City of Hamilton  
Arts Advisory Commission  
November 2011

Unlost and Hamiltopia by Becky Katz  
MacNab Street Pedestrian Underpass  
Photo courtesy of Jeff Tessier
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) MANDATE

• To recommend activities for the stabilization and strengthening of the arts community
• To inform Council of issues and achievements in the Hamilton arts community
• To liaise with members of the arts community and act as a point of contact

Les Drysdale, sculptor of Augustus Jones, working on his public art project at the foundry.
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) MANDATE continued

• To monitor and assist with the implementation of the Public Art Program
• To monitor and assist with the implementation of the Arts Awards Program
• To monitor and assist with the implementation of the Community Partnership Program – Culture Stream
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)

HISTORY

Prior to 1993
• Art Advisory Sub-committee reported through Clerks Department.

In 1993
• Art Advisory Sub-committee reported to Parks and Recreation Committee through Culture & Recreation.
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HISTORY continued

In 1995:

• Arts Advisory Subcommittee merged with the Public Art Commission to become the Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
City of Hamilton
Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
CURRENT STATUS

• Reports to the Emergency & Community Services Standing Committee
• Staff contact provided by the Culture Division

The Gathering
By Tor Lukasik-Foss

Three Canvases
By Sandee Ewasiuk
City of Hamilton
Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
CURRENT STATUS
continued

• Fifteen (15) members
• Appointed by City Council
• Every effort is being made to reflect the diversity of Hamilton’s artists and art communities
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in the planning, implementation and review of the renewed 2011 Arts Awards Program.
- Struck the Arts Funding Task Force in spring 2011.
• Adjudicated the 2011 Community Partnership Program – Culture Stream applications

• Participated in the development and jurying of 3 public art competitions

• Published an annual newsletter
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
PRIORITYES

- Arts Awards Program
- Arts Funding Task Force
- Growth of the AAC work plan reflects growth of Hamilton’s arts community
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CURRENT PROJECTS

• Through the work of the Arts Funding Task Force:
  • Exploring new funding models to meet local needs, fit with City’s budget structure, and increase financial support for the arts community
  • Surveyed the cultural community to determine funding needs and priorities.
  • Will present findings to E&CS Committee and to the staff-led review of the Community Partnership Program in early 2012.
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
CURRENT PROJECTS
continued

- Developing a website to facilitate communication and collaboration within the arts community

- Providing input into the development and implementation of a policy regarding street performances
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
CURRENT PROJECTS
continued

• Participating in the implementation of the 2012 Arts Awards Program
• 2012 Community Partnership Program adjudication for the Culture Stream
• Monitoring and assisting with the Public Art Program

Concrete Poetry
Simon Frank
Locke St. Public Art Competition
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CURRENT PROJECTS
continued

• Annual presentation and report to council, and meeting with Mayor
• Ongoing liaison with artists, arts organizations, youth arts networks etc., to further access, equity and awareness
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Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
IN ORDER TO SUCCEED

• Continued strong connection to City Council through Council representation on the Commission – Councillor Jason Farr as liaison

• Strong connections and dialogue with all divisions of the City that are involved in the arts such as Economic Development, Finance and Tourism Hamilton
A vibrant, well supported arts community that will make Hamilton known as a great place to work, live and play.
Thank You

Pebbles on the Beach
By Janus
Beach Boulevard and Van Wagner’s Beach Road