



The Corporation of the Town of Essex
Arts, Culture and Tourism Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024, 5:30 pm
Barnett Room, 60 Fairview Ave W, Essex, ON N8M 1B6
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Present: Chair - Maguire, Grant
Vice Chair - Meloche, Richard
Councillor - Allard, Brad, Ward 3
Councillor - Hammond, Rodney, Ward 4
Member - Armstrong, Tracy
Member - Atkinson, Nicole

Regrets: Peter Freele

Also Present: Cynthia Cakebread, Manager, Recreation and Culture
Trevor Martin, Recording Secretary

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1. Call to Order

Grant Maguire, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat Peoples. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted at this time.

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Arts, Culture and Tourism Meeting Agenda for April 10, 2024

ACT24-04 -001

Moved By Councillor Allard

Seconded By Nicole Atkinson

That the published agenda for the April 10, 2024 Arts, Culture and Tourism Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Arts, Culture and Tourism Minutes for March 13, 2024

ACT24-04 -002

Moved By Tracy Armstrong

Seconded By Richard Meloche, Vice Chair

That the minutes of the Arts, Culture and Tourism meeting held March 13, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Eclipse Event

The Committee discussed the eclipse event that took place at Colchester Harbour Park on Monday April 8, 2024. Cynthia Cakebread, Manager, Recreation and Culture noted that any leftover eclipse glasses will be donated to Astronomers Without Borders via the Essex County Library.

7. Live Art Event

Ann Ducharme, Director, and Wendy Durante, Secretary, of the Art Society of Kingsville were present to discuss partnering with the Committee for live art events in Essex. The Committee discussed opportunities to add a live art component to existing Committee events including Tune Up the Parks and agreed to continue coordinating with the Art Society of Kingsville on dates and event formats.

8. Sidewalk Astronomy

The Committee agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting once the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada communicates suggested dates for events.

9. Tune Up the Parks

Cynthia Cakebread, Manager, Recreation and Culture informed the Committee that a call for presenters will be going out soon and that by the end of May, Town staff will have a schedule ready with the list of performers for all event dates. Cynthia also shared the design for replacement flags to promote the event at each location as the previous flags were faded and worn.

10. Art/Tourism Projects

Cynthia Cakebread provided an update to the Committee on previously approved art/tourism projects:

- The process has started to restore the Liberation Mural
- Communication is in process with Canada Post regarding approval for a potential mural at the site of the McGregor Post Office
- A potential tourist photo site in Essex Centre is dependent on a grant. Economic Development staff are currently working on the grant application

11. New Business

There were no agenda items under new business.

12. Adjournment

ACT24-04 -003

Moved By Tracy Armstrong

Seconded By Nicole Atkinson

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Carried

13. Future Meetings

May 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location: Barnett Room - Essex Centre Sports Complex

Chair

Recording Secretary