

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Public Art Advisory Committee**

DATE May 28, 2015

LOCATION City Hall Meeting Room A

TIME 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT Mike Barker, Daniel Harland, Verne Harrison, Nan Hogg, Nicole Neufeld, Ella Pauls (staff), Jen Rafter (staff), Sally Wismer (chair)

REGRETS James Taylor

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p>Approval of April 02, 2015 meeting minutes</p> <p>Motion: That the April 02, 2015 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as circulated.</p> <p>Moved: Nicole Neufeld Seconded: Daniel Harland</p> <p>All in favour, minutes approved.</p>
2	<p>Staff Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. McCrae House Memorial restoration work: Art restoration specialist Craig Johnston of Ottawa recently worked on the McCrae Memorial located in the McCrae gardens at 108 Water Street. The bronze book, copper torch and various plaques surrounding the site have been cleaned, restored and protected. b. McCrae statue installation update: The site for the McCrae statue “Remember Flanders” by Canadian sculptor Ruth Abernethy is now prepared and ready for the installation. The statue will officially be accepted into the City’s public art collection at a donor appreciation and public ceremony on Saturday, June 25, 2015. It is confirmed that Canada’s Governor General, David Johnston will be in attendance. It was noted that while the public is welcome to attend, seating is reserved for invited guests. Sally Wismer, as chair of the Public Art Advisory Committee, has received an invitation. As she is unavailable that day, Nan Hogg will attend as the committee’s representative. c. Temporary pop-up requests: In response to recent inquiries and expressions of interest from individuals and organizations, staff is working with other city departments to facilitate temporary pop-up displays and activities in public spaces.

	<p>d. Public art signage: The City has developed a template for public art signage. The stainless steel panels will feature the name of the piece, the year of its creation, the name of the artist, and raised braille for accessibility. Five signs are currently in production for the pieces located within the civic precinct as well as the new McCrae installation at the Guelph Civic Museum.</p>
3	<p>Review proposals for 2015 City of Guelph Artist in Residence program</p> <p>After reviewing four submissions, the committee agreed to name Greg Denton the 2015 City of Guelph Artist in Residence. His project proposal, entitled, "100 Portraits/ 100 Poppies," responded well to site considerations and the scope of the project, and it demonstrated capacity to creatively animate downtown public spaces and engage community members.</p> <p>Staff will prepare a media release to go out as soon as the agreement with the artist is completed.</p>
4	Next meeting date: TBD in early fall
5	Next meeting agenda: Public art funding models.
6	Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM #	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	Staff	ASAP	Follow up with selected candidate for 2015 City of Guelph Artist in Residence program to discuss questions this Committee posed related to execution of the project, and to finalize logistics.
2	Staff	Ongoing	Research municipal public art funding models.