City of Hamilton
Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)

Presentation to
The Emergency &
Community Services
Committee
of the City of Hamilton

January, 2010

Ráfaga – Unleashed
By Veronica & Edwin Dam De Nogales
Photo courtesy of The Hamilton Waterfront Trust
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MANDATE

• To inform Council of issues and achievements in the Hamilton Arts Community.

• To adjudicate applications for the Community Partnership Program – Culture Division

• To select the annual winners of the City of Hamilton Arts Awards.
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MANDATE continued

• To monitor and assist with the implementation of the Public Art Program (jury selection).

• To review the “Policy for the Arts” annually.

• To recommend activities to stabilize and strengthen the 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.
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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
In 1995:
• Arts Advisory Subcommittee merged with the Public Art Commission to become the Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)
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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
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CURRENT STATUS
continued

• Thirteen (13) members – (currently with one vacancy)
• Appointed by City Council
• Every effort is being made to reflect the diversity of Hamilton’s communities

Installation on Ottawa Street
Daniel Davelaar
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Adjudication of the Community Partnership Program – Culture Stream applications

• Hosted the 2008 Arts Awards

• Coordinated numerous consultations and presentations by community organizations and collaborations
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CURRENT PROJECTS

- Big Picture Revisited - November 14, 2009
- 2009 Community Partnership Program adjudication for the Culture Stream
- RFP and review of the Arts Awards program
- Involvement in advisory group for City Housing Hamilton artist live/work project
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) CURRENT PROJECTS continued

• Presentation and report to council
• Meeting with Mayor
• Continue liaison with artists, arts organizations, youth arts network etc., to further access and equity

Augustus Jones statue in Stoney Creek
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2009 BUDGET

- $4,000 for operational expenses
- $5,000 for Special Projects
  - Arts Forum
  - Implementation of Communications Plan
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IN ORDER TO SUCCEED

• A stronger connection to City Council through Council representation on the Commission

• Stronger connections to all divisions of the City that are involved in the arts
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VIEW FOR THE FUTURE

• A more vibrant, well supported arts community that will help make Hamilton a great place in which to work, live and play

• Increased exposure for arts in Hamilton

• A more informed City Council on arts matters

• Increased collaboration amongst artists and arts organizations
Thank You

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