Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #8 2021

7 pm

Wednesday October 13th, 2021 **Eric Acker, Chair**

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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 Meeting (September 15th, 2021)	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** • Monthly Report **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines
5 (10 min)	**Fund Development** Report from the committee • 2021 YTD numbers • 2022 Budget for Fund Development • Prospecting for KITS **MOTION** to Receive the Fund Development Committee Report	John De Faveri
6 (60 min)	**Finance & Audit** Report from the committee • Interim Financial Statements to August 31, 2021 • 2022 Budget **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to August 31, 2021 **MOTION** to Approve the 2022 Budget **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Laura Hostick
7 (20 min)	**Governance & Nominating** Report from the committee • Review of Finance Policy # 2-5 • Professional Development for Committee Chairs	Parisa Sabat

	• Community volunteer recruitment for committees • Oversight of strategic objective by committees **MOTION** to approve the revised Finance Policy # 2 as presented **MOTION** to approve the revised Finance Policy # 5 as presented **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	
8 (10 min)	**Outreach** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Outreach Committee Report	Nitin Bagga
9 (5 min)	**Facility Task Force** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Facility Task Force Report	Eric Acker
10	**New Business**	ALL
11	**Confirmation of next Meeting** November 10th at 7pm via ZOOM	ALL
12	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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Minutes

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7 pm

Wednesday October 13th, 2021 **Eric Acker, Chair**

In Attendance: Eric Acker (President), Nicole Asquith, Andrea Chan, John De Faveri, Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Cllr Rachel Gilliland, Laura Hostick, Christina Kerr, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi
Regrets: Nitin Bagga, Damien Chan, Sharon Kelly, Parisa Sabat
Recording Secretary: Suzanne Haines
Staff: Suzanne Haines (Executive Director)
Start time: 7:02pm

1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda Moved by: John De Faveri Seconded by: Andrea Chan CARRIED	Eric Acker
2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes Posted late so deferred motion to next month	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest** None	ALL
4 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** • Monthly Report **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report Moved by: Andrea Chan Seconded by: Christina Kerr CARRIED	Suzanne Haines
5 (10 min)	**Fund Development** Report from the committee • 2021 YTD numbers • 2022 Budget for Fund Development • Prospecting for KITS **MOTION** to Receive the Fund Development Committee Report Moved by: Wendy Gaertner Seconded by: Laura Hostick CARRIED	John De Faveri
6 (60 min)	**Finance & Audit**	Laura Hostick

	Report from the committee • Interim Financial Statements to August 31, 2021 • 2022 Budget **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to August 31, 2021 Moved by: Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi Seconded by: John De Faveri CARRIED **MOTION** to Approve the 2022 Budget Moved by: John De Faveri Seconded by: Andrea Chan CARRIED **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report Moved by: Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi Seconded by: Christina Kerr CARRIED	
7 (20 min)	**Governance & Nominating** Report from the committee • Review of Finance Policy # 2-5 • Professional Development for Committee Chairs • Community volunteer recruitment for committees • Oversight of strategic objective by committees Finance Policies # 2- 5 were reviewed. Policy # 3 and 4 were reviewed without changes. **MOTION** to approve the revised Finance Policy # 2 as presented Moved by: John De Faveri Seconded by: Nicole Asquith CARRIED **MOTION** to approve the revised Finance Policy # 5 as presented Moved by: Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi Seconded by: Andrea Chan CARRIED **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report Moved by: Christina Kerr Seconded by: Laura Hostick	Eric Acker

	CARRIED	
8 (10 min)	**Outreach** Report from the committee The committee reviewed the Outreach Committee Terms of Reference with no changes. **MOTION** to Receive the Outreach Committee Report Moved by: Christina Kerr Seconded by: Wendy Gaertner CARRIED	Eric Acker
9 (5 min)	**Facility Task Force** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Facility Task Force Report Moved by: Andrea Chan Seconded by: Wendy Gaertner CARRIED	Eric Acker
10	**New Business** Welcome to new members from Cllr. Gaertner	ALL
11	**Confirmation of next Meeting** November 10th at 7pm via ZOOM	ALL
12	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting Moved by: John De Faveri Seconded by: Nicole Asquith CARRIED Adjourned at 8:40pm	ALL

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Board of Directors – October 2021
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

September 2021

Special Events

Culture Days Kick-Off!
September 25, 2021

Cultural Days was a national celebrations of culture that invited the public to participate in hands on and behind the scenes activities that highlight the importance of culture in our communities. The Culture Days Kick-Off celebrations were held in Town Park from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Bandshell programming was our responsibility. Patrons were able to enjoy live performances and meet some of the wonderful cultural partners doing amazing work in Town. Culture in a Box kit was filled with fantastic interactive activities the whole family could enjoy were able to be picked up free of charge to Aurora residents.

Live performances included the following:

Njacko Backo & Kalimbas at Work

Njacko Backo is a singer, songwriter, storyteller and percussionist originally from Cameroon. Nominated for a 2021 Juno for Best Children's Album, the quartet presents a hi-energy family performance that includes the kalimba, an African instrument with a wooden soundboard and metal keys.

Marquee Theatrical Production

Marquee Theatrical Productions brought a musical Theatre presentation featuring some of Marquee's students ranging in age from 8-16. They preformed a highlight selection of numbers from productions including Les Miserables, Matilda, The Lion King, Waitress, Throughly Modern Millie and more!

Sara Thawer

Sarah is a JUNO-nominated drummer and recording artist whose versatile work ranges from jazz and fusion all the way to Indian, funk, R&B, hip hop and Latin to name a few.

KH Kanna

KH Kanna is a Bharantanatyam dancer and choreographer with deep connections to Dancehall, Soca and Hip Hop. He presented a duet with Shobi Ruban, showcasing the rich rhythms, music and storytelling of the Indian Classical dance tradition.

Honouring the Children
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
September 30, 2021

Jared Big Canoe of Georgina Island led the recognition and acknowledgement of this historic day, through tradition ceremony, reflections, song and dance. Patrons were able to stay afterwards to create a healing card to send to our closest Indigenous neighbours on Georgina Island.

Ceremony
Jared Big Canoe & Honoured Guests from the Chippewa's of Georgina Island First Nation. Performing artist J Rez debuted his new song *The Children*. Additional programming included music, dance and remarks.

Healing Card Activity
Patrons joined Alicia Allare at the art station to create a healing card with their own message of hope. These cards that reflected support were gathered up and sent to Georgina Island First Nation.

Live Events Programming

Aurora Pops Up!

APU concerts continued through to October 2nd. Here are the performances in September. We are so pleased to be able to offer this free programming for the community, funded primarily from Canadian Heritage's Support Live Art and Cultural Workers grant.

	Dates:	Time:	Organization/Space:	Artist:	Discipline:
1	Thurs Sept 9th	4:00 PM	Chartwell Aurora Long Term Care Facility	Scott Hardware	Singer/Band
2	Thurs Sept 9th	7:00 PM	Machell's Alley	Scott Hardware	Singer/Band
3	Sat Sept 11th	9:30 AM	Chartwell Park Place Retirement Residence	Sailbruntha	Carnatic Vocal
4	Sat Sept 11th	11:15 AM	Copland Park	Sailbruntha	Carnatic Vocal
5	Thurs Sept 16th	4:00 PM	Aurora Cultural Centre	VC2 Cello Duo	Cellists
6	Thurs Sept 16th	7:00 PM	Machell's Alley	VC2 Cello Duo	Cellists
7	Sat Sept 18th	1:30 PM	Hillary House	HMLT	Singer/Band
8	Sat Sept 18th	3:30 PM	Chapman Park	HMLT	Singer/Band
9	Thurs Sept 23rd	4:15 PM	Aurora Town Hall	Hasheel Lodhia	Hindustani Flute
10	Thurs Sept 23rd	7:00 PM	Machell's Alley	Hasheel Lodhia	Hindustani Flute
11	Sat Sept 25th	12:00 PM	Hickson Park	Sarah Thawer	Drummer
12	Sat Sept 25th	2:00 PM	Culture Days	Sarah Thawer	Drummer

Gallery Program

THE CONVERSATION Group Exhibition and Sale
Sat July 31 – Sat Oct 23, 2021
The Conversation, group exhibition and sale of 17 artists working in a variety of mediums. Artists share their creative gifts, thought processes that inspire their artwork and, the connections to the materials with which they work. An exhibit intended to build comfort in engaging with art and bring forth shared conversations with artists, it is filled with many mediums to ignite curiosities: wood, metal, clay, glass, textiles, oil, acrylic, and encaustic painting, drawing and photography.

Artists:
Lynn Bishop with Tom Loach, Lillian Michiko Blakey, Carmel Brennan, Ann Cummings, D. Ahsén:nase 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

Note from Curator and participating artist, Carmel Brennan:
As artists, we have a gift that allows us to create our artwork, limited only by the materials we use and our physical environments. As the poet, essayist, translator, and cultural critic Lewis Hyde said, "A gift is something we do not get by our own efforts. We cannot buy it; we cannot acquire it through an act of will. It is bestowed upon us." He continues to say that the gift "is supposed to be given away…" (it) "must stay in motion". (Artists) thank you all for agreeing to participate in this upcoming exhibition, "The Conversation". It is not a commercial venture though maybe for some of you, sales will be a by-product. My aim in organizing this group exhibition is to encourage and allow you to share your gifts with viewers. I am organizing this program, but I am definitely not directing you in your paths. The sharing is encouraged but optional.

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/the-conversation/

Art Bytes include
3D Virtual Tour: https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=uWFLCWVrqCm&play=1
Behind the Scenes video: https://youtu.be/UaOUpd2NaYw
What is an Art Catalogue?: https://youtu.be/31bpJ9eY-RI

Education Programs

Class	Dates
Wood Carving with Marlene Ash (Adult)	September 20-November 1
Painting in Acrylics with Helen Walter (Adult)	September 28- November 16
Exploring Watercolours (Intermediate/Advanced) with Kathryn Christensen (Adult)	September 29- November 17
Watercolours:Basics & Beyond with Kathryn Christensen (Adult)	September 30-November 18

Additional fall classes run October – December.

Kaleidoscope in the Schools

The KITS program continues to respond to school circumstances and COVID restrictions. Rather than beginning in the fall, we have opted to push off in-school performances and workshops into the latter half of the school year, in 2022. This past September we reached out to the senior administration at MonAvenir, YCDSB, and YRDSB with this update, along with a plan to offer Teacher PD workshops in General Arts Integration throughout the Fall.

Administration

- 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. The program is set to end in October 2021.
- We have applied for the Ontario Arts Council Music Presenters project grant for 2022 concert programming (October 5, 2021)
- We participated as a jury member for the submissions to the Canadian Achievements and Diversity & Inclusion Mural for the Town of Aurora.
- We have received written confirmation of our extension to our Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow grant, giving us an additional 12 months to achieve the results of the grant. This extension was requested due to COVID-19 pandemic impacts on our ability to deliver the program.
- We were successful in receiving $100, 000 in operating support from the Ontario government COVID response funding through the Ontario Trillium Foundation for 2022.

Human Resources

- Staff meet weekly via Zoom to check in, build future ACC programming and support programming initiatives
- Staff continue to work from home during the Town Hall office closure due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. There is no indication when Town Hall will reopen for our staff. Program staff can access our supplies when needed.
- HR Policy # 22: Vaccination Policy was implemented to require staff, contractors and volunteers to be vaccinated to participate in in-person activities. This policy will remain in place as long as we are required to request vaccination status from any participant in our programs. This policy was reviewed by the Board Executive prior to implementation.

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/offsite programming.

Board Activities

Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: September 29
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: September 29
Outreach Committee Meeting: October 13
Fund Development Committee Meeting: September 21
Facility Task Force (Agreement working group): September 24, October 12

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Ontario Presents provincial presenting network bi-weekly meetings
- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Ontario Contact ONTOUR Professional Conference (September 8 – 16)
- Minister Lisa McLeod Town Halls/Technical briefings
- Public Art Working Group meeting

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director