

Waterloo Region Arts Fund Minutes

April 21, 2022, 4:00 pm
Meeting to be held electronically
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario



Members Present: Lindsay Golds, Susan Scott, Karen Redman, Helen Jowett, Carol Ann Treitz, Debbie Knepper, Adam Qualter, Peter Shannon, Doug Kirton, Jax Rula.

1. Call to Order

L. Golds, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the "Municipal Conflict of Interest Act"

None declared.

3. Motion to go into Closed Session

Moved By Karen Redman
Seconded By Helen Jowett

That a closed meeting of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund be held on April 21, 2022 at approximately 4:00 p.m. electronically, in accordance with Section 239 of the "Municipal Act, 2001", for the purposes of considering the following subject matters:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee

Carried

4. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session

Moved By Helen Jowett
Seconded By Karen Redman

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund reconvene into Open Session at 4:54 p.m.

Carried

5. New Business

5.1 Centering Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - Needs Assessment and Recommendations Report

L. Golds, Co-Chair, provided an update that she was in discussion with Helen Chimirri-Russell, Director, Cultural Services, regarding specific funding resources for equity, diversity and inclusion work. The Board hopes to extend the contract with Jennifer Chan in order to work towards implementing her recommendations for a board that reflects the diversity of Waterloo Region.

H. Chimirri-Russell will be in contact with Fauzia Baig, Director, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to see if there is any opportunity for the Board to work with her or members of her department towards our commitment to a more diverse board.

A new page will be added to the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund website dedicated to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion work and updates for the public to see what is being implemented.

The following motion was forwarded from the Closed Meeting:

Moved By Helen Jowett
Seconded By Karen Redman

That the Board of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund accept the Centering Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - Needs Assessment and Recommendations Report as submitted from Jennifer Chan, EDI Consultant, and commits itself, in principle, to further work towards implementing the report's recommendations in due course, with the goal of having a board composition that reflects the diversity of the Region of Waterloo

Carried

6. Adjourn

Moved by Jax Rula

Seconded by Peter Shannon

That the meeting adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

Carried

Committee Clerk

Committee Chair