



SMITHS FALLS FOR ALL AGENDA

Tuesday, May 06, 2025 – 5:00PM.
TOWN HALL- Council Chambers
Chair Jonathon Lee

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

On, May 06, 2025, we acknowledge that this sacred land on which Smiths Falls is now located has been a site of human activity for over 10,000 years and is rich in Indigenous history. This land is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We are grateful to the Algonquin ancestors who cared for the land and water in order that we might meet here today. We are also grateful to the Algonquin People for their contribution to the making of the Rideau Canal which runs through Smiths Falls. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our relations. Together, may we care for this land and each other, drawing on the strength of our mutual history of nation building through peace and friendship and being mindful of generations to come.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Staff called the meeting to order at ____PM

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

THAT the May 06, 2025 Public Arts Advisory Committee Agenda be approved as circulated.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by:

Seconded by:

5. DISCLOSURE OF MONETARY INTEREST

6. DELEGATIONS (None)

7. PRIORITY ISSUES

8.1 Joyce Brennan Awards Criteria

8.2 List of Town's Artworks

8.3 List of Available Grants

8.4 Public Arts Master Plan Projects (2025 & 2026)

8. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS (None)

9. IN-CAMERA ISSUES (None)

10. NEXT MEETING DATE June 03, 2025

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (None)

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by:

Seconded by:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at _____ and stand so adjourned until the next duly called meeting.



Public Arts Advisory Committee MINUTES

Thursday, March 06, 2025 – 5:00PM
TOWN HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Jonathon Lee, Chair

Members Present: Chair, Jonathon Lee
Council Representative, C McGuire
Vice Chair, Richard Grant
Member, Pam Craig
Member, Opal Dunbar-Adams
Member, Liz Steinberg

Absent:

Staff Present: Staff Resource, J Crawford, J Murphy

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT (J Crawford)

J Crowder read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. CALL TO ORDER (J Crowder)

J Crowder called the meeting to order at 5:01PM

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By E Steinberg
Seconded By R Grant

THAT the March 06, 2025, Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (None)

5. DISCLOSURE OF MONETARY INTEREST

None

6. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Moved By R Grant
Seconded By P Craig

THAT Jonathon Lee be appointed as the Public Arts Advisory Committee Chair for the remainder of this term of Council.

Moved By L Steinberg
Seconded By R Grant

That Pam Craig be appointed as the Public Arts Advisory Committee Vice Chair for the remainder of this term of Council.

7. DELEGATIONS (None)

8. PRIORITY ISSUES

8.1 Introductions

Introductions were made from all members present.

8.2 Overview of Municipal Policies, Documents & Procedures

K Costello reviewed the following policies and legislation:

- Committee Terms of Reference
- Conflict of Interest
- Accountability and Transparency
- Code of Conduct
- Accessibility & Training

8.3 Future Meeting Schedule

Tuesday at 5 pm was chosen as the meeting time, and the Committee will meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month.

8.4 Public Arts Master Plan

The first two (2) initiatives have been completed:

- a. Adopting the Public Arts Policy
- b. Establishing the Advisory Committee

The next step is to develop public arts commissioning guidelines and associated templates for proposals & submissions.

An inventory of existing public art is needed, including its condition and maintenance requirements. A list has been started by staff but needs to be

completed.

ACTION: Staff will provide a copy of the existing list to members in order to start populating missing information.

8.5 Joyce Brennan Award & Bursary

The Committee has decided to adopt the award & bursary, being taken over from the Smiths Falls District Arts & Culture Council now that the Council is no longer operating. The award will be issued annually to a local artist through a community nomination process and chosen by the Committee. The bursary would be issued annually to a local high school student pursuing post-secondary education in the arts, The bursary could be budgeted for, donated, or sponsored.

ACTION: Committee will look to develop award and bursary criteria and will relaunch the award cycle in 2026 as part of the Town's Community Awards program.

8.6 Future Projects

Council can award up to 1% of tax-generated revenue, but 50% of any project needs to be funded from outside sources. A reserve should be set up, allocating 10% of funds for future maintenance.

The committee can solicit public funding and set up reserves for maintenance and grants/sponsorships. Staff have started compiling a list of possible grant funding opportunities.

ACTION: Staff will provide a wording document for the committee's information and to initiate research by committee member to create a complete list.

The subway tunnel near the CPKC yard was mentioned as a possible project. The Heritage House may reach out to the Committee about assisting the Rideau Artist of the Year. A "gateway" for the town was also mentioned as a possible future project.

9. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS (None)

10. IN-CAMERA ISSUES (None)

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, April 8, 2025

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. Inventory of existing artwork
- b. Joyce Brennan Awards Criteria
- c. Development of guidelines and templates for proposals/submissions
- d. Rideau Artist of the Year
- e. List of possible grants
- f. Art Project ideas

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By L Steinberg
Seconded By R Grant

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 06:43 pm and stand so adjourned until the next duly called meeting.

Chair

Vice Chair

Smiths Falls Public Art Asset Data Sheet

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PAAC Grant List (2025)

Canadian Council for the Arts

[Grants | The Canada Council for the Arts](#)

[Artistic Catalysts | Canada Council for the Arts](#)

Government of Canada – Canadian Heritage

[Building Communities through Arts and Heritage - Canada.ca](#)

Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev)

[Grants, subsidies and contributions - Arts and media](#)

FACTOR (The Foundation Assisting Canadian Talent On Recordings)

[Collective Initiatives - FACTOR Canada](#)

Hydro One

[Energizing Life Community Grants 2023 | Hydro One](#)

Trillium Fund

[Our Grants | Ontario Trillium Foundation](#)

[ROOTS Community Fund | Trillium Mutual Insurance Company](#)

Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund

[About OCAF](#)

Local Festivals – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (Federal)

[Local Festivals – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage - Canada.ca](#)

Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage – Local Festivals Program

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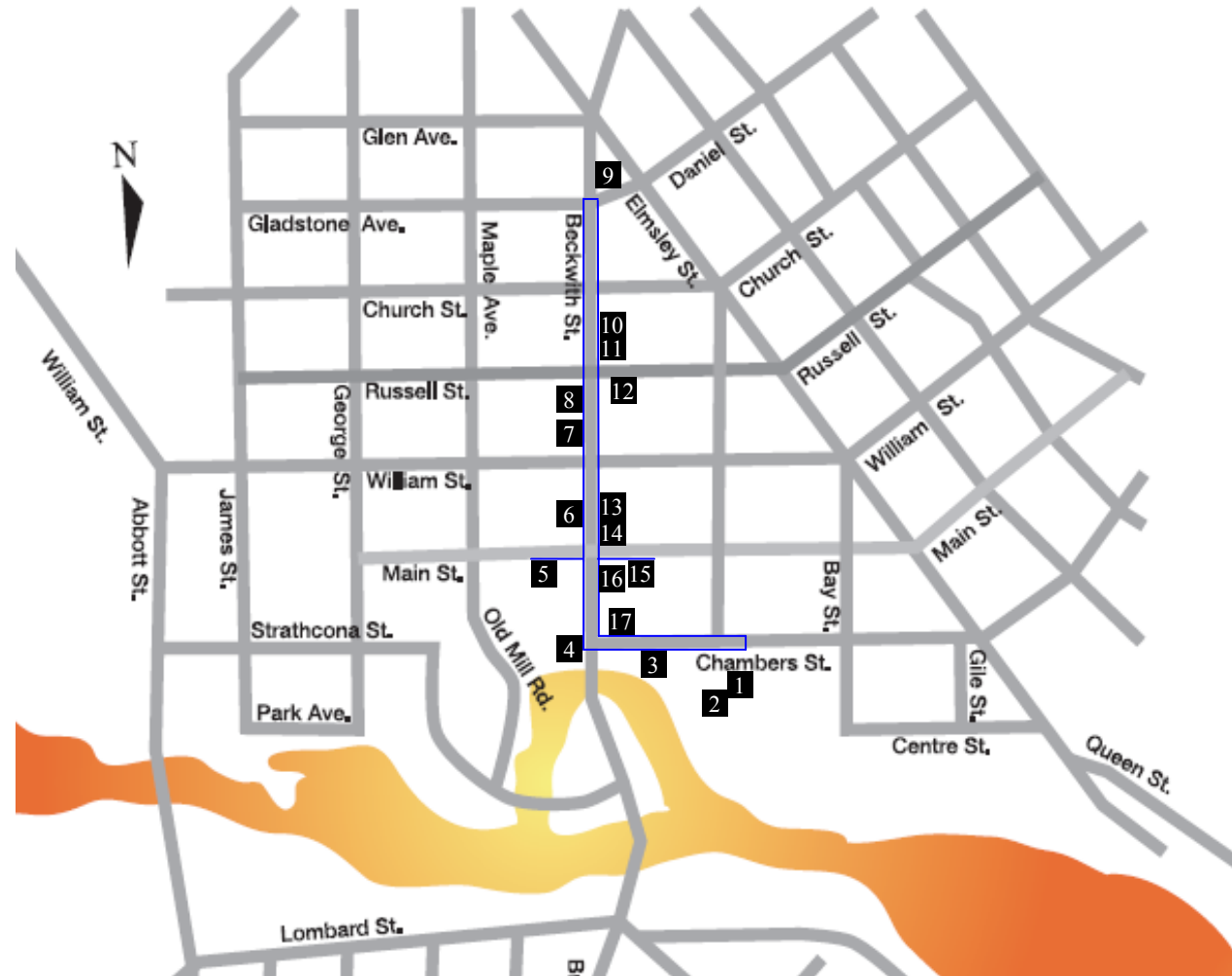
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A Walking Tour of the Murals of Downtown Smiths Falls



***This 30 to 60 minute
walk through the
tree lined streets of
Downtown Smiths Falls
will highlight the growing
number of murals***

Sensational!



Start your tour at the Chambers St. Plaza at 39 Chambers St.

1. **“The Tigers”** (20’ x 16’) The mural of a mother and baby tiger is to the right of Giant Tiger entrance facing Chambers St. It was designed and painted by artist Pierre Hardy. It was erected in 1997 in memory of Carl Murphy a long time manager of Giant Tiger.



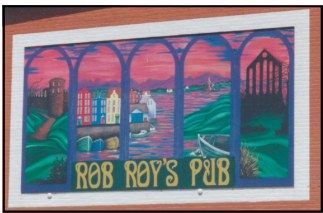
2. **“The Storyteller”** (12' x 16') Valerie Hudson painted this scene of a storyteller of the Bear Clan of the Anishinabi. It commemorates the 175th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal and the people who travelled and lived along its shores. It was hung in 2007 with members of the Anishinabi.

Leave the Chamber St. Plaza and turn left onto Chambers St. and walk down this block towards Beckwith Street

3. **“That’s Entertainment”** (total 36’ x 8’) Based on film posters from the early years of film, artists, Valerie Hudson & Gary Peterson, painted the panels that celebrate Smiths Falls as an entertainment centre. The Rideau Theatre (1912 - 1936) and Capitol Theatre (1936 - 1949) provided vaudeville, musical entertainment, moving pictures and then moving pictures with sound for the community

Cross to the west side of Beckwith St.

4. **“Rob Roy’s Pub”** (20' x 10') This mural on the north side of Fort Hemlock, Rob Roy’s Pub & Restaurant was mounted in 1998. Valerie Hudson has taken scenes from Scotland’s Dryburgh Abby, Bothwell Castle



and Tobermoy on Mull to commemorate our Scottish heritage and the Scottish Pub.

Walk north up Beckwith St. to Main and turn left and walk about half way up the block to the parking lot on the left.

5. **"Theatre Wall"** (2005 - 2008) These murals are located on the west wall of Premier Theatres. They celebrate film and recently the Farmers Market. The "Blues Brothers" was painted by Valerie Hudson for the Blues Festival in 2005. Since then, the wall has become an ongoing project with Dave Pringle adding his talents to those of Valerie Hudson to create a more interesting space. Look across the parking lot and see the wall of sunflowers created by Valerie Hudson who worked with youth to create a bright space for the Farmers Market.

Turn around and walk back to the corner and turn left back onto Beckwith St. and continue to walk up the street.

6. **“Days of Yesteryear”** This mural on the Pharma Plus building at 1 Beckwith St. N. painted by Pierre Hardy was completed in 1998. This mural depicts a street scene in front of the Russell Hotel (formerly located here) with the drug store delivery wagon.



Continue walking up Beckwith St.

7. **“View of Smiths Falls”** This mural was a community effort by the Smiths Falls Youth Club and Skills & Initiatives completed in 2006. It is a scene of the waterfront by the water tower.
8. **“Lady & the Ticket Agent”** is a vignette painted by Richard Carter in 2007 as part of the 175th mural project.

Continue walking up Beckwith to Daniel St and

cross over to the east side of Beckwith St.

9. **“The Library Banners”** These 2 banners hanging on either side of the entrance of The Smiths Falls Public Library were painted by Valerie Hudson. These banners encourage people to read and Adopt a Book for the Library.

10. **“Olive”** (4' x 8') and

11. **“Waiting for the Boat”** (4' x 8')

These 2 murals are on the side of the old Bank of Commerce Building were installed in 2007. Painted by Valerie Hudson these panels look back to a time when passenger steamers regularly travelled the Rideau. Olive and the lady in the canoe remind us of that the Rideau was also a recreational playground. Cross over to the south side of Russell St.

12. **“Colonel By Watching Building of Rideau Canal”** (12' x 8') Russell Street at Beckwith. Richard Carter painted this mural from a painting by C.W. Jeffreys in 2007. It is part of the series of murals that celebrates the 175th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal.

Continue walking down the east side of Beckwith Street

13. **“The Painter”** This mural located on the north side of the building at the corner of Beckwith St. and Main St. was painted by artist Craig Campbell creates an illusion of a brick wall and a painter on a scaffold and erected in 1999.

14. **“The Library” & “Sparky”** - these 2 murals painted on an unused doors on the west side of the building at the corner of Beckwith St. and Main St. were painted by Richard Carter in 2006.

Turn left onto the north side of Main St. and walk down to Royal Canadian Legion

15. **“The Soldier's Prayer”** This picture reminds us to honour the men and women in our Canadian Army.

Turn around and walk back down Main St. and turn right back onto Beckwith St. S. and continue

walking south.

16. **“Amy & Sapper”** (4' x 8') On the side of the old Bank of Nova Scotia building facing Beckwith Street. In this mural, Valerie Hudson has painted a young girl in a Sapper hat with a Sapper outside the Rideau Canal Museum. Installed in 2007, it is part of the Rideau 175th.

Turn left onto Chambers St.

17. **“The Village Pump”** The final mural on our tour is found on the west side of the former Village Pump at 6 Chambers St. This is one of our oldest murals painted in 1990 by Pierre Hardy. This mural presents an view of The Village Pump Gift Shop. In this mural you can see a young Owen Pardy (owner of The Village Pump) inside one of the windows while his Dad stands in the doorway feeding a friend’s dog.



Continue walking on Chambers St and you will end up back at the Chambers Street Plaza where our tour started.

We hope that you have enjoyed your tour of the murals of Sensational Downtown Smiths Falls.

Other **Murals** not in the downtown core but worth taking a look at include:

- **“Arthur Jones”** this mural located on the LockMaster’s House is of the longest serving LockMaster on the Rideau Canal was painted in 2007 as part of the 175th mural project.
- **“The Railroad”** on the former King Cole Cleaners at 123 Beckwith St. N.
- **“The Farm”** - located on the Lanark Leeds Distributors building at 76 Cornelia St.
- **“Smiths Falls”** - located inside The Independent Grocer on Hwy 15