



MINUTES
MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 11, 2009
Meeting No. 2

PRESENT

Members

Matthew Korchinski
Judi McIntyre
Joanne Olson
Alina Tarbhai
Stefania Pflugbeil

REGRETS

Regrets

Lana Champion
Salim Manji
Regional Councillor Tony Wong

Staff

Linda Irvine, Mgr., Parks & Open Spaces
John Ryerson, Director of Culture
Laura Gold, Committee Clerk

The second meeting of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:15 PM with Mr. Mathew Korchinski presiding as Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON JANUARY 14, 2009

Moved by: Judi McIntyre
Seconded by: Joanne Olson

That the minutes of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee held on January 14, 2009 be adopted as distributed.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. John Ryerson, Director of Culture, requested that the item Necklace Project be added to the agenda.

3. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

The Committee reviewed the list of action items and updated the list accordingly (see separate enclosure).

4. ART ON ICE EVENT

The Committee noted the following action items for the Art on Ice event:

- The Chair will introduce Mayor Frank Scarpitti, and Regional Councillor Tony Wong at the opening of the Art on Ice event to be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 4:00 PM;
- Ms. Joanne Olson, Committee Member, will create an agenda for the opening ceremonies.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. A. Municipal Public Art Plan

Ms. Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Space, reported that a meeting was held with Ms. Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community and Fire Services, Mr. Ryerson, and herself, to review, receive input, and help finalize the Markham Public Art Plan. Ms. Irvine explained that Ms. Librecz has expertise with respect to public art from her previous employment with the City of Toronto. Mr. Ryerson noted that all of the new developments in Markham that were displayed in the Great Hall included Public Art.

5. B. Liberty Developments – Cast Bronze Sculpture Update

No update was provided on this item.

5. C. Public Art Brochure

The Committee reviewed 4 versions of a Public Art Brochure created by Alina Tarbhai and selected version number #1.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6. A. Building Markham's Future Together

Mr. Ryerson advised that the Town is hosting the event "Building Markham's Future Together," which consists of a series of workshops that will help create a vision of what Markham will look like in 25 years from now. He encouraged the Committee Members to attend these workshops, particularly the March 2, 2009 workshop, which will discuss

Markham's Parks, Recreation, Culture, and Library Master Plan. He believed these workshops were quite effective, and that it was important to bring diverse voices to the table. Mr. Ryerson asked that the Committee Clerk request that the Committee receive an invitation to attend the Building Markham's Future Together series of workshops.

6. B. Necklace Project

Mr. Ryerson provided an overview of the article "Request for Expression of Interest: The Necklace Project, An Inter-Municipal Collaboration" regarding region wide exchange of ideas, and practices in the area of public art, with the goal of establishing a regional collection of public art. He thought the Committee could use this idea to help other municipalities in York Region create a public art plan, as he was not aware of any other municipality in York Region that had a public art plan.

6. C. Resignation

Moved by: Stefania Pflugbeil

Seconded by: Alina Tarbhai

That the resignation of Sean Colangelo be accepted; and that the position be declared vacant and a replacement member be appointed.

4. ART ON ICE EVENT (CONTINUED)

The Committee noted the following action items for the Art on Ice Event:

- Print 150 copies of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee Brochure to distribute at the Art on Ice event (Alina Tarbhai).
- Email printing invoice to Laura Gold, Committee Clerk, or Linda Irvine, Manager of Parks and Open Space (Alina Tarbhai).
- Bring extension cord to the Art on Ice event (Joanne Olson)
- Supply lights for the Art on Ice Event (John Ryerson)
- Advise Joanne Olson when the ice sculptures should be taken down (John Ryerson/Gallery Staff)

Ms. Olson advised that she had organized security for the ice sculptures on Saturday, and Sunday night, between the hours of 10:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Markham Public Art Advisory Committee will be held on March 11, 2009.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The second meeting of the Markham Public Art Committee adjourned at 8:05 PM.