

AGENDA
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
In-Camera meeting to follow

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- September 22, 2016

2. ARCHIVES (attachment to be circulated)

- Remembrance Day WWI
- Rice collection

3. HERITAGE

- Canada 150 plan (attachment to be circulated)

4. ARTS

- Sign at Cedar Hill Arts Centre
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Awards

5. UPDATES / CARRY FORWARD

6. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

That the following meeting be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered is personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a District award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the District on condition of anonymity.

*** Adjournment ***

Next Meeting: November 24, 2016

In order to ensure a quorum, please call Tania Douglas at 475-5494 ext. 3505 or tania.douglas@saanich.ca if you are unable to attend.

Go Green!
Members are encouraged to bring their own mug to the meeting.

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 9:30 am

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarar, John Crawford, Ken Johnson, Anne Lansdell, Michele Sealey, Katherine Whitworth, Bill Williamson, Ann Whittaker, School District 61 (non-voting liaison)

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Evelyn Wolfe, Acting Archivist; Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering (10:50 am); Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Roger Love

Minutes

MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by A. Lansdell: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held June 23, 2016 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

MOVED by B. Williamson and Seconded by K. Whitworth: "That the Minutes of the Special Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meetings held August 5, 2016 and August 17, 2016 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

The Chair informed committee members that the Archivist has left Saanich for a position at Oak Bay Municipality and that Acting Archivist, Evelyn Wolfe, is attending today.

ARCHIVES

The Acting Archivist reported on the following:

Heritage bus tour update

- The bus tour went well this year and received positive feedback.
- Ken Johnson's report was informative and the tour of Twin Oaks was good; learning the differences between unrestored houses versus restored houses was interesting.
- The tea was very good and Sylvia Van Kirk gave an interesting talk.
- Attendance was lower this year with 38 people in attendance as opposed to the usual 54. This resulted in a loss of \$232.60. It is not known why attendance was lower; it may be due to the different website.

News and updates

- The public will have access to the online photo search website on October 3rd. This will be different from the old system and there will be a learning curve.
- As this is a new system for entering information, and there is a backlog of information to be entered, the database will not be completed this year.
- Archives received a donation of 374 interesting postcards from a family that owned the corner grocery store on Saanich and Boleskine Roads.
- The uniform that the past Archivist was able to obtain will be displayed soon.

The Acting Archivist left the meeting at 9:55 am

HERITAGE

Canada's 150th Update

The Chair noted that two meetings had been held about Terms of Reference for a subcommittee but at the end it was decided to make it a working group. Committee members brainstormed ideas and the following was noted:

- The next meeting with staff is scheduled for October 4th. The plan is to approach Council for a resource request. Costs are not known yet and a bigger budget may be needed.
- In looking at priorities, the Committee wants to serve as ambassadors, and have and encourage celebrations within the community.
- Grants may be needed and requests need to be included with the budget to Council.
- Suggestion that the Saanich website have a Canada 150th page for the community to share events and information on via the web.
- The Chair spoke with Alan Lowe, who was Chair of the Spirit Committee for the Olympics, who suggested that the Committee should focus on a few big things.
- Staff will have Canada 150 apparel and red/white flower bulbs are planned for displays.
- Banners are a priority; suggestion to see if shopping centres could participate by flying banners. A contest could be run to have school children design banners.
- The Victoria School District is looking for partnerships and teachers will be interested in the 150th event. It may be a good idea to have kids supply ideas as to what would be successful to help celebrate. The School District Liaison will see what she can find out.
- The City of Victoria is having the theme of Truth and Reconciliation as this is not a celebration for First Nations People. They will have canoes in the harbour on Aboriginal Day; perhaps Gorge/Tillicum could have something similar on the Gorge.
- Maybe Aboriginal day could be made into a statutory holiday.
- Committee should think about what kind of legacy could be left (eg. Centennial trails, public art). The legacy could be a permanent art piece at the Cedar Hill Arts Centre, and there could be many temporary art displays throughout the municipality.
- The Community Planner should be involved as there is a public juried art process.
- The 150th logo is a national logo and can be used, and can be placed on the Active Living Guide cover page and on letterhead, etc.
- An evolving brochure could be created to show events and could be added to as more events are planned.
- A suggestion was made to get in touch with a winery or distillery to have a winefest or beerfest.
- The upcoming First Night New Year's Eve event could be a kickoff to Canada's 150th. Heritage Canada is providing fireworks and BC Transit is free that night.
- It is a challenge to get people to volunteer locally; many Saanich residents volunteer outside the municipality. How can this group communicate out in a cost effective way? Perhaps asking Saanich News if they could do a "Go" section similar to that of the Times Colonist may be beneficial.
- Social media is an excellent way to get information out to the community.
- A "this year in Saanich" historical piece could be good to advertise for interest.

Heritage Foundation Report

Ken Johnson reported that:

- Things are good at the Foundation and their grants are almost completed.

- Letters were sent to all owners of heritage homes on the register, and a response rate of about a 15%-20% was received. Many people did not know their homes were registered.
- A lecture was recently held at the Craigflower Schoolhouse; about 60 people attended and there was standing room only. There will be upcoming talk on windows and earthquakes.
- Craigflower Elementary is being used some mornings for a small group of grade 2-5 children. A blessing ceremony was held, and the teacher is working to create a program with the Songhees First Nation.
- A gaming grant was obtained in July. The people at Craigflower School were advised to ask the Hallmark Heritage Society for help in applying for grants.

Michele Sealey left the meeting at 10:45 am

ARTS

Arts Awards

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services provided an update on the status of the Arts Awards. A discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Advertising has occurred with Saanich News and via the Saanich website.
- Community associations, and art teachers of middle and secondary schools within both school districts have also been notified.
- There can be more than one winner for each award. Suggestion that acknowledgement be presented to runners up.
- An in-camera meeting will be held on October 27th to select awards recipients.
- A request was made for the communications staff to attend a meeting to introduce themselves.

Arts Update

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services stated that the recent Moonfest was a success. It was held in Lambrick Park and about 2000 people attended. Also, summer arts camps were well attended – there were lots of teen programs and all-age programs. The pottery studio classes are always full.

School District Update

Trustee Whittaker reported that a partnership with the Q radio station has been developed to help with maintaining the school music archives. They have the most incredible collection of sheet music; music copyright is very expensive and they have a 100 year old collection. They also have received a very large donation from a private resident (including a home).

COUNCIL CHAMBERS RECONFIGURATION/WEBCASTING UPDATE

The Director of Engineering discussed the most recent version of the floorplans being used in Council Chambers and noted they have had a couple different configurations over the past year. The current setting seems to be working not too badly. Various ideas were presented and the following comments were noted:

- There are concerns with ensuring accessibility and having good sightlines. Some members suggested that the sightlines are not very good with the current seating.
- Staff need to balance the cost and the impact to Chambers with the views.
- Suggestion to have the audience floor sloped.

- Meetings are less productive when people are higher on stage and have the ability to 'perform' or grandstand at meetings.
- Staff are looking at moving the dias to provide more openness to the u-shape. Existing millwork and seats could be used and the Mayor would have a new but smaller desk.
- A new lecturn with a seat would be good for people in terms of height needs and would minimize views impact. It was noted that the CRD has a plexi-glass podium.
- New carpet is proposed for the room.
- The Heritage Foundation has provided some input to staff for consideration.
- Webcasting is still being explored; perhaps a trial can be done. This will go back to Council in a few months for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Thursday, October 27, 2016

Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary