

Minutes of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee
for the Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh

A meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was scheduled to be held on March 18, 2019, in the Sandwich South Meeting Room at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:	
Councillor	Bill Altenhof
Member	Marian Drouillard
Chair	Rhonda Dupuis
Vice-Chair	Charles Gray
Member	Christopher McNamara
Member	Rita Ossington
Member	Kyrsten Solcz

Also Present:	
Manager of Committee & Community Services	Christina Hebert

Absent:	
Member	Dwayne Ellis

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None reported.

4. Delegations

a. Melanie Paul Tanovich, Director, Orchestra Brevia Re: Laura Secord Sesquicentennial Concert

Ms. Melanie Paul Tanovich provides an overview of Orchestra Brevia and the upcoming Laura Secord Sesquicentennial concert series. The Tecumseh concert will take place on May 26 at St. Anne’s Church. The Tecumseh Area Historical Society, together with St. Anne’s Church are community partners for this project initiative.

She explains the concert series will honour Ms. Laura Secord’s contributions by highlighting her heroic acts and life’s journey, illustrated through music significant to her time and circumstance. The concert will feature classical musicians, Indigenous artists, local historians and Beethoven’s Eroica Symphony.

In response to a query, Ms. Tanovich advises while she was unsuccessful, she has applied for grant funding to support this initiative. The Members suggest alternative funding opportunities should Ms. Tanovich wish to explore, such as the Arts Council Windsor & Region.

The Chair reiterates Administration’s previous offer to help promote the concert series on the Town’s social media, displaying a promotional flyer, sharing on the community calendar and the like. The Manager Committee & Community Services also suggests Ms. Tanovich may wish to consider performing at the Soirée Coffee House on May 10 as a further option to help promote the concert series. Additionally, the Summer Concert Series held at Lakewood Park is another venue for Orchestra Brevia to showcase their concerts.

The Members express appreciation to Ms. Tanovich for her presentation this evening.

5. Communications

a. Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee Minutes - January 21, 2019

b. Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee Minutes - February 25, 2019

Motion: CAAC - 6/19

Moved By Member Marian Drouillard

Seconded By Member Rita Ossington

That the minutes of the January 21, 2019 and February 25, 2019 meeting of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee as were duplicated and delivered to the Committee members, are accepted.

Carried

6. Reports

None.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Soirée Coffee House

The Manager Committee & Community Services reviews the Event Matrix and provides updates respecting the Soirée Coffee House.

She advises a meeting is being scheduled with l'Essor to discuss the event particulars.

Applications are currently being received and interested performers will need to submit a completed Registration Form by Friday, April 5, 2019.

The Members are encouraged to share the information with persons who may be interested in performing and help promote the event.

Advertising

- Notices were placed in the Shoreline Week and Essex Free Press, as well as promotion on the Town's social media.
- Information relating to the event details will be prepared and circulated closer to the date.
- Member Marian Drouillard will contact Snapd to advise of the event.

Performers

- In keeping with last year's practice, the performers will be asked to submit a brief biography to assist the MC's when introducing each performance.
- l'Essor is making arrangements with the Sound/Lighting technician and live streaming.

Refreshments

- Refreshments and pastries will be provided by the Committee.
- The Committee will again arrange for the paper tablecloths and crayons for artistic doodling.
- Details respecting the hors d'oeuvres and centrepieces will be discussed with the l'Essor representatives.

b. 2019 Project Planning**1. Culture Days**

Further to the delegation heard earlier in the Agenda, a suggestion is made to research area municipalities who offer cultural/arts grants to non-for-profit organizations to support project assistance funding.

It is noted, municipal funding support is often a criteria when not-for-profit organizations are making application for provincial/federal funding opportunities.

The Members will continue to brainstorm ideas for this year's Culture Days.

8. New Business**a. WindsorEssex Community Foundation Vital Signs Report**

Member Kyrsten Solcz shares the WindsorEssex Community Foundation Vital Signs Report for the Committee's interest and awareness. She advises the 2019 survey will be released shortly and will share same for the Members to help promote and encourage residents to complete the survey. The 2019 survey will also be shared on the Town's social media, once available.

b. Volunteer Appreciation Night

A friendly reminder is provided to RSVP for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night which takes place on Thursday, April 11 at Torino Plaza & Banquet Hall.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee will be held on April 15, 2019.

10. Adjournment**Motion: CAAC - 7/19**

Moved By Member Kyrsten Solcz
Seconded By Vice-Chair Charles Gray

That there being no further business, the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee now adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Carried

Rhonda Dupuis, Chair

Charles Gray, Vice-Chair