Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting #9 2022
7 pm
ZOOM

Wednesday November 16th, 2022 **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 the minutes for October 12, 2022	
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 (5 min)	**In Camera Session** **MOTION** to move in camera	ALL
6 (60 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee** • Interim Statements to September 30, 2022 • NEW Budget request to the Town of Aurora **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to September 30, 2022 **MOTION** to Approve the new 4-year budget submission to the Town of Aurora for 2023-2026 as presented **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Laura Hostick

7 (15 min)	**Facility Task Force** Report from the task force **MOTION** to receive the Facility Task Force Report	John De Faveri
8 (15 min)	**Governance & Nominating Committee** Report from the committee • Quarterly Risk Assessment **MOTION** to approve the Quarterly Risk Assessment as reviewed and presented **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	Parisa Sabat
9 (10 min)	**Outreach Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to receive the Outreach Committee Report	Anita Townsend
10 (10 min)	**Development Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Development Committee Report	John De Faveri
11 (5 min)	**Executive Committee** Report from the committee • 2023 Meeting Dates **MOTION** to Approve the 2023 Board meeting dates as presented **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Committee Report	Eric Acker
12	**New Business**	ALL
13	**Next Meeting** December 14, 2022 at 6:30pm for PUBLIC meeting	
14	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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Minutes
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Wednesday November 16th, 2022 **Eric Acker, Chair**

Attendees: Eric Acker, John de Faveri, Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi, Laura Hostick, Sharon Kelly, Anita Townsend, Parisa Sabat
Regrets: Cllr Rachel Gilliland, Andrea Chan, Edlene Antonio, Damien Chan
Staff : Suzanne Haines

1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda Moved: Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi Seconded: Laura Hostick **CARRIED**	Eric Acker
2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to Approve Minutes of previous meetings on October 12, 2022 Moved: Parisa Sabat Seconded: Anita Townsend **CARRIED**	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest** • **None**	ALL
4 (30 min)	**Executive Director Report** Monthly Report **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report Moved: John De Faveri Seconded: Wendy Gaertner **CARRIED**	Suzanne Haines
5 (10 min)	**In Camera Session** **MOTION** to move in camera Moved: Sharon Kelly Seconded: Laura Hostick **CARRIED**	Eric Acker

6 (20 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee** • Interim Statements to September 30, 2022 • NEW Budget request to the Town of Aurora **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to September 30 30, 2022 Moved: John De Faveri Seconded: Parisa Sabat **CARRIED** **MOTION** to Approve the new 4-year budget submission to the Town of Aurora for 2023-2026 as presented Moved: John De Faveri Seconded: Anita Townsend **CARRIED** **MOTION** to Receive the Finance & Audit Committee Report Moved: Mandan Gholami Seconded: John De Faveri **CARRIED**	Laura Hostick
7 (10 min)	**Outreach Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Outreach Committee Report Moved: Laura Hostick Seconded: Mandana Gholami **CARRIED**	Anita Townsend
8 (15 min)	**Governance & Nominating Committee** Report from the committee • Quarterly Risk Assessment **MOTION** to Approve the Quarterly Risk Assessment as reviewed and presented Moved: Parisa Sabat Seconded: Mandan Gholami **CARRIED** **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report Moved: Wendy Gaertner Seconded: John De Faveri **CARRIED**	Parisa Sabat

9 (15 min)	**Facility Task Force Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Outreach Committee Report Moved: Parisa Sabat Seconded: Laura Hostick **CARRIED**	John De Faveri
10 (10 min)	**Development Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Development Committee Report Moved: Wendy Gaertner Seconded: John De Faveri **CARRIED**	Mandana Gholami
11 (5 min)	**Executive Committee** Report from the committee • 2023 meeting dates **MOTION** to Approve the 2023 Board meeting dates as presented Moved: Anita Townsend Seconded: Laura Hostick **CARRIED** **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Committee Report Moved: Laura Hostick Seconded: Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi **CARRIED**	Eric Acker
12	**New Business - NONE**	ALL
13	**Next Meeting** December 14, 2022 at 6:30pm for PUBLIC meeting	
14	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting Moved: John De Faveri Seconded: Parisa Sabat **CARRIED** **Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.**	ALL

Signed,

Sharon Kelly, recording secretary

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Board of Directors – October 2022
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

October 2022

Special Events

KITS4KIDS Launch - October 1st 9am at Aurora Town Park, livestreamed/recorded on Facebook
This event supported the Kaleidoscope in the Schools program, announcing the KITS4KIDS fundraiser in the community. MPPs Michael Parsa and Dawn Gallagher Murphy and Shelley Wister Smith, a volunteer from Ontario Trillium Foundation, were also in attendance to announce funding towards KITS from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Mayor, members of Town Council and MP Leah Taylor Roy were also in attendance.

Live Events Programming

Dominique Fils Aime - Oct 27 show has been postponed to March 2024
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/dominique-fils-aime/

Upcoming Live Events

November 5: Njacko and the Noisemakers
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/njacko-and-the-noise-makers/
November 17: Caity Gyorgy
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/caity-gyorgy-jazz-quartet/
December 3: Ennis Sisters
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/the-ennis-sisters-holiday/
December 10: Dufflebag Theatre, A Christmas Carol
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/a-christmas-carol/

Gallery Program

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.

The unveiling was held October 15.

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/

Art Bytes
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/hopeandhealingcanada-art-bytes/

Together in Spirit: Dialogue in Image

Dazaunggee (Paul) Shilling and Ted Fullerton, Artist Exhibition
Saturday October 1 – Saturday November 19, 2022
Aurora Town Hall

Artists Ted Fullerton and Dazaungee befriended each other in the early nineties based on their mutual respect and shared work in the arts. In 2018, the artists met again after years apart. Naturally conversing on themes such as colonial domination, oppression, aesthetic sensibilities, as well as their personal life experiences, the artists decided to continue their conversation in visual form.

Each artist creates a statement in painting for the other, who responds reciprocally. In Together in Spirit: Dialogue in Image, pairs of paintings meet in truthful conversation and confession with

each other. The gallery serves as a safe space for ongoing discussion of honest and perhaps controversial topics at this current juncture in Canadian History: Original people, spirituality, expropriation of Indigenous land, cultural identity, shame, and language, and more. Through visual creation is an ongoing exploration and declaration for reconciliation.

Opening reception held on Saturday October 1 from 1 – 3 pm.

As an aboriginal man, **Dazaunggee** feels the need to shed the image that was taught to him as a child – that he was undesirable, shameful, unworthy. As he expresses himself, he heals himself; the inner voice and the inner eye clear and open for the energy of the image to move through him from "the great house of invention".

Ted Fullerton is a Canadian artist working in painting, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture. He has achieved awards in all four media. An on-going effort within his practice has been to symbolically confront social issues or situations where a pictorial language exemplifies an acceptance while also questioning and addressing truths, falsehoods, or generalizations around and of human existence.

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/together-in-spirit-dialogue-in-image/

Education Programs

October continued with the 8-week children and adult art education programs. We continue to offer programming primarily out of Town Hall, with the exception of child/youth weekday daytime programming at CFWI-Aurora Armoury while we are offsite. These programs are on average 82.5% full, which is great as were emerge from COVID and are still offsite.

Class	Age Range	Dates	Enrollment
[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.

The month of October kicked off our KITS 2022/23 year. We began the program with Njacko Backo's "African Voyage/Voyage Africain", which continued into the first week of November.

In this interactive performance, students learned about the important role that music, dance, and storytelling play in everyday life in Cameroon, Central Africa. Students experienced traditional dance and drumming, listened to traditional stories, and learned about the importance of community. This program demonstrates to the students the true way that traditional music is played in Cameroon; percussion is not just drums, it includes a variety of instruments. Students learned that this tradition is made up of different parts that have to be played together -- everyone finding their own place in the music.

In the month of October, we provided this program to four schools - two in Aurora (Our Lady of Grace CES & Highview PS) and two in underserved communities to the North (Sutton PS & Maple Leaf PS). Approximately 859 students and 45 teachers enjoyed Njacko Backo's performance. We also provided four post-show workshops with the artist to approximately 151 students.

The feedback from educators so far has been very positive, with a 4.8/5 star rating.

Our Lady of Grace CES	Njacko - African Voyage	25-Oct-22
Sutton PS	Njacko - African Voyage	26-Oct-22
Highview PS	Njacko - African Voyage	27-Oct-22
Maple Leaf PS (FI)	Njacko - African Voyage	28-Oct-22

Administration

- Programming for 23-24 starting with consideration for 2024 season in Aurora Town Square
- 100 Women who Care application postponed due to illness
- Confirmation of funding from Rotary Club of Newmarket for Kaleidoscope in the Schools for Newmarket activation.

Human Resources

- Staff meet bi-weekly via Zoom to check in, build future ACC programming and support programming initiatives. Last meeting of the month will be held in person.
- 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.
- Please welcome Lisa Macdonald Perron, our new Program & Administrative Assistant
- 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 Program Room 1 at the library. Workshops will be held at Town Hall this fall.

Board Activities

Executive Committee Meeting: October 12
Development Committee Meeting: November 1
Facility Task Force Meeting: November 14
Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: November 15
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: November 9
Outreach Committee Meeting: November 9
Development Committee Member Orientation: October 28
Facility Task Force sub-committee: November 10

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Ontario Presents bi-monthly provincial calls

Respectfully Submitted by
Suzanne Haines
Executive Director