

PEC Public Art Committee

Minutes - July 8th, 2025 Meeting (6-8 p.m.)

Location: In person / Online

Attendance:

Present:

Golshan Abdmoulaie, Community Representative Member
Stacey Sproule, County Arts Programs Director and Public Art Coordinator
Victoria Taylor, Community Representative Member
Andrea Dawes, County Arts Special Initiatives Manager (non-voting)
Chris Palmer, Supervisor of Museums & Cultural Services (non-voting)

Regrets:

Shyanne Brant, Community Representative Member
Kamee Abrahamian, Community Representative Member
Paul Epp, Community Representative Member
Jamie Janx, Community Representative Member

Agenda and Discussion ([Slides here](#))

1 - Welcome & Approval of May 12th Meeting Minutes

2 - Update on Public Art Policy Approval

- Update on June 10th Council Meeting - The Public Art Policy was approved and the moratorium on permanent public art lifted.
- Currently waiting for CAO approval of the procedures, including for the Community-Initiated Public Artwork process. Then the Community-Initiated PA forms will go up on the Municipality's and our Public Art pages and be promoted publicly (hopefully this month).
- We discussed the How-To Guide we developed that will also go up on the County's and our Public Art pages to help navigate the Community-Initiated PA process.

3 - Brainstorming Session for Public Art Program Commissions

- Parks are the top requested site for public art in the community consultation, so we are focusing on exploring opportunities in several parks with the objective to roll out projects across the County over the next couple of years - See slides for info on Delhi, Benson, Consecon, Waupoos, Roblin Lake/Ameliasburgh Fairgrounds, Milford Fairgrounds
 - Delhi additional thoughts: Community Connections Plan focuses on 5 or 6 entry points - potential to use art to highlight these, if at entry points can

attract passersby. Question for Albert - digging in Delhi. Quinte Conservation manages 30 metre setback from creek and the creek; accessibility is a challenge (but pathways project if it gets funded will change that); natural amphitheatre (sound-wise); would need to explore whether digging is possible in some areas given former landfill site. More space so more opportunities to think about connection with the landscape.

- Benson additional thoughts: Need to figure out the status of redesign.
- Consecon additional thoughts - pavement mural on basketball court or on storage structure, land art, art on future shade structure? Wood cutouts on chainlink fence?
- Also discussed - Waupoos/Wilkinson Memorial Park
- Other potential sites suggested to explore as resources permit: Picton Fairgrounds/Crystal Palace, Millennium Trail, Macaulay Village Park on London Avenue (Heights), Mariners Park Museum
- **Budget:** Discussed different public art commission projects and associated budgets and what is possible within our budget (\$30k per year); need to consider including fees for mentorship, community engagement etc. - in every project or just certain projects? Need to consider materials - painting vs vinyl wraps?
- **Public Art Themes** (see agenda, from Public Art Plan): also discussed conceptual frameworks linking projects across PEC together e.g chainlink, portals to nature

Next Step: We will meet with Recreation & Community Facilities staff including Chris to narrow down potential sites depending on upgrades, feasibility, etc. - will confirm when the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is going to Council for approval as that may also impact priorities and what is possible/feasible.

6 - Other Ideas

- **Public Art Festival** - what could we do, what could it look like. Need additional budget (beyond commissions) - need to research funding opportunities for larger scale events/festivals.
- **Avro Arrow Trail public art component** - there may be private funding available to commemorate this project with a public art initiative. Could explore OMAFRA and RTO9 grants to get matching funding but we would need a for-profit partner.

7 - Next steps/admin/next meeting - TBD, Stacey will send a poll.