



## Waterloo Region Arts Fund Minutes

January 19, 2023, 3:00 pm  
Meeting to be held electronically  
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Members Present: Karen Redman, Susan Scott, Jax Rula, Lindsay Golds, Adam Qualter, Debbie Knepper, Carol Ann Treitz, Alix Voz, Kari Williams

Also Attending: Bill Chesney

Members Absent: Peter Shannon

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### 1. Roll Call, Welcome and Introductions

T. Plummer welcomed everyone to the meeting and conducted the Roll Call.

### 2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the Conflict of Interest Policy of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund

None declared

### 3. Election of Officers

T. Plummer conducted the election of Board Chair. A call was made for nominations. Susan Scott and Lindsay Golds were nominated to serve as Co-Chairs and each stated that they are willing to serve. A call was made for further nominations; no others were offered.

Susan Scott and Lindsay Golds were elected as Co-Chairs of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund, by acclamation, for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023.

A call was made for nominations for Vice Chair. Carol Ann Treitz was nominated and accepted the nomination. A call was made for further nominations for Vice Chair and no others were offered.

Carol Ann Treitz was elected as Vice Chair of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund, by acclamation, for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023.

S. Scott assumed the Chair.

**4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved by L. Golds

Seconded by C.A. Treitz

That the Open minutes and Closed minutes of Thursday, December 1, 2022 be approved.

**Carried**

K. Williams entered at 3:14p.m.

**5. Committee Appointments**

Moved By C.A. Treitz

Seconded By A. Qualter

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund approve a one-year extension of Alix Voz's membership to December 31, 2023.

**Carried**

Moved by C.A Treitz

Seconded by A. Qualter

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund appoint the following members to the following Committees for a one-year term, ending December 31, 2023:

**Nominating/Membership Committee**

- All Board Members
- L Golds and S Scott, Co-chairs

**Final Reports Review Committee (3 members)**

- C.A. Treitz, Chair
- J. Rula
- A. Qualter

**Communications Committee (5 members)**

- S. Scott, Chair
- L. Golds

- C.A. Treitz
- D. Knepper
- Alix Vox

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

No Business arising.

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Final Reports Review Committee Update – C.A. Treitz**

C.A. Treitz gave an update on the Final reports review.

**7.2 Website Update - L. Golds**

L. Golds provided an update on the Arts Fund Website, noting they are aiming for an end of February launch. She said they would be reaching out to Board members to review the site before it goes live.

**7.3 Board Executive Recommendations re: Imagining Equitable Futures**

L. Golds provided an update on the Imagining Equitable Futures project.

Moved by L. Golds

Seconded by A. Voz

That a closed meeting of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 3:34 p.m. electronically, in accordance with Section 239 of the "Municipal Act, 2001", for the purposes of considering the following subject matter:

1. the security of the property of the municipality or local board.
2. personal matters about an identifiable individuals

**Carried**

Moved by L. Golds

Seconded by A. Voz

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund reconvene into Open Session.

Moved by L. Golds

Seconded by A. Voz

That the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund take the following actions:

1. Change the Arts Fund tagline to Where Art Starts
2. That granted funds be split between Individual Grants and Organizational Grants as follows:
  - Individuals:
    - i. Exploring/Experimenting (microgrants) up to \$2500
    - ii. Emerging Artists (new or growing art practice, under 5 years of experience) up to \$10,000
    - iii. Established Artists (seasoned art practice, over 5 years of experience) up to \$7500
  - Organizations
    - i. Supporting Emerging Artists
    - ii. Supporting Established Artists
3. Shift to paid reviewers
4. Change the name from Artists @ Large to Peer Reviewers
5. Collect data and ensure the data is shared – be more transparent
6. Move forward with recruiting board members
7. Move forward with forming community connections

L. Golds noted the change to a paid review panel will allow for Board members to provide more support to potential applicants.

L. Golds will Chair the grant review meeting when all applications will be reviewed by the Peer Review panel, and the slate of recommended Spring 2023 Arts Fund grants will then be approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

L. Golds said the Executive recommend that the Arts Fund Board continue to work with Jenn Chan to work through the application questions, guidelines, and policies to ensure that they are reviewed and revised.

The Board discussed options regarding anti-racism training.

**8. Correspondence**

None received

**9. Other Business**

**10. Next Meeting - Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**11. Adjourn**

Moved by J. Rula

Seconded by C.A. Treitz

That the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Committee Clerk

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Committee Chair