



Region of Waterloo Arts Fund

Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

1:00 p.m.

Room 218

Regional Administration Building

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

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

Also Present: M. Braun*, Artist at Large Advisor; H. Chimirri-Russell, Director, Cultural Services

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

None declared.

Approval of Minutes

Open Session – April 4, 2019

Moved by B. Chesney

Seconded by R. Waldeck

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the open session minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2019.

Carried

Closed Session – April 4, 2019

Moved by S. Scott

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Seconded by L. Golds

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the closed session minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2019.

Carried

Business Arising From the Minutes

a) Rebecca Binnendyk (S18-08) Re: Project Update

Rebecca Binnendyk has notified the Arts Fund Board that she will be unable to complete her Arts Fund granted project, and will be returning the unused portion of the grant as requested by the Board.

b) THEMUSEUM (S18-61) Re: Project Update

THEMUSEUM has notified the Arts Fund board that they will be unable to complete the Arts Fund granted project as outlined in their Spring 2018 Stage 1 and 2 applications and will be returning the full amount of the grant.

c) Viktorija Kovac, Cosmic Fishing Theatre (F18-62), Re: Project Update

Viktorija Kovac, Cosmic Fishing Theatre, has notified the Arts Fund Board that she will be unable to complete her Arts Fund granted project. The original grant agreement was not completed and no funds were paid out so no repayment is needed.

d) Ernest Daetwyler (F18-48), Re: Project Update

Ernest Daetwyler has provided a letter of support from the City of Kitchener and continues to work with the City to confirm a site for the sculpture "Between a Rock and a Hard Place", as required as a condition to his Arts Fund grant. The first payment of the grant will not be forwarded until confirmation has been received and the condition of his grant is satisfied.

e) Retreat Planning

Bill Chesney noted the retreat is scheduled for August 9, 2019, and the Request for Proposals for a facilitator has been circulated to interested parties with a deadline for response of June 17. The organizing group is working on developing clear questions for the Board to work on to make best use of the day.

* C.A. Treitz joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

f) Regional Equity Subcommittee Report

Adele Dobkowski circulated a [discussion paper](#), "Bringing the Arts Fund to Every Corner of Waterloo Region", which is attached to the original minutes. The Board discussed a

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three-pronged approach for the Arts Fund to reach all eligible artists and arts organizations. The Board expressed support to provide more Open House sessions in different locations throughout the Region and noted the importance of strategic promotion of the Arts Fund.

* M. Braun joined the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

The Board is aware granted projects can have a unique impact for artists and residents in each City or Township, but also noted the importance of projects that benefit the Region as a whole which are not necessarily specific to where the artist lives. They said they would like to make sure opportunities for Arts Fund grants are widely known as possible and noted the importance of leveraging promotion from people in the community who already support the work of the Arts Fund. Expanding the social media presence of the Arts Fund is valuable, and Board members were encouraged to share Arts Fund information on their own social media sites.

The Board noted the importance of strengthening grant writing ability of artists across the Waterloo Region arts community and are surprised at how little leveraging is done by artists who receive or apply for Arts Fund grants. The Board is committed to enabling an on-line application process and said they need to review the new application criteria so it is evenly applied across all applications.

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by R. Waldeck

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund endeavors to reach all eligible artists and arts organizations throughout Waterloo Region by:

- Increasing knowledge about the Arts Fund across Waterloo Region through a new strategy for in-person, print and online communication about Arts Fund grants; and
- Addressing geographic considerations when assessing grant applications; and
- Strengthening grant writing capacity across the Waterloo Region arts community;

As outlined in the discussion paper “Bringing the Arts Fund to Every Corner of Waterloo Region” dated June 13, 2019.

Carried

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by B. Chesney

That staff be directed to print 500 more 2019 promotional postcards.

Carried

g) Discussion re: How Applications are sorted for Stage 1 and Stage 2 meetings

Ian Ring will bring a report for consideration to the September meeting.

Correspondence

a) Tammy Smerchinski, Fly Away Arts (F18-69) Re: Project Change

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by B. Chesney

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the request for a project change for Tammy Smerchinski and Fly Away Arts' project (F18-69), Dancing on the Elephant, as outlined in her correspondence from April 8, 2019.

Carried

b) Joshua Warren (S18-49) Re: Project Extension

The Board discussed the request received and directed staff to send written notification of the Board's decision.

Moved by R. Waldeck

Seconded by B. Chesney

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the request for a project extension for Joshua Warren's project (S18-49), JSJ – Joshua Sade James, until January 31, 2020, at which time a Final Report will be due.

Carried

J. Warren is releasing a single in advance of his full EP and the Board requests that he include the Arts Fund logo with this release as per the grant agreement; Staff will advise him of this.

c) Tom Knowlton & Paul Campsall (S18-19) Re: Project Extension

The Board discussed the request received and directed staff to send written notification of the Board's decision.

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by S. Scott

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the request for a project extension for Tom Knowlton's and Paul Campsall's project (S18-19), StreetSauce!, until February 28, 2020, at which time a Final Report will be due.

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Carried

d) Alexandra Chaves (S18-43) Re: Project Cancellation

Received for information.

e) Joni NehRita (F17-45) Re: Project Extension

The Board discussed the request received and directed staff to send written notification of the Board's decision.

Moved by R. Waldeck

Seconded by B. Chesney

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the request for a project extension for Joni NehRita's project (F17-45), Love & Protest, until November 1, 2019, at which time a Final Report will be due.

Carried

New Business

a) Good Foundation

B.A. Keller provided an update to the Board regarding the donation being made by the Good Foundation to the Arts Fund. They will be providing \$40,000 in 2019 for the Arts Fund Board to grant this fall on behalf of the Good Foundation to an arts organization in the Region. There are no parameters being imposed by the Good Foundation on the funding and the Arts Fund Board will be able to grant the money as they see fit as long as it goes to an organization and not an individual artist. A. Dobkowski will circulate to the Board information she has gathered which includes a comparison of grants the Good Foundation has made in the past in comparison to Arts Fund grants. It was noted that this grant would be separate from money the Arts Fund receives from the Region, and that it should not compromise the Arts Fund's stewardship of taxpayer funds. The Board will discuss further at their Retreat parameters around how the funds will be granted, and will bring this back to the next Board meeting in September.

* K. Redman left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

* H. Jowett left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

b) Review of Spring 2019 Stage 2 Applications

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

There were no declarations made related to Spring 2019 Stage 2 applications.

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Closed Session

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by R. Waldeck

That a closed meeting of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund be held on June 13, 2019 at approximately 2:00 p.m. in Room 218, 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 final reports

Carried

The meeting recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:37 p.m.

* B. Chesney and K. Sheehy left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 4:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

Motion to Reconvene Into Open Session

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by R. Waldeck

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund reconvene into Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

Carried

Moved by R. Nixon

Seconded by I. Ring

That the following Spring 2019 Stage 2 applications receive Arts Fund grants, as follows:

ID#	First	Last	Organization	City	Amount
S19-01	Eryn	O'Neill		Waterloo	\$3,000
S19-02	Nicole	Smith		Cambridge	\$4,000
S19-03	Catherine	Mellinger		Waterloo	\$5,500
S19-10	Matt	Weidinger		Kitchener	\$10,000
S19-13	Mark	Tonin		Kitchener	\$7,500
S19-14	Momcilo	Simic		Kitchener	\$4,300

ID#	First	Last	Organization	City	Amount
S19-19	Carin	Lowerison	Green Light Arts	Kitchener	\$10,000
S19-24	Paul	Knowles		New Hamburg	\$8,000
S19-25	Heather	Franklin	Button Factory Arts/Waterloo Community Arts Centre	Waterloo	\$8,000
S19-28	Sam	Nabi		Kitchener	\$10,000
S19-29	Alan K.	Sapp	Nickel Mines Collective	Kitchener	\$4,000
S19-30	Kenn	Norman	Fashion History Museum	Cambridge	\$1,500
S19-31	Tim	Moher		Kitchener	\$10,000
S19-32	Leslie	Maxwell	Belmont Village Bestival	Kitchener	\$5,000
S19-35	Grace	Scheele	HARP+	Kitchener	\$5,000
S19-36	Jacob	Meyer		Kitchener	\$4,400
S19-40	Luisa	D'Amato	Grand Philharmonic Choir	Kitchener	\$5,000
S19-42	Kelly	Kipfer	Waterloo Public Library in partnership with Mary Allen Studio Tour	Waterloo	\$2,200
S19-44	JoJo	Worthington		Kitchener	\$4,500
S19-45	Nathan	Stretch	Bass Lions	Kitchener	\$5,000
S19-46	Veda	Hingert-McDonald	Compostable Concerts	Waterloo	\$3,000
S19-48	Tessa	Jennison	Waterloo Region Crossing Inc	Kitchener	\$9,500
S19-51	Phillip	Psutka		Kitchener	\$4,900
S19-53	Patrick	Allaby		Kitchener	\$5,000
S19-55	Isabel	Cisterna	Neruda Arts	Waterloo	\$6,000
S19-56	Gary	Kirkham		Cambridge	\$5,250
S19-57	Trevor	Waurechen		Waterloo	\$4,000

ID#	First	Last	Organization	City	Amount
S19-58	Jon	Knight		Waterloo	\$3,000
S19-59	Luke	Michielsen		Kitchener	\$3,500
S19-60	Eva	McCauley		Kitchener	\$5,000
S19-62	Tom	Nagy		Kitchener	\$4,550
S19-63	Pam	Patel	The Multicultural Theater Space	Waterloo	\$10,000
S19-64	Christine	Moncrief		Waterloo	\$8,000
S19-65	Aaron	Fletcher		Cambridge	\$7,860

Total Granted \$196,460

Carried

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

ID#	First	Last	Organization	City	Amount
S19-04	Julia	Appleton		Kitchener	\$9,040
S19-05	Francy	Goudreault	Secret Level Entertainment	Kitchener	\$7,500
S19-07	Grace	Stemp- Morlock		Kitchener	\$5,000
S19-08	Melissa	Sky		Waterloo	\$4,000
S19-09	David	Shute		Kitchener	\$7,225
S19-16	Duane	Wolfe		Waterloo	\$9,347
S19-18	Ilija William	Males		Kitchener	\$3,500
S19-26	Jacob	Goudereault		Cambridge	\$7,000
S19-38	Siba	Al Khadour	Levant	Kitchener	\$13,000
S19-43	Klaus	Engel	Inter Arts Matrix	Kitchener	\$7,500
S19-47	Intisar	Awisse		Waterloo	\$10,000
S19-50	Alyse	Johnston		Kitchener	\$10,000
S19-52	Isaac	Mulè	Page 1 Entertainment	Kitchener	\$4,500
S19-54	Meghan	Sims		Kitchener	\$15,000
S19-66	Katherine	Ronzio	Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery	Waterloo	\$8,000

ID#	First	Last	Organization	City	Amount
S19-67	Adam	Goudreault	Chicopee	Kitchener	\$5,500

Total Requested \$126,112

Other Business

a) Chair's Information Memo was received for information.

Next Meetings – September 12, 2019

- **Annual General Meeting**
- **Regular Meeting**

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Carried

Board Chair, B.A. Keller

Corporate Clerk, T. Plummer