Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #6

7 pm

Wednesday July 14th, 2021 **Eric Acker, Chair**

Join Zoom Meeting
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1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda	Eric Acker
2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings 5A and 5C (June 9th, 2021)	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (15 min)	**Executive Director Report** • Monthly Report **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines
5 (10 min)	**Facility Task Force** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Facility Task Force Report	Nicole Asquith
6 (15 min)	**Finance & Audit** Report from the committee • Interim Financial Statements to May 31, 2021 **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to May 31, 2021 **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Laura Hostick
7 (30 min)	**Governance & Nominating** Report from the committee • Governance Policy Review • Finance & Audit Committee Terms of Reference • Finance Policy F1 **MOTION** to Acknowledge review of existing Governance Policies 3, 7-10, 12, 14, and 18 as reviewed and accept as presented without changes.	Parisa Sabat

	MOTION to Approve updated Governance Policies 1-2, 5-6, 11, 13, 16, and 17 as presented **MOTION** to Approve the updated Finance & Audit Committee Terms of Reference as presented **MOTION** to Approve the updated Financial Policy F1 as presented **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	
8	**New Business**	ALL
9	**Confirmation of next Meeting** Public Board Meeting: September 15th at 6:30pm via ZOOM	ALL
10	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting #6
ZOOM MEETING
7 pm

Wednesday July 14th, 2021

In Attendance: Eric Acker (President), Laura Hostick (Treasurer), Sharon Kelly (Secretary), Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Cllr Rachel Gilliland, Nicole Asquith, Nitin Bagga, Andrea Chan, John De Faveri, Christina Kerr, Mandana Gholami
Staff: Suzanne Haines (ED)
Regrets: Damien Chan, Parisa Sabat

Chair: Eric Acker

1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda MOVED by: Andrea Chan 2nd: Nicole Asquith **CARRIED**	Eric Acker
2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes 5C updated to accurately reflect attendance. **MOTION** to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings 5A as presented and 5C as updated (June 9th, 2021) MOVED by: Nitin Bagga 2nd: Nicole Asquith **CARRIED**	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest - NONE**	ALL
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6 (15 min)	**Finance & Audit** Report from the committee	Laura Hostick

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	MOVED by: Laura Hostick 2nd: Christina Kerr **CARRIED**	
8	**New Business**	ALL
9	**Confirmation of next Meeting** Public Board Meeting: September 15th at 6:30pm via ZOOM	ALL
10	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting at 8:05 p.m. MOVED by: Nicole Asquith 2nd: Andrea Chan **CARRIED**	ALL

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Board of Directors – July 2021
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

June 2021

Special Events

Centre-Pieces | Colour me Sunny: Solstice Edition

More sunshine = more time to create happy memories. We were delighted to announce our second Centre-Pieces tote – Colour Me Sunny: Solstice Edition, connected to the Summer Solstice and Father's Day on Sunday June 20, 2021.

This *Centre-Piece* tote was set with four activities reflecting on the radiant season ahead and embraces multi-disciplinary activities such as paint, craft and theatre/storytelling. This tote was accompanied by three videos for origami, and silhouette portrait painting activities plus a video from special guest artist Puzzle Théâtre for a theatre activity. Direct links were sent to our patron's inbox on Sunday June 20th. Patrons were able to create at their own pace.

Activities & materials included:

- **Father's Day Silhouette Portraits** – Canvas & paints (activity can be used for fathers, father-figures or self-portrait)
- **Sun Folding** – origami paper
- ***Scarfing Around*** with special guest Puzzle Théâtre – play scarf (and objects found around home)
- Sketchbook & pencil

We offered curbside pick-up on both June 17th and June 18th

Arts Talk Series

From an Artist's Viewpoint: Art during- and emerging from - COVID

July 20, 2021 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm

The world pandemic stopped live performing and visual artists from meeting their public in person. This has been the largest crisis to hit a particular sector, and one that is reeling without clarity on when things will fully reopen. Join the Aurora Cultural Centre and a panel of artists to hear about their careers, how they changed during COVID-19 and what they see as the next steps to rebuild their career and place in the world's stage. Questions and your insights welcomed after the presentation. Offered over Zoom.

Lifting the Voices of Emerging Diverse Artists

August 17, 2021 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm

We live in a very diverse world, particularly in Canada, and there is a disparity and inequity in access for artists as they move through their career. Join us in speaking with an emerging diverse artist as we discover the opportunities and challenges moving from local high school education to post secondary, and what they perceive they will need to emerge into the

professional art landscape. We open the conversation to what post secondary institutions are doing to welcome these students and how funders look for ways to lift up the voices of these artists through their programs.

Registration on our website: https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/arts-talk/

Live Events Programming
There were no live events in June

Upcoming events through the summer
Aurora Pops Up!
Concerts are to start the week of July 19 and run through until September. We have a call to artists and a call to businesses to participate. https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/aurora-pops-up/

Concerts in the Park
Concerts will be subject to maximum participation based on the existing health protocols when the concert takes place. The concerts will be free of charge with registration required, and a request for donation at time of checkout.

Signature Series
Kobo Town
July 23 at 7:30pm
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/accitp-kobo-town/

Meridian Magic Carpet
Njacko Backo and Kalimbas at Work
July 24 at 3pm
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/accitp-njacko-backo/

Signature Series
Heather Bambrook
Friday August 20 at 7pm

Kaleidoscope Family Series
TBA
Saturday August 21 at 3pm

Gallery program
Sangmin Lee: Flowers in the Park
Sat May 15 – Sat July 24, 2021
This year's Spring/Summer art show is a contemporary solo exhibition from Toronto-based mixed media artist Sangmin Lee. Curated by Clare Bolton, this exhibition features both Lee's hanging wall artwork and his Ricebag Pillowcases art installation. This installation is the central piece of the exhibition and it is our first time presenting an installation in the Aurora Town Hall Gallery Space. In addition to the installation, the gallery walls are populated by 24 unique pieces, the majority of which are wooden panels which the artist has engraved or otherwise transferred his prevailing rose motif. There are 22 of the 25 hanging artworks for sale, as well as 10 of the 60 rice bags. From the Gallery Team first discovering his Flowers in the Park wood

panel series in 2019, Lee's art practice continues to evolve and expand. So much so that we are excited to include artworks as newly completed as this month!

Son of Korean immigrants, Lee was raised in the densest high-rise community in Canada, St. James Town Toronto. As one of the most ethnically rich neighbourhoods in North America, Lee takes inspiration from this "world within a block" and translates that into in his mixed-media artwork which explores stories of integration, displacement, and cultural survival. His artwork seeks to finds beauty in the ordinary and romanticizes the familiar, by presenting common cultural images and then reimaging them in new ways. The title of the exhibition, Flowers in the Park, is a play on the modernist architectural 'Towers in the Park' style in which St. James Town is based. In the artists own words, "These are the roses that grow from drywall. Despite the bareness of its plaster composite, they continue to take root. The lack of light only inches them closer, till one day they crack through the rows of their enclosures and overcome. "

This exhibition online only as Town Hall is closed to the public. It is easily accessible online through our website and features a 360 clickable virtual tour, high resolution photographs of all the works, friendly didactics unpacking the two primary artworks, and accompanying Art Bytes videos to be released throughout the duration of the exhibition.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/flowers-in-the-park/

Art Bytes:
Art Bytes are an ongoing online series which accompanies our exhibitions and give viewers an opportunity to deepen their understanding about the art and artists.

- Thursday June 10 - In Conversation with Sangmin Lee Video

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/flowers-in-the-park-art-bytes

Upcoming in the Gallery
The Conversation
Sat July 31 – Sat October 23
The Conversation, group exhibition and sale of 17 artists working in a variety of mediums. The artist participants share their creative gifts, the thought processes that inspire the artwork and, the connections to the materials with which they work.

This is an invitation for you the viewer to feel comfortable engaging with the artwork and communicate your responses to the work to the artists bringing about a shared conversation.

Artists:
Lynn Bishop with Tom Loach, Lillian Michiko Blakey, Carmel Brennan, Ann Cummings, Deron Douglas, Jean Eng, Fly Freeman, Dorsey James, Bert Liverance, Lynne McIlvride, Francis Muscat, Christl Niemuller, Mark Puigmarti, Saundra Reiner, Ernestine Tahedl, Gayle Temple, and Judith Tinkl

Education Programs
VIRTUAL – Exploring Acrylics with Helen Walter
Adult (Ages 16+)
Saturday, June 5 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

VIRTUAL - Watercolours: Basics & Beyond with Kathryn Christensen

Adult (Ages 16+)
Saturday, June 12 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

VIRTUAL - The Magic of Pastels with Clarence Porter
Adult (Ages 16+)
Saturday June 26 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

VIRTUAL - Free Watercolour Painting Workshop with Mahtab Abdollahi
Adult (Ages 16+)
Thursday June 29 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

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Adult (Ages 16+)
Friday June 30 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Administration

- We have engaged Selam Debs, an anti-racist activist on September 16th from 9am – 10:30am. All Board members are welcome to attend this seminar on foundational understanding of about antiracism language & the framework in building an antiracism lens, looking at our history, unconscious bias, systemic racism and white supremacy in order to continue our diversity, equity and inclusion work, and build an antiracist workplace for our team. All staff will be in attendance.
- We continue to be eligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS). The CEWS is meant to support keeping staff on payroll through this pandemic.
- Diversity & Inclusion Collaborative Working Group met June 10 to meet Glenn Marais and brainstorm ideas for our August Arts Talk focused on diversity issues.

Fundraising Activities

- The invitation package for the second Arts Talk panel discussion series was sent to 260 of our new prospects and 144 past ticket buyers who have not donated in the past.

Human Resources

- Staff meet weekly via Zoom to check in, build future ACC programming and support online initiatives
- Staff continue to work from home during the closure due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- Kalaisan Kalaichelvan joins us as our Aurora Pops Up! Producer from June 21 – October 15, 2021
- There will be an office closure from August 30 – September 3. No programs will run during this time.
- I will be out of the office July 26 – August 6 and August 23 – September 6th inclusive.

Facilities

- We continue to have access to Town Hall for installation of the Gallery Program on the 2nd floor, and to access program supplies for online learning.
- Town Hall is closed until September.
- The Aurora Armoury has a new Events Coordinator who reopened the venue in July. We will be using the venue for in-person summer camps as of July 26.

Board Activities
Board Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: June 25
Board Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: July 8
New Board Orientations: June 21, 24
Facility Task Force Meeting: July 5

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Ontario Presents provincial presenting network bi-weekly meetings
- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Ontario Presents AGM
- MPP Lisa MacLeod Town Halls
- Collaborative Leadership Team Meeting for the Town Cultural Master Plan (July 6)
- Public Art Working Group with the Town of Aurora (June 28)
- Aurora Chamber of Commerce Women of Influence Luncheon (July 13)

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director