

MINUTES
SPECIAL ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall Annex, Committee Room No. 3
Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 9:30 am

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarat, John Crawford, Anne Lansdell, Katherine Whitworth, Bill Williamson

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager of Recreation Services, Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Ken Johnson, Roger Love, Michele Sealey

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CANADA'S 150TH SUBCOMMITTEE

Committee members discussed the Terms of Reference and some changes/additions were made to the purpose, objectives and composition of a sub-committee, should one be struck. The Chair advised that she has met with the Finance department to discuss funding. It was noted that the Saanich Legacy Foundation may be a good funding resource.

Ideas for events and giveaway 'swag' were shared, and the Senior Manager of Recreation Services noted that staff had an idea to ask Council for grant money so block parties could be organized. Grant money would pay for permits with a little left over for the celebrations.

A discussion occurred about whether this should be a sub-committee or a working group. It was noted that the process would be faster with a working group, which is more desirable because a report to Council could be done much quicker compared to going through the formal process of a sub-committee reporting to the advisory committee, and the advisory committee reporting to Council. The goal is to approach Council in September.

Consensus was that this will be a working group that will work informally with Recreation staff. Councillor Sanders indicated that she would like to lead this working group. The following comments were noted:

- This group will be ambassadors who will communicate to the ACH committee and create partnerships with various agencies and groups, and having the role of facilitating the 150th birthday celebration of Canada.
- The group will identify connections/create partnerships.
- Funding partners to be identified. Existing celebrations to be identified.
- Perhaps an event in June could be planned as nothing is scheduled between May and July.
- Other interest groups should be sought (eg. car clubs, soccer clubs, knitting groups, service clubs etc.). Tourism Victoria would be a good contact - Councilor Brownoff is the liaison.
- There are lots of car clubs and they could be a good group to liaise with to fill the month of June. Perhaps a New Year's Levy could be held this year to announce the plans about the 150th celebrations.
- Reaching out to multi-cultural groups would be great.

- Grants from various sources needs to be investigated.
- The special tulip bulbs for Canada's 150th have been ordered and special red and white displays are planned.
- A calendar of events is on the Saanich website and other community group calendars can be looked at. The Times Colonist calendar is a great source of information and shows a 2-week listing of events.
- A central database of groups or organizations would be useful; the CRD has a listing of art groups.
- The 150th theme will be present for most of the year's events.

The next meeting will be in early September and will consist of the working group members and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next regular ACH meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016

Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary