



## **Region of Waterloo Arts Fund**

### **Minutes**

Thursday, October 10, 2019

1:00 p.m.

Room 218

Regional Administration Building

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

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

Members Absent: R. Nixon, K. Sheehy

Also Present: 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.

Declarations related specifically to the grant applications were made prior to the review of the Fall 2019 Stage 1 applications.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Open Session – September 12, 2019

Moved by S. Scott

Seconded by L. Golds

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the open session minutes of the meeting held on September 12, 2019.

Carried

### **Business Arising From the Minutes**

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a) Retreat Task Team Reports

B. Chesney, L. Golds and H. Chimirri-Russell are the Task Team working on a single-stage application process.

L. Golds, I. Ring and H. Chimirri-Russell are the Task Team working on the Stage 2 scoring rubric.

**Correspondence**

a) Ernest Daetwyler, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* (F18-48), Re: Project Update and Project Extension

The Board were pleased with the information provided in the project update and discussed the request for project extension. Staff are directed to send written notification of the Board's decision.

Moved by I Ring

Seconded by S. Scott

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the request for a project extension for Ernest Daetwyler's project, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* (F18-48), until November 30, 2020, at which time a Final Report will be due.

Carried

**New Business**

a) Community Arts Proposal

B. Chesney reviewed the Community Arts proposal, noting M. Braun, C.A. Treitz worked with him on the Task Team. The Board advised the Task Team working on the one-stage application to include this new category as they consider a new application form and process. A new page may need to be added to the Arts Fund website to include this information.

Moved by B. Chesney

Seconded by A. Dobkowski

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve an additional project category – Community Art – as set out in the Community Arts Proposal.

Carried

b) Communications Plan

A. Dobkowski reviewed the plan as distributed. She thanked B. Chesney and S. Scott for their work crafting the key messages. The key messaging points can be revised as the plan is put into place and are intended to be used consistently by all Board members and staff in communications and for outreach opportunities. She noted the budget for this plan is incomplete, and is not specifically included as part of the recommendation but reflects information that is currently available. Once approved, the plan would be a two-year process which the Task Team will continue to work on implementing. B. Chesney said he would be willing to supervise University of Waterloo co-op students that could work as the Social Media Resource person, in four-month term placements at a time.

Moved by A. Dobkowski

Seconded by B. Chesney

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve the Outreach and Communications Plan 2020-2022, as outlined in the report, dated October 3, 2019.

Carried

c) 2020 Promotional Postcard

The Board discussed how best to promote the Arts Fund grant including a postcard, a poster, and electronic versions of each. The Communications Plan Task Team will discuss and make recommendations to the Board at their next meeting.

d) The Final Arts Fund 2018 Financial Statements were received for information.

e) Canada Council for the Arts Event

A. Dobkowski thanked H. Chimirri-Russell for helping make all the arrangements at the Region for this event, as well as Emily Robson, City of Kitchener. She noted that representatives at the Canada Council don't really understand the difference between the Region of Waterloo and the City of Kitchener. She said an event like this is an opportunity to build relationships and the Region of Waterloo is getting a reputation as a good place for funders to visit.

The meeting recessed at 1:52 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

\* K. Redman left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

f) Technical Review of Fall 2018 Stage 1 Applications

**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 in Open Session:

| <b>Application ID</b> | <b>Board Member</b> | <b>Reason</b>  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| F19-25                | K. Sheehy           | K. Sheehy and Lost & Found Theatre listed as collaborator/partner in application |
| F19-31                | S. Scott            | S. Scott works at the New Quarterly  |

K. Sheehy was absent from the meeting, so was not in attendance for the duration of the discussion of the grant applications.

F19-31 (The New Quarterly Podcasting Initiative), Emily Bednarz, The New Quarterly was automatically moved forward to Stage 2 by Board members by using the Stage 1 Scoring Rubric. There was no discussion regarding this application and S. Scott was not required to leave the room.

Moved by B. Chesney

Seconded by H. Jowett

That a closed meeting of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund be held on Thursday, September 10, 2019 at 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

### **Motion to Reconvene Into Open Session**

Moved by R. Waldeck

Seconded by L. Golds

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund reconvene into Open Session at 4:55 p.m.

Carried

Moved by B. Chesney

Seconded by H. Jowett

That the following Fall 2019, Stage 1 applications proceed to Stage 2 review:  
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| <b>ID#</b> | <b>First Name</b>  | <b>Last Name</b> | <b>Organization</b>                                  | <b>City</b>    | <b>Request</b> |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| F19-01     | Richard H          | Stephens         |  | Cambridge      | \$7,000        |
| F19-02     | Steve              | Sugrim           |  | Waterloo       | \$2,000        |
| F19-03     | Gordon             | Hatt             | CAFKA  | Kitchener      | \$15,000       |
| F19-04     | Stephen W          | Young            |  | Waterloo       | \$2,000        |
| F19-06     | Nancy              | Silcox           |  | New<br>Hamburg | \$8,000        |
| F19-07     | Eda                | Dede             | Sanctuary<br>Refugee<br>Health Centre<br>(Sanctuary) | Kitchener      | \$6,000        |
| F19-08     | Jonathon           | Pitman           | Dub J  | Waterloo       | \$20,000       |
| F19-11     | Susan              | Coolen           |  | Kitchener      | \$2,500        |
| F19-12     | Mary               | Neil             |  | Kitchener      | \$5,000        |
| F19-13     | Jeff               | Szpirglas        |  | Kitchener      | \$6,000        |
| F19-14     | Richard            | Burrows          | Open Ears<br>Festival of<br>Music and<br>Sound       | Kitchener      | \$10,000       |
| F19-16     | Roger              | Skelly           |  | Waterloo       | \$4,000        |
| F19-17     | Stephen            | Trothen          |  | Kitchener      | \$5,500        |
| F19-18     | Tess               | Martens          |  | Waterloo       | \$5,000        |
| F19-21     | Eduardo            | Soto-Falcon      |  | Kitchener      | \$5,000        |
| F19-22     | Laureen            | Kuhl             | North South<br>Entertainment                         | Waterloo       | \$9,250        |
| F19-23     | Jason T            | Green            |  | Waterloo       | \$8,500        |
| F19-24     | Mariette           | Stephenson       | Ekleipsis<br>Guitar Trio                             | Cambridge      | \$5,000        |
| F19-25     | Danielle           | Deveau           | Midtown<br>Radio Project                             | Kitchener      | \$12,000       |
| F19-28     | Mary-<br>Catherine | Pazzano          |  | Kitchener      | \$3,000        |
| F19-30     | Stephen            | Trim             |  | Kitchener      | \$14,500       |
| F19-31     | Emily              | Bednarz          | The New<br>Quarterly                                 | Waterloo       | \$13,600       |
| F19-32     | Ivan               | Juracic          | University of<br>Waterloo Art<br>Gallery             | Waterloo       | \$7,500        |
| F19-33     | Jessie T           | Treener          |  | Kitchener      | \$12,000       |
| F19-34     | Amanda             | Rhodenizer       |  | Waterloo       | \$5,550        |
| F19-37     | Christopher        | Torti            |  | Cambridge      | \$9,225        |
| F19-38     | Pamela             | Mulloy           |  | Kitchener      | \$6,000        |
| F19-39     | Ian Mark           | Kimanje          |  | Kitchener      | \$15,000       |
| F19-40     | Megan              | Brenneman        |  | Waterloo       | \$5,500        |

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|------------|-------------------|------------------|--|-------------|----------------|
| F19-41     | Sheila            | McMath           |  | Kitchener   | \$6,500        |
| F19-42     | Elfie             |                  |  | Kitchener   | \$1,000        |
| F19-44     | Vincent           | Marcone          | My Pet Skeleton                        | Kitchener   | \$10,000       |
| F19-45     | Isabel            | Cisterna         | Neruda Arts                            | St. Jacobs  | \$4,500        |
| F19-46     | Kyle              | Taylor           | Death Party Playground                 | Waterloo    | \$4,000        |
| F19-47     | Janice            | Boich            | Kitchener Waterloo Community Orchestra | Kitchener   | \$5,000        |
| F19-48     | Isaac             | Mulé             | Page 1                                 | Kitchener   | \$3,000        |
| F19-51     | Nelson            | Dunk             |  | Elmira      | \$18,000       |
| F19-52     | Matthew           | Kleist           |  | Waterloo    | \$6,000        |
| F19-53     | Di                | Tang             |  | Kitchener   | \$10,000       |
| F19-54     | Shama             | Saleh            | Project UP (Unleashing Potential)      | Kitchener   | \$10,000       |
| F19-56     | Rick              | Bond             | Waterloo Chamber Players               | Waterloo    | \$5,000        |
| F19-57     | Jenna             | Afshar           | THEMUSEM of Ideas Transcending Objects | Kitchener   | \$6,200        |
| F19-60     | Viktorija         | Kovac            | Cosmic Fishing Theatre                 | Waterloo    | \$10,000       |
| F19-61     | Andrew            | Myles            | Textile                                | Waterloo    | \$10,000       |
| F19-62     | Nehad             | Abdalkader       |  | Kitchener   | \$14,000       |
| F19-64     | Keenan            | Reimer-Watts     | Erso                                   | Kitchener   | \$7,500        |
| F19-66     | Ahmad             | Meree            |  | Kitchener   | \$10,000       |
| F19-68     | Siba              | Al-Khadour       | Levant for Arts and Culture            | Kitchener   | \$13,000       |
| F19-70     | Rebekah           | Stevens          |  | Kitchener   | \$10,000       |

**Total Requested           \$393,325**

Carried

The following Fall 2019, Stage 1 applications did not receive Board approval to proceed to the Stage 2 review:

| <b>ID#</b> | <b>First Name</b> | <b>Last Name</b> | <b>Organization</b>  | <b>City</b> | <b>No</b> |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| F19-05     | Darlene L         | Robinson         | Addison Women's Choir                                      | Cambridge   | \$10,000  |
| F19-09     | Pamela Pia Braza  | Pitman           | Pia Art Studio   | Waterloo    | \$5,000   |
| F19-10     | Kate              | Eccles           | National Youth Orchestra Canada                            | Toronto     | \$10,000  |
| F19-15     | Janet             | Swainston        |  | Cambridge   | \$100,000 |
| F19-19     | Dean              | Sherk            | Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Music               | Waterloo    | \$5,000   |
| F19-20     | Sara              | Geidlinger       |  | Waterloo    | \$5,000   |
| F19-26     | Racheal           | Walser           |  | Guelph      | \$4,500   |
| F19-27     | David             | Shute            |  | Kitchener   | \$3,000   |
| F19-29     | Jill              | Doyle            |  | Waterloo    | \$7,885   |
| F19-35     | Phedra            | L'Abbé           |  | Waterloo    | \$7,000   |
| F19-36     | Emeka             | Agada            |  | Toronto     | \$7,500   |
| F19-43     | Stephanie         | Rozek            | Marit Collective   | Kitchener   | \$14,000  |
| F19-49     | Nathaniel         | Voll             | Informal Upright Theatre Collective                        | Kitchener   | \$12,000  |
| F19-50     | Melanie           | McArdle          | Laurier Musical Theatre                                    | Waterloo    | \$5,000   |
| F19-55     | Erica             | Robinson         | (aka Gada Jane)  | Waterloo    | \$8,000   |
| F19-58     | Rufus             | John             |  | Cambridge   | \$12,150  |
| F19-59     | Iqra              | Azhar            | QTPOC KW (Queer Trans People of Colour Kitchener-Waterloo) | Waterloo    | \$600     |
| F19-63     | Atlas             | Bearing          |  | Kitchener   | \$3,000   |
| F19-65     | Angela            | Onuora           |  | Kitchener   | \$15,000  |
| F19-67     | Darya             | Khamseh          | INFINWITTY   | Kitchener   | \$20,000  |
| F19-69     | Roman             | Bienko           |  | Kitchener   | \$8,000   |

**Total Requested \$262,635**

**Next Meeting – December 12, 2019 – Fall 2019 Stage 2 application review**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

**Board Chair, B.A. Keller**

**Corporate Clerk, T. Plummer**