



City of Cambridge Advisory Committee 2023/2024 Annual Report

Citizen Advisory Committees contribute to the development of policies, procedures and initiatives by providing their expertise to the Mayor and Council. Committees work with Council to improve services and programs for the community. Annual Reports and Workplans are an opportunity for committees to share the work that has been completed over the past year and the priorities for the next year.

Citizen Advisory Committee Name: Arts and Culture Advisory Committee/Public Art Sub Committee (ACAC)

Citizen Members:

Brad McEwen (Chair)
Christine Orton
Alix Voz
Kyle Priestly
Rick Haldenby
Jeff Donkersgoed
Christine Thompson
Christine Lippa
Melani Nemeskovic
Samual Daniels
Saiira Najak
Councillor Cooper

Number of Meetings in 2023/24

2023 - 4

2024 – 3 (to date and two more scheduled)

Citizen Advisory Committee Establishment date: 2004

Mandate of committee: The City of Cambridge recognizes the growing importance of the need for the continued development of artistic and other cultural opportunities in the city in relation to and in support of the quality of the life of City residents, and the reinforcement of the City's own cultural identity.

Summary

2023/24 Workplan

Arts and Culture Action Plan:

- Champion and Support the Arts and Culture Action plan from Phase 1; Consultation and Data analysis, to Phase 2; Draft recommendation and final council report/presentation.
- Support of the draft Public Art Policy

Public Art:

- **50th Commemorative Public Art Piece**
 - ACAC members provided comments on the best location for the piece at the new soccer site. (Jan Minutes)
 - ACAC and staff recommended Pierre Poussin's "Sheave Tower" as the successful Public Art Piece (March minutes)
- **Cambridge Recreation Complex and Library**
 - The ACAC has been working with the Project Manager and a short list of artists has been recommended to submit a piece of curated art to be commissioned for the project. (April Minutes)
- **Preston Horticultural Society**
 - Install a piece of art at Gore Park on King Street. E. A leaf design was chosen. The group will pay for the maintenance and installation of artwork through a service agreement with the City. The ACAC supported this project 9 (April Minutes)
- **Civic Square Placemaking Project**
 - Preston Mural

Summary of Activities

See above.

Council / Community Engagement

Past year Committee Activities that engaged the community or provided advice to Council

- Advise council on Public Art see examples above
- Advise Council on the Arts and Culture Action Plan

Upcoming Year Workplan Objectives

- Revise and submit the Public Art Policy for Approval at Council
- Support the operational priorities identified in the Arts and Culture Action Plan
- Play a role in the development of an Arts Hub at 19 Cambridge
- Promote the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee in the Community
- Support Arts and Culture initiatives by individuals, community organizations, and businesses.
- Play a role in fostering a Cultural identity that is unique to Cambridge.
- Review the current Art Collection that the City of Cambridge owns and help ensure that work is shown within the community.

Recommendations to Council related on the past year's work plan or future objectives of the Committee:

- For the ACAC to be relied on to advise the council on the many initiatives that may be brought forward within the lens are Art and Culture.