
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Culture Program and Community Updates
Date: November 18, 2019
To: Niagara Region Culture Committee
From: Marian Bannerman, Program Manager, Grants and Incentives

1. Committee Member Information

A brief review of member responsibilities regarding privacy and confidentiality will be presented. There will then be sharing of information according to questions sent to Niagara Region Culture Committee (NRCC) members by email, which are listed below:

- Describe any knowledge or skills that would benefit the committee.
- Describe any specific related experience regarding the committee purpose or mandate.
- Why are you interested in serving on this committee?
- Describe any past experience with working in a committee environment
- Is there anything else you would like to add?

2. Niagara Investment in Culture (NIC) Update and Adjudication Panel Election

- a. Status of NIC program – NIC program was originally intended to end in 2018; it was funded by Council in 2019 and will run again in 2020 subject to budgetary approval. The budget in 2019 was \$250,000. Due to a variety factors including the adjudication process for this program, intake is going forward prior to budget information – an info session was held on 7 November and applications are due 27 November, 2019.
- b. Election of NIC Adjudication Panel Representative and Alternate – The adjudication panel of NIC is composed of three Regional Councillors, a NRCC representative and alternate (non-Council), and up to five members of the NIC Adjudication Panel Pool, a pre-vetted group with expertise in the sector. We need to elect the two members (representative and alternate) from NRCC today. The job consists in reading all applications, scoring them, participating in meetings regarding prioritizing projects and determining funding levels. This work takes place at home in December-January and in up to three meetings in January – March 2020. Additional detail will be provided at NRCC meeting.

3. Community Updates

Please note the following selective updates from the Niagara culture community – NRCC members are encourage to send in information and links from their communities to me prior to the next NRCC meeting.

- Niagara Region Biennial is launched – please encourage eligible people/groups/projects to apply (<https://www.niagararegion.ca/culture-and-environment/biennial-awards/default.aspx>);
- FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre is advertising for an Executive Director
- Art Services Initiative of Western New York (info@asiwn.org) has lots of calls for artists, workshops, info
- Kim Van Stygeren exhibit at Queenston Mile Vineyard through Jan 3
- Several NIC projects still ongoing, see them here and encourage your contacts to attend
- Many other art and culture projects/events going on throughout the Region – one example of public art is transformed utility boxes in Niagara Falls, Grimsby and elsewhere (<https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/9654616-what-s-going-on-here-/>)

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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