City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)

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

September 2010

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

Day of Mourning
By Paul Cvetich
In 1995:

• Arts Advisory Subcommittee merged with the Public Art Commission to become the Arts Advisory Commission (AAC)

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HISTORY continued

Participants from the Big Picture 2006. Photo by Cees van Gemerden

Participants from the Big Picture Revisited 2009. Photo by Cees van Gemerden
The Gathering
By Tor Lukasik-Foss

Three Canvases
By Sandee Ewasiuk

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CURRENT STATUS

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

- Thirteen (13) members
- Appointed by City Council
- Every effort is being made to reflect the diversity of Hamilton’s communities

The Dressmaker’s Dummy
Installation on Ottawa Street
Daniel Davelaar
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hosted The Bigger Picture in June 2010, as a follow up to the successful Big Picture event of fall 2009

- Participated in the review of the Arts Awards Program, which was approved by Council
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Adjudication of the 2010 Community Partnership Program – Culture Stream applications

• Participation in focus groups and juries for 3 public art projects
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CURRENT PROJECTS

Arising from The Big Picture:
• Developing a website to facilitate communication and collaboration within the arts community
• Providing input into the review of the AAC appointment process
• Exploring new funding models to meet local needs, fit with City’s budget structure, and increase financial support for the arts community
• Identifying a model for arms-length funding delivery
• Finding the resources for a dedicated community engagement position to increase communication and collaboration
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) CURRENT PROJECTS continued

- Participating in the development and implementation of the new Arts Awards Program
- 2011 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
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) CURRENT PROJECTS continued

• Involvement in advisory group for City Housing Hamilton artist live/work project
• Working with Police Chief, street entertainers and staff to resolve busking issues
• Providing arts community input to the Creative Catalyst Project
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CURRENT PROJECTS
continued

• Provided input to Grants Sub-Committee Chair regarding issues with the Community Partnership Program
• Annual presentation and report to council, and meeting with Mayor
City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) CURRENT PROJECTS continued

• Ongoing liaison with artists, arts organizations, youth arts network etc., to further access and equity
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IN ORDER TO SUCCEED

• A strong connection to City Council through Council representation on the Commission – Councillor McHattie 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
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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