



# Minutes

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## Public Art Committee Meeting

**Meeting Date:** September 6, 2018  
**Meeting Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Committee Room  
**Prepared by** Karen Hilgendorf, Executive Assistant

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### A. Call to Order

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Chair, Yvonne Hamlin called the meeting to order with Sarah Filion, David Morgan and Peter Tollefsen in attendance.

#### A.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Peter Tollefsen      Seconded by: David Morgan

THAT the Agenda of September 6, 2018 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda, Carried.

#### A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

None declared

#### A.3 Previous Minutes

Moved by: David Morgan      Seconded by: Peter Tollefsen

THAT the Public Art Committee minutes of April 12, 2018 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made. Carried.

### B. New and Unfinished Business

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#### B 1. Committee Status

Shawn Everitt, Interim CAO joined the meeting to share results of a review of Town Committees that took place over the past several months. He noted a report is scheduled to go to the October Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the realignment responsibilities of the Public Art Committee. The report will provide an overview of the realignment of the Committee responsibilities that focus primarily on the annual display of art through the Town Hall Facility from its original Public Art Committee overseen by Town staff to be under the supervision of The Blue Mountains Public Library.

Shawn noted it was important to acknowledge the work of the Public Art Committee and that their work as volunteers was appreciated. Discussion then included the need for working with Dr. Saunders during the transition, when Council provides direction in October. It was noted that the work of the Public Art Committee in the administration of the Municipal Art Program is done on an annual time-sensitive basis. Shawn noted he was hopeful for the current Committee's assistance to work together to see what the change will look like, determining what the Library will need and acknowledged that timing is key.

Members of the Committee referenced the annual timeline used in the administration of the Municipal Art Program. Direction was given to Karen to update the timeline for reference. In response to a request from Peter for clarification in the transition timeline, Shawn advised he anticipates the transition to the Library to be late 2018 or early 2019. He noted that the Public Art Policy is very clear in that the art is on loan to the Town.

In response to Peter's request for clarification about the current Committee's term as it relates to the Term of Council and Yvonne's question if the Committee should stand down, Shawn noted the current Committee would remain in effect as a functioning Committee until the Election on October 22 and confirmed there was no reason for concern about entering a Lame Duck period associated with the Municipal Election.

David suggested the current Committee would not be in a position to make any decisions with regard to the 2019 MAP program as the timelines set by the current committee may not coincide with Library timelines. Shawn encouraged the committee to consider being part of the transition noting that the decision has not yet been made and encouraged the Committee to continue meeting. Sarah noted from a professional point of view, she encouraged working with the Library during the transition.

Shawn reiterated that the Town will continue as stewards of the artwork; just not administering the program. He noted the Town will have to be included regarding drywall repairs from art, layout of the building re areas where art can be hung etc. With the art being on a rotational basis, Sarah suggested taking a look at the wall space and providing recommendations for sizing in the call for art. The planning might help to provide for the use of the same screws and when placing pieces each year.

There was some discussion with regard to past MAP submissions and purchase. It was noted the current policy notes the Municipal Art Program is an initiative designed to showcase the work of regional artists through a juried selection and installed throughout Town Hall for a period of one year. The policy further notes the permanent collection is complete, that no additional art will be accepted and that the focus of any new acquisitions will be in the form of public art. The MAP brochure, produced annually, promotes the artists and is a self-directed tour opportunity for visitors to Town Hall.

Yvonne concurred with suggestions to continue as a working Committee, think about the transition and develop helpful hints. As the next meeting of the Committee is October 4, the timing fits with having a meeting before the October 22 Election.

Yvonne referenced the Committee's recent attention toward Outdoor Public Art and suggested a separate committee should plan for a project to continue. Shawn referenced a very successful Collingwood project where a Committee was struck and they completed their goal and mandate in approximately a seven month timeframe. There was some discussion with regard to outdoor art projects and previous liability concerns and CSA approval. Outdoor art projects are springing up throughout the Province and across Canada.

Following Shawn's departure from the meeting at 10:05 a.m. the Committee continued discussions about the transition. Peter suggested that the focus of the October meeting should be to identify what we do and provide suggestions through the timeline from December onward for the administration of the Municipal Art Program.

The Committee requested that Peter draft an end of term report for the Committee's review and discussion at the October meeting. It was suggested the content of the report include where we have come from to identify the Committee's accomplishments during the term (Council 2014-2018), and suggestions for the future. It was suggested attaching a Municipal Art Program timeline for consideration and reference. Yvonne asked the Committee to give some thought to a short covering letter to acknowledge concern for the 2019 MAP program timeline, the value of the MAP to the community and encourage forwarding the information to the Library Board.

## **B.2 Municipal Art Program**

The Committee discussed the May 3, 2018 Artist Appreciations Event, Intake of 2018 Art, Outtake of 2017 Art, and the MAP Exhibit to identify improvements for subsequent years.

David suggested the timeline between the Jury and the Staff Report, is tight (to secure Council approval through the COW and Council report and approval process to allow sufficient time to notify the successful artists, finalize the MAP events and co-ordinate the printing of the MAP brochure etc. ) A post event comment from Yvonne suggested a review of the MAP Exhibit period (currently Thursday afternoon and full day Friday) and Committee coverage during the exhibit.

## **C. Additions to the Agenda**

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There were no additions to the agenda

## **D. Adjournment**

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**Moved by:** Peter Tollefsen

**Seconded by:** David Morgan

THAT this Public Art Committee meeting does now adjourn at 10:45 a.m. to meet again on October 4, 2018 in the Committee Room, or at the call of the Chair. Carried.