Panel, chaired by Councilor Paul Lundberg, that Philip Storey be appointed to this position for a four-year term. Judith noted that both candidates (the other being Duncan Nelson) are well qualified for this honor and both are good writers with different styles. She said that while the Panel's recommendation of Mr. Storey was unanimous, the Panel also is suggesting that, from time to time, Dr. Duncan also might also be considered for public readings of his work in connection with official City events and observances. After a short discussion, Robert moved the following motion: That the Committee for the Arts, upon the recommendation of the Poet Laureate Selection Panel, accept the Panel's nomination of Philip Storey as Poet Laureate of the City of

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Gloucester for a four-year term and recommend his appointment as Poet Laureate to the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Sinikka and approved unanimously.

#### **DRAIN SMART**

Rebecca reported on discussions with Eric Magers of Seaside Sustainability about the Drain smART proposal that had not yet been approved by the Committee for the Arts, but which was already underway on the drain near the Crow's Nest. There was a misunderstanding of the approval process and the need to engage the community in the process of reviewing proposed designs. The Committee agreed that we need to work with Seaside Sustainability to clarify the process, perhaps by appointing a panel to review proposals prior to submission to the Committee.

Rebecca also reported that Eric Magers has informed her that this particular mural proposal has been canceled. Given the onset of colder weather, Mr. Magers said there would be no further work on this project until spring. The Committee agreed that a more defined process for review and approval of each proposal needs to be approved by the Committee in February/March of next year, so that Seaside Sustainability is able to commence painting for approved proposals by May.

#### **CITY HALL ART REPAIRS**

Bronze Plaques – Rebecca reported that Robert Shure of Skylight Studios has reviewed Steve Roy's report of the previous treatment and determined that the appropriate treatment now is to remove the caked-up wax surrounding the letters, then highlight the lettering using a brighter bronze powder mixed with wax. Shure also confirmed that they will be able to reach all eight plaques using a step ladder, so there will be no need for scaffolding. He estimates that the cost will be about \$400 for each of the six larger plaques (with the two smaller plaques to be done at no additional charge), for a total cost of approximately \$2,400. They will do the plaque on the landing first to test the process they will use. A motion by Robert, seconded by Chris, to approve Shure going forward with the work on the plaque on the landing was approved unanimously.

Winter Mayoral Portraits – Judith reported that the City has insurance to cover the artwork in City Hall but not if the artwork is moved to another location. Judith said she will contact Catherine with respect to determining the historical value of the artwork.

#### **TRAILS AND SAILS**

Sinikka and Robert staffed the Committee's table on Saturday, 23 September. Sinikka noted that there was steady traffic at City Hall but almost all of the visitors were there to tour the bell tower. The committee agreed that for next year there needs to be more advance publicity about the mural restoration project to generate interest in the mural tour.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **MARS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

Rebecca announced that the Manship Artists Residency + Studios (MARS) is beginning an artist in residence program and will want to do a public art project in Gloucester, so the Committee will need to develop a process for that. The Committee agreed that we need to explore this in depth at a future meeting and that this will be a good opportunity to test the proposed public art policy and refine it.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Robert, seconded by Chris to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary