

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarar, John Crawford, Ken Johnson, Roger Love, Katherine Whitworth, Bill Williamson

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning (10:15 a.m.); Caroline Duncan, Archivist; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Absent: Anne Lansdell, Michele Sealey

Minutes

MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by R. Love: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held March 24, 2016 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Suzanne Samborski introduced herself and provided a background of her interests and past experience. Members welcomed her and were happy to hear about her previous experience as Director of Culture, Heritage and Strategic Relations.

ARCHIVES

Recent archival acquisitions

The Archivist spoke about the private and corporate collections held in Archives, and about the Todd and Henderson family histories. She recently met with a descendant of the family to gather richer descriptive data on the records that Archives currently has. A number of photographs were circulated and it was noted that the information collected will be posted on the website with more information sometime in July.

It was noted that Saanich Archives welcomes donations of records from residents. Original photographs that are donated will be added to the Archives' online photo database that currently includes more than 6,000 images. Ken Johnson noted that the Hallmark Society is willing to accept copied material.

HERITAGE

Canada's 150th birthday celebration

The Chair and committee members Lyris and Roger provided feedback on the one-day workshop they attended regarding Canada's 150th birthday celebration. The BC Museums Association and Royal Roads University ran a day-long provincial forum for

museums, heritage, arts and culture in British Columbia to discuss the marking of Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017. The day was sponsored by the BC Heritage Branch, the BC Historical Federation and the Archives Association of BC. More than 140 people attended, both on-campus and online across the province.

There may be different grants available to assist in putting together a celebration and there are logo licences, legacies and regional coordination to consider. Brainstorming ideas should be done about what kinds of events could occur, and what outcomes committee would like to achieve. Committee members discussed some ideas, and it was noted that this is about the history of colonization which occurred in eastern Canada, and that maybe consideration should be made about what it was like here in this area at that time. The Senior Manager of Recreation Services stated that staff will discuss how to include a 150th celebration within existing Canada Day events in 2017 and check in with Corporate Services regarding the use of the 150th logo.

Saanich Heritage Foundation report

- The Hallmark Society is looking at a Heritage Conservation Area Plan. They are involved with community planning for all plans going forward in the City of Victoria.
- An application for subdivision of land and a heritage revitalization agreement in the ALR at a property on Hunt Road is coming up.
- Grants for the 150th birthday of Canada are to be administered by the Victoria Foundation. Information collected by Vital Signs often determines which agencies receive grants from the Victoria Foundation.
- Heritage awards to occur on May 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., St. Ann's Academy.
- South Vancouver Island Regional Heritage Fair to occur on Friday, May 6, at the BC Museum.

ARTS

Arts Policy / Public Art

The Manager of Community Planning was present to provide comments about public art in Saanich. He advised that a report/proposal will be made regarding setting future locations for public art. The Official Community Plan supports initiatives that create focal points and sense of place in centres and villages. There is a general idea to look at linking the Local Area Planning process for Centres and Villages with the installation of public art. More information is to come.

A discussion occurred and the Manager of Community Planning answered questions about art maintenance budgets, the placement of art, looking at a de-commissioning policy, the three different budgets/funding sources for art, the juried process for selecting art.

It was noted that the Comprehensive Arts Policy needs revamping, and suggested that a separate operating policy be created instead of having only the Comprehensive Arts Policy.

Cycling festival update

The festival was a huge success, and thanks to everyone who participated. The committee would like to participate again at next year's event, and move the tent to a better location. The committee spent \$220 out of the \$300 budgeted.

Events

At Gorge Canada Day Picnic (Friday, July 1st) the Hallmark Society will be setting up an information tent and will be giving lectures at the Craigflower School House.

Information was circulated about the upcoming Artist's Tour and the Limelight Art Experience.

Arts Culture and Heritage awards

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services advised that the awards were approved by Council. The next steps are to confirm a budget – based on the Environmental Awards, the budget should be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Nomination forms are to be done and advertising to occur. A suggestion was made to include nomination forms in newsprint ads.

Nomination review and selection should occur in September and the awards to occur in either October or November. The idea of having another awards event in 2017 was raised.

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services presented a framed copy of the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Hall which will be placed on display in the Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Thursday, May 26, 2016

Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary