

PEC Public Art Committee

Minutes - September 4th, 2025 Meeting (6-7:30 p.m.)

Location: Online

Attendance:

Present:

Jamie Janx, Community Representative Member

Stacey Sproule, County Arts Programs Director and Public Art Coordinator

Victoria Taylor, Community Representative Member

Paul Epp, 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

Golshan Abdmoulaie, Community Representative Member

Agenda and Discussion

1 - Welcome & Approval of July 8th Meeting Minutes

2 - Update on Public Art Policy Approval and Public Art Website

- CAO has approved the procedures and forms, including for the Community-Initiated Public Artwork process and Donations Proposal process. The public-facing forms and guidelines are in the queue to go up on the County's website. We are ready to promote and update our website once this has been done.
- Thanks to Golshan for providing excellent plain-language/accessibility edits for our How-To Guide for Community-Initiated projects - this will go up on both the County's and County Arts' public art websites.
- We are planning to organize a webinar for the Community-Initiated process in October.

3 - Update on potential Public Art Program Commissions

- Chris and Stacey met with Recreation and Community Facilities staff to get updates on Parkland Projects and plans for parks as this is the top location where residents want to see public art. They generally work on around 2 projects/upgrades each year. There are in-process or upcoming projects in several parks that make many of these locations unsuitable for a commission at this time, and there could be direction in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan that will be relevant for our planning process.

- **Picton and Wellington** - Stacey did site visits with Paul, Victoria, and Jamie at Delhi Park to identify potential public art sites, but this location might have to wait given some upcoming construction projects. Benson Park is another potential site, especially given the vandalism in the washrooms, but there is also uncertainty around future plans here. Wellington Community Association is working on a public art project for Wellington Park.
- **Wilkinson Memorial Park in Waupoos** - This upgrade project is set to be completed by the end of the year, and is a good candidate to move forward as one of our first commissions. We discussed a potential mural on the Community Centre external wall, which could create a memorable “drive by” experience from the road as well as up close for those who visit the centre/park. Agricultural theme is suitable given history of the property and Wilkinsons being a farming family. Stacey will reach out to an experienced agricultural muralist to explore the possibility of a “By invitation” commission, with potential for local artists to participate as mentees and/or be contracted as production/painting team members. Artist Talk and other events could be part of this. Stacey will connect with the North Marysburgh Recreation Committee to discuss project, theme, community engagement opportunities, etc.
- **Roblin Lake Park in Ameliasburgh** - A Master Plan is being developed for Roblin Lake Park - very rich natural and cultural history/heritage at this site, lots of potential for public art, including surfaces. Depending on the content of the Master Plan, hoping public art potential could be included and this site could be among the first commission projects for the public art program.

4 - Old Boys’ Entrance - Old Boys Entrance to Picton Fairgrounds is subject of public consultations right now, driven by the Picton Legion and the PEC Agricultural Society, and there is interest in using some of that project’s upgrade budget for an interior public art piece to depict agricultural/Fair/local military connections to the building. The public art program could help facilitate this process, will start with a site visit on Friday Sep 5th to get a sense of scope and budget.

6 - Other models for public art activities to explore for next meeting

- Haliburton Sculpture Festival, Almonte Commemoration Public Art

7 - Next steps/admin/next meeting - Stacey will update PAC members unable to attend meeting, next meeting TBD