Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting #8 2022
7 pm
ZOOM

Wednesday October 12th, 2022 **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 on September 14, 2022	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (30 min)	**2022-2023 Interim Strategic Plan** **MOTION** to approve the 2022-2023 Interim Strategic Plan	Eric Acker
5 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** • Monthly Report **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines

6 (20 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee**
	• Interim Statements to August 31, 2022
	• Report on Q2 Activity
	• DRAFT 2023-2026 Budget
	  • Updates from meetings with Town Staff
	  • Budget Assumptions
	
	MOTION to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to August 31, 2022
	
	MOTION to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report
		Laura Hostick
		
		Suzanne
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7 (10 min)	**Outreach Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to receive the Outreach Committee Report	Anita Townsend
8 (15 min)	**Governance & Nominating Committee** Report from the committee • Governance Policies 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 13 UPDATED to be approved • Governance Policies 3, 4, 12, 14-18 Reviewed without changes • Board/Chair mentorship program – note: G 13 obligates this program into practice **MOTION** to approve the updated Governance Policies 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13 as presented. **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	Parisa Sabat
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10 (10 min)	**Executive Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Committee Report	Eric Acker
11	**New Business**	ALL
12	**Next Meeting** November 16, 2022 at 7:00pm	
13	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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Minutes
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Attendees: Eric Acker, Edlene Antonio, Andrea Chan, Damien Chan, John de Faveri, Roger Feng, Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi, Laura Hostick, Sharon Kelly, Anita Townsend,

Regrets: Cllr Rachel Gilliland, Parisa Sabet

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Signed,

Andrea Chan, Secretary

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Board of Directors – October 2022
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

September 2022

Special Events

Culture Days

September 24, 10:00 – 4:00PM
Aurora Town Park

We celebrated Culture Days during the Farmer's Market at Town Park with two fun and interactive arts activities!

Activity #1: The Exquisite Corpse – Participatory Painting Activity with Chantal Hassard
Pick up a paint brush and "create a portrait of the collective subconscious". Modelled after the surrealist drawing game, The Exquisite Corpse; participants were invited to contribute to a set of life-sized canvases. Throughout the festival, the canvases evolved into a collaboration of marks and brush strokes; a collective portrait of our community.

Activity #2: Family Take Home Activity – Community Love Signs
Creating colourful signs to celebrate the love for community, friendship, and diversity. We provided exterior paint – and glitter – so the signs can be displayed outside, in gardens, on porches … a piece of public art for all to enjoy.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/culture-days-2022/

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30, 3:00-5:00PM
Aurora Town Park

The day honoured the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The Aurora Cultural Centre event was co-presented and hosted by Jared Big Canoe, a member of the Chippewa nation from Georgina Island. Jared is a singer/songwriter and community advocate whose passion for honouring his culture, passion for his people and his own journey of healing inform and inspire others to learn and advocate for Truth and Reconciliation and at the forefront of this day, to always remember the children.

Running concurrently along with the stage activities, guests were able to participate in the creation of healing cards. Facilitated by Asha Frost, these cards were collected and will be brought back to the Chippewa Nation from Georgina Island.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/ndtr2022/

Live Events Programming

Aurora Pops Up!

This outdoor performing arts festival is designed to revitalize the creative energy of Aurorans by staging a series of short live performances of music and dance in outdoor spaces across the town, open to everyone and at no charge. Aurora Pops Up concerts were produced from July 23rd to September 10th.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/aurora-pops-up/

Dates:	Time:	Organization/Space:	Artist:	Discipline:
Thurs Sept 1	12:00PM	Hurst Bakery	Glenn Marais	Singer/Guitarist
Thurs Sept 8th	1:00PM	St. Andrew's Shopping Centre	Anh Phung	Flutist
Thurs Sept 8th	3:00PM	Norm Weller Park	Anh Phung	Singer/Guitarist
Sat Sept 10th	10:00AM	Aurora Farmer's Market	Yanchan Rajmohan	Carnatic Percussionist + Guitar
Sat Sept 10th	1:00PM	Chapman Park	Yanchan Rajmohan	Carnatic Percussionist + Guitar

Mark Fewer & John Novacek

September 16, 2022 @ 7:30pm
Trinity Anglican Church
Digital Livestream available at no charge

Legendary Canadian violinist Mark Fewer is known as soloist, chamber musician, orchestral leader, jazz musician and artistic programmer. He was joined by renowned pianist John Novacek, who is known for touring the world, performing with dozens of leading international orchestras in world-class venues.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/mark-fewer-john-novacek/

Upcoming Live Events

Dominique Fils-Aimé: Three Little Words
Thursday October 27 @ 7:30pm - CFWI Aurora Armoury
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/dominique-fils-aime/

Gallery Program

Backwards and Forwards: Reflections in Porcupine Quills

Vanessa Dion Fletcher, Solo Artist Exhibition
In-Person: Wednesday July 27 – Saturday September 17, 2022
Online: Monday July 25 – Friday September 23, 2022
Location: Temporary Gallery at Aurora Town Hall

Vanessa Dion Fletcher is a Lenape and Potawatomi neurodiverse Artist. Her family is from Eelūnaapèewii Lahkèewiitt (displaced from Lenapehoking) and European settlers. She employs porcupine quills, Wampum belts, and menstrual blood, to reveal the complexities of what defines a body physically and culturally. Reflecting on an Indigenous and gendered body with a neurodiverse mind, Dion Fletcher creates art using composite media, primarily working in performance, textiles, and video.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/backwards-and-forwards/

Aurora Bell Box Murals Project

14 Artists, *Public art installations around Aurora*

From August-September 2022, artists from within and around Aurora took part in the Aurora Bell Box Murals project. This project is a response to **Call to Action #83** from the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report: *Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to undertake collaborative projects and produce works that contribute to the reconciliation process.*

One Indigenous and one non-Indigenous artist have been paired together for each Bell Box Mural. Following an assigned theme, artists worked together to conceptualize, design, and paint a collaborative mural to be enjoyed by our community and future generations to come.

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/bellboxmurals/

Participating Artists and Themes

Sherlyn Hu	Ren Lonechild	Family Life and Ancestral Traditions
Joaquin Varela	Annwin Manitowabi	Truth and Reconciliation and the Path Forward Together
Atessa Hooshvar	Sharon Rigby	Indigenous History Specific to Aurora/York Region
Kim Egan	Jennifer Messon	The Natural Elements Working Together in Harmony
Jill Sciberras	Ren Lonechild	Language, Stories & Connection to the Land
ACC/CMHA	Gloria Hope	The Seven Grandfather Teachings
Stacey Kinder	Jennifer Messon	Indigenous Relationship with Nature
Karen Roberts	Sharon Rigby	Stories of Creation
Hope Flynn	Gloria Hope	Meeting Places, Trade Routes and Cultural Connections

#hopeandhealingcanada

Tracey Mae Chambers, Public Art Installation
September 13, 2022 – December 13, 2022
Aurora Family Leisure Complex, installed in front foyer

The #hopeandhealingcanada project created by Métis artist Tracey-Mae Chambers consists of a series of site-specific art installations across Canada. Each is made using crochet, knit, and woven red yarns. This ongoing body of work is used to illustrate connections between Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis peoples with Canadians, while also addressing the decolonization

of public spaces. Once dismantled, the work is returned to the artist and will be reworked and repurposed at another site somewhere else in the country. The stories gathered from each participating venue will culminate in a book and traveling exhibition.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/hopeandhealingcanada/

Upcoming Gallery programming

Together in Spirit: Dialogue in Image

Dazaunggee (Paul) Shilling and Ted Fullerton, Artist Exhibition
Saturday October 1 – Saturday November 19, 2022
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/together-in-spirit-dialogue-in-image/

Education Programs

In September we started the fall season offering nine education programs, in large part the classes are for adults with children's classes starting in October. We continue to offer programming primarily out of Town Hall, with the exception of child/youth weekday daytime programming which is happening at CFWI-Aurora Armoury while we are offsite.

Class	Age Range	Dates	Enrollment
PA Day Program	4 - 12	September 23	15
[After School] You Can Uke It!	8+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	5
Wood Carving	16+	Sept 19 – Oct 31	10
Start Painting Now with Acrylics	16+	Sept 27 – Nov 22	11
Expand Your Horizons in Acrylics Level 2	16+	Sept 27 – Nov 22	10
Exploring Watercolours (Intermediate/ Advanced)	16+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	12
Watercolours: Basics & Beyond	16+	Sept 29 – Nov 17	10
Beginning Guitar	16+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	7
Ukulele for Beginners	16+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	7

Kaleidoscope in the Schools (KITS)

As the school year begins the education team has been connecting with school board administrators and contracted artists to schedule performances in 21 schools in York Region (so far confirmed). The first touring date for KITS will be October 25, 2022.

Administration

- Hosted a funding announcement for Kaleidoscope in the Schools on October 1st with Mayor Tom Mrakas, Hon. MPP Michael Parsa, MP Dawn Gallagher Murphy, OTF volunteer Shelley Wister-Smith and Board President Eric Acker. It also served as a late kickoff to the KITS4KIDS campaign.

- Received confirmation of Meridian Sponsorship for 2022
- Received confirmation of iA Private Wealth Sponsorship for 2023
- Applied for Canada Arts and Culture Recovery Program for Professional Arts Presentation Organizations due October 12, 2022 (applied September 19)
- Applied for Ontario Arts Council Music Presentation grant for 2023 music programming due October 3, 2022 (applied September 28)
- Applied for Canada Arts Presentation Fund for four (4) year program covering 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 due October 3 (applied October 2)
- Applied for 100 Women who Care for Kaleidoscope in the Schools on October 6, 2022

Human Resources

- Staff meet bi-weekly via Zoom to check in, build future ACC programming and support programming initiatives.
- Team members continue to work from home unless involved in the delivery of programs. Up to 30% of any department may be onsite at Town Hall.
- Jennifer Marrocco will remain on maternity leave until February 2024. We are hiring to backfill the Program & Administrative Assistant position during her leave.
- Researching pooled benefits programs to consider updating benefits provider for staff

Facilities

- Gallery in person visits continue Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am – 3pm.
- Fall education classes will be held at Town Hall for all adult programming and weekend children's programming. PA day children's programming will be held at Aurora Armoury. Workshops will be held at Town Hall until the Aurora Town Square Library Rooms are available.

Board Activities

Executive Committee Meeting: October 12
Development Committee Meeting: October 6
Facility Task Force Meeting: n/a
Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: October 5
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: September 28
Outreach Committee Meeting: October 5
Outreach Committee Interview: September 28
Outreach Committee Orientation: September 29
Development Committee Interview: September 29

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Public Art Master Plan meeting
- Culture Days planning meeting
- Contact OnTour – Ontario Presents conference
- Phil Rose has been named the permanent Town of Aurora Manager of Cultural Services

Respectfully Submitted by
Suzanne Haines
Executive Director