



Region of Waterloo Arts Fund

Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2020

1:04 p.m.

Meeting held electronically

Regional Administration Building

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: President B. Chesney, A. Dobkowski, L. Golds, B.A. Keller, R. Nixon, I. Ring, S. Scott, K. Sheehy, C.A. Treitz and R. Waldeck

Not Present: M. Braun, H. Jowett and K. Redman

Also Present: D. Kirton, Artist at Large Advisor; K. Oddson, Artist at Large Advisor; H. Chimirri-Russell, Director, Cultural Services

B. Chesney welcomed everyone to this first electronic Arts Fund Board meeting and self-introductions took place.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the Conflict of Interest Policy of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund

None declared.

Declarations related specifically to the grant applications were made prior to the review of the Spring 2020 Stage 2 applications.

Approval of Minutes

Open Session – January 16, 2020

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by R. Waldeck

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the open session minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2020.

Carried

Election of Vice Chair

A call was made for nominations. Lindsay Golds was nominated and stated that she was willing to serve. No further nominations were put forward.

Moved by S. Scott

Seconded by R. Waldeck

That Lindsay Golds be confirmed as the Vice Chair of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund for a term ending December 31, 2021.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Social Media Coordinator Update

Bill Chesney, President, provided an update regarding the Arts Fund contract with Martin de Groot, who was hired as Social Media Coordinator to establish the Arts Fund Facebook page and social media presence. The contract provided for a mid-term check-in and B. Chesney recommends the contract be terminated at this time, as is allowable in the agreement.

Moved by I. Ring

Seconded by R. Waldeck

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund Board terminate the contract with Martin de Groot for the position of Social Media Coordinator at the mid-point, as per the terms of the agreement;

And that the Board expresses their thanks to M. De Groot for his work taking the Arts Fund social media presence this far.

Carried

Moved by B.A. Keller

Seconded by K. Sheehy

That the Arts Fund Board direct the payment of \$200 to M. de Groot as two weeks' pay in lieu of notice, as per the terms of the contract.

Carried

A. Dobkowski and S. Scott will be providing more information regarding social media strategy and the Social Media Coordinator at the June 15 Arts Fund Board meeting.

New Business

1. COVID-19 Response and the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund

B. Chesney reviewed the decision process taken by the Arts Fund at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion was circulated on April 10, 2020 and voted on via e-mail by the Board of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund.

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by B.A. Keller

Given the extraordinary circumstances faced by Region of Waterloo Arts Fund grantees, and all artists across the Region, due to COVID-19 and the public health measures in place, be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund take the following actions:

1. That all Spring 2020 applicants be invited to submit a Round 2 application and be directed to submit their completed application by email only;
2. That a question be added to the Round 2 application that specifically addresses how the project will address current or possible future public health restrictions that might impact the grantees' capacity to complete their project (e.g. prohibition of public gatherings, social distancing measures, etc.);
3. Given the above, that Round 2 applications be allowed to propose projects that may differ substantially from the request made in Round 1;
4. That 100% of the Spring 2020 funding granted be provided to the grantee immediately (instead of withholding 10% pending receipt of a final report);
5. That all successful Spring 2020 grantees be given until August 1, 2021 to complete their projects; and
6. That successful Spring 2020 grantees be permitted to also apply for different projects during the upcoming Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 rounds, constituting a temporary lifting of the application guideline that artists may not apply for new projects while a current project is still underway.

Carried

2. Review of Spring 2020 Stage 2 Applications

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Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the Conflict of Interest Policy of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund – Specific to Grant Applications Closed Session

The following declarations of pecuniary interest, related to applications, were made by the Board members in Open Session:

Application ID	Board Member	Reason:
S20-24	A. Dobkowski	She is working with HopeSpring.
S20-34	A. Dobkowski	She is a mentor for Green Light Arts.

A. Dobkowski removed herself during discussions of S20-24 and S20-34.

Closed Session

Moved by R. Nixon

Seconded by I. Ring

That a closed meeting of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund be held on June 11, 2020 at approximately 1:00 p.m. electronically, for the purpose of considering the following subject matters:

- a) Personal matters about identifiable individuals related to current applications
- b) Personal matters about identifiable individuals related to contract negotiations

Carried

The meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

L. Golds left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

The closed portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Motion to Reconvene into Open Session

Moved by S. Scott

Seconded by K. Sheehy

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund reconvene into Open Session at 5:52 p.m.

Carried

Moved by C.A. Treitz

Seconded by B.A. Keller

That the following Spring 2020 applications receive Arts Fund grants, as follows:

ID	First	Last	Organization	City	Grant
S20-02	Nancy	Silcox		New Hamburg	\$2,000
S20-07	Helmann	Wilhelm		Kitchener	\$7,050
S20-08	Dylan	Langan	Vera Causa Opera	Cambridge	\$5,000
S20-09	Alten	Wilmot	Unwrap Theatre	Kitchener	\$4,000
S20-10	Tara	Butler		Kitchener	\$8,000
S20-12	Paul Francescutti	& Daiene Vernile		Waterloo	\$4,725
S20-15	Veda	Hingert-McDonald		Kitchener	\$5,850
S20-16	Amy-Susanna	Compton		Waterloo	\$5,800
S20-19	Chia Yin	Wu		Waterloo	\$1,275
S20-23	Stephen	Trothen		Kitchener	\$3,650
S20-27	Sarah	Kernohan		Kitchener	\$6,100
S20-30	Christopher	Torti		Cambridge	\$9,400
S20-31	Anita	Walsh	Four Corners Collective	Waterloo	\$6,700
S20-33	Jessica	Smith		Kitchener	\$5,000
S20-34	Carin	Lowerison	Green Light Arts	Kitchener	\$8,500
S20-36	Roger	Skelly		Waterloo	\$3,720
S20-37	Richard	Garvey		Kitchener	\$10,000
S20-38	Stephen	Trim		Kitchener	\$8,375
S20-43	Ashley	Hynd		Kitchener	\$10,000
S20-49	Alexander	Wright	One Strange Night Productions	Kitchener	\$3,000
S20-53	Nicholas	Dragas		Kitchener	\$5,000

ID	First	Last	Organization	City	Grant
S20-57	Jenn	Addesso	Coñoculto in association with Cosmic Fishing Theater	Cambridge	\$8,341
S20-58	Carly Ann	Derderian	WOOM Collaborative	Waterloo	\$5,000
S20-61	Jeff	Cowell	Grounded Theory Collective	Kitchener	\$10,000
S20-62	Nada	Abusaleh		Waterloo	\$10,000
S20-63	Hannah	Enns	Rainbow Reels Queer and Trans Film Festival	Kitchener	\$5,500
S20-66	Lucia	Harrison	Kitchener Waterloo Multicultural Centre	Kitchener	\$5,000
S20-69	Logan	Soeder		Kitchener	\$3,600
S20-70	Marcus Adam	Wanka		Kitchener	\$3,000
S20-71	Emily	Urquhart		Kitchener	\$6,000
S20-72	Kathleen	Cleland Moyer	Backyard Theatre	Kitchener	\$3,000
S20-73	Lori	Straus		Waterloo	\$1,200
S20-76	Kai	Reimer-Watts		Kitchener	\$7,500
S20-87	Aislinn	Thomas		Kitchener	\$2,000
S20-88	Eric	Bolton	Shy Harry	Cambridge	\$6,780
S20-89	Claudia	Aguirre		Waterloo	\$1,150

Total Granted \$ 201,216

Carried

The following applications did not receive Board approval for an Arts Fund grant:

ID	First	Last	Organization	City	Amount Requested
S20-04	Tim	Moher	Belmont Village Bestival	Kitchener	\$20,000
S20-05	Warren	Muzak		Waterloo	\$10,000
S20-13	Peter	Hunton	Galt Little Theatre (now operating as Cambridge Community Players)	Cambridge	\$13,851
S20-17	Lori	Distel	Penny and Pound Theatre Productions	Cambridge	\$12,000
S20-20	Mariette	Stephenson	Kitchener-Waterloo Guitar Orchestra	Cambridge	\$5,200
S20-22	Arun	Pal		Ajax	\$6,000
S20-24	Tammy	Simmons	HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre	Waterloo	\$6,695
S20-28	Jake	Robinson	The Inclines	Cambridge	\$5,000
S20-32	Josh	Hill	Kaleid Choral Festival (a project of the mo(i)r Light Centre for Sound Music Education	Waterloo	\$19,500
S20-35	Rylan	Skelly		Waterloo	\$15,000
S20-39	Patrick	Mullin	Homegrown Hero	Waterloo	\$5,900
S20-41	Tess	Martens	Optic Nerve	Waterloo	\$5,000
S20-42	Henry	Taylor		Waterloo	\$12,000
S20-44	Nikolina	Kupcevic		Waterloo	\$5,500
S20-47	Keenan	Reimer-Watts	Erso	Kitchener	\$8,000
S20-48	Siba	Al Khadour	Levant	Kitchener	\$13,000

ID	First	Last	Organization	City	Amount Requested
S20-56	Wendell	MacDougall		Kitchener	\$8,000
S20-60	Tasneem	Jamal		Kitchener	\$6,000
S20-64	Kevin	Hiebert	O.K. Period	Cambridge	\$11,320
S20-65	Heather	Majaury	The Housing Project	Kitchener	\$26,250
S20-67	Terre	Chartrand	Women Driver InterArts	Kitchener	\$10,000
S20-68	Kyle	Taylor		Waterloo	\$5,000
S20-74	Roman	Bienko		Kitchener	\$5,000
S20-75	Carl	Cadogan	Reception House Waterloo Region	Kitchener	\$8,000
S20-78	Michael	Masukevitch		Waterloo	\$10,000
S20-80	Arlene	Thomas	Puppets & Shadows Theatre (Formally Puppet Theatre)	Kitchener	\$8,000
S20-81	John Paul	Sunga		Waterloo	\$8,000
S20-82	Nehad	Abdalkader		Kitchener	18,500
S20-85	Jonathan	Pitman (Dub J)		Waterloo	\$10,000
S20-86	Jack	Cooper		Kitchener	\$8,920
S20-90	Justin	Hamilton		Kitchener	\$15,000

Total Requested \$ 320,636

Next Meetings:

- June 15, 5:00 p.m. (meeting to be held electronically)
- September 10, 2020 (meeting location TBA)
 - Annual General Meeting
 - Regular Meeting
- Thursday, November 12, 2020 (Fall 2020 Grant Review Meeting)

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Board President, B. Chesney

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Corporate Clerk, T. Plummer