
**ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2026
6:00PM
MEETING AT WCC MEETING ROOM
UNAPPROVED MINUTES (05-2026)**

Present: James Takeo, Chair (JT), Olivia Hope, Vice Chair (OH), Aldo Parotta (AP), Sharmila Setaram Councillor (CS), Shari Sacco (SS) Holly Treddenick (HT) – 6:38pm

Absent: Jeff Etling (JE)

Also Present: Amanda Degazio (AD), Jennifer McPetrie (JM), Tori Royer (TR), Sylvia Marotta (SM)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by at 6:05 p.m.

2. READ THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Welland is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk (Hat-i-wen-DA-ronk), the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-no-SHOW-nee), and the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-ih-NAH-bey), including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Welland today. Welland stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

n/a

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 March 18, 2026

That the minutes of March 18, 2026, meeting of the A&C Advisory Committee be approved.

Correction: under 7 – Niagara Arts **Center**.

(Mover: S.S. /Second: AP)

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Community Grants Feedback – Jennifer McPetrie and Amanda Degazio

AD – Discussed Community Grants Feedback with the Committee.

5.2 Public Art Policy – Jennifer McPetrie and Amanda Degazio

AD – The Committee will put together a Public Art Policy and present to Council in September.

6. MOTIONS

n/a.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Directory of local arts and culture venues

TR- Tori asked the Committee to send a list to her of local Arts & Culture Venues.

7.2 Committee recommendations for public art repair/maintenance

TR – James and Olivia gave recommendations/feedback and sent to everyone. The Committee discussed repair/maintenance for public art.

TR – Tori will follow up with the Fort Erie Native Friendship Center regarding our canoes.

JT/OH – They will share contact info for repairs/maintenance for public art.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:26 pm

CARRIED