

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 9:30 am

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

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Evelyn Wolfe, Acting Archivist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Roger Love

Minutes

MOVED by B. Williamson and Seconded by A. Lansdell: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held October 27, 2016, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

ARCHIVES

The Acting Archivist provided an update on some of the projects at the Archives department. She also circulated the November Saanich Archives newsletter, and the following was noted:

- An exhibit of the 100th Anniversary of the unveiling of the World War I Honour Roll will be held from January 6-27, 2017.
- The complete uniform of R. G. Rice (who created the Honour Roll), will be displayed as well as artifacts, documents and photographs relating to WWI.
- Archives has confirmed over 400 names on the roll and there are about 1,000 names under consideration.
- Two volunteers were able to travel to WWI cemeteries overseas (France and Belgium) on behalf of the Saanich Remembers project. They placed certificates of remembrance and Canadian flags on the graves or at memorials of 16 Saanich soldiers.

In response to a question, the Acting Archivist stated she will investigate whether the Archives newsletter can be shared electronically.

The Chair advised that there was a recent article in the Saanich News regarding a donation from the Greater Victoria School District of "SD61 Remembers" which is a compilation of 300 men and women who attended School District 61 schools and lost their lives in WWII.

HERITAGE

Canada 150 update

The Chair provided an update. She noted there was a meeting with UVic, Oak Bay, Victoria and Saanich to look at working together for the 150th celebration. She also noted that clarity is needed on the reports that went to Council in early November and that the motion made at the October 27th meeting should be rescinded.

Motion: MOVED by B. Williamson and Seconded by K. Whitworth, “That the following motion from the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee made at the October 27, 2016 meeting, be RESCINDED:

‘That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee endorses the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee’s Canada 150 Working Group report dated October 27, 2016 from Councillor Sanders, and recommends the report be forwarded to Council for approval.’”

MOTION TO RESCIND WAS APPROVED

Motion: MOVED by B. Williamson and Seconded by A. Lansdell, “That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council:

- 1. Approve the proposed work plan and budget for the District of Saanich Canada 150 events and activities as discussed at the November 24, 2016 ACH meeting;**
- 2. Approve the installation in 2017 of a Canada 150 themed outdoor public art project in a location to be determined in accordance with 7.2 Public Art Process in the Comprehensive Art Policy; and,**
- 3. Refer the public temporary art program to Council’s Strategic Planning process.”**

APPROVED

The discussion continued and the Senior Manager of Recreation Services reminded members of the ideas that were in the work plan circulated last month. It was noted that the working group will have to find funding for a proposed time capsule as Saanich is not funding this other than the installation.

Samples of various Canada 150 banners were circulated to members. The budget for banners is approximately \$200 per banner which includes installation and hardware. It should only take 3-4 weeks for banners to arrive once ordered, however the schedule of the Public Works department will determine when installation can occur. Committee members all agreed on the sample where the municipality can place their logo on the banner underneath the “Canada 150 Celebrate Canada” design.

Motion: MOVED by B. Williamson and Seconded by M. Sealey, “That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that the maximum amount of double-sided banners within budget be ordered, with the logo design chosen by committee members as circulated at the November 24, 2016 meeting, for installation as soon as Public Works can complete.”

CARRIED

Saanich Heritage Foundation report

- There is a joint Foundation and ACH meeting and potluck scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at 5:30 pm.
- The Lindsay log cabin at 4420 Wilkinson Road will be demolished/deconstructed due to neglect.

ARTS

Sign at Cedar Hill Community Recreation Centre

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services reported that the recommendation from this committee to change the name of the Cedar Hill Community Recreation Centre was not well received by the area community association. Parks staff will meet with the community association to look at the scope of the park planning process; but it is not known if signage will be part of this process. Committee members discussed the centres and their uses, and it was noted that all but Saanich Commonwealth Place are named as community recreation centres.

ACH Awards

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services reported that nominators and recipients have been contacted about the upcoming reception and presentation on December 5th. She described the menu provided by AquaTerra, who will cater the event. She asked for feedback on what worked and did not work well for the nomination process. The following comments were noted:

- The amount of nominations received was disappointing considering the amount of effort that was made to promote the awards.
- Suggestion to not have such specific criteria (eg. 400 words), and just ask for nominators to explain why they are nominating people.
- A better form that outlines the criteria being judged would be helpful.
- Some people were excluded because the work they did was within their regular employment. It should be specified that the work being done is done after regular work hours or during retirement, etc.
- Question was asked if more grass-roots people should be given more consideration compared to those who are firmly embedded in the arts. Comment made that the unsung hero award does cover this.
- Suggestion that Saanich Strategic Goals be removed from the brochure as this information is not necessary.
- Having the Saanich News provide the advertising support was very good.
- Nomination period could be longer.
- Having 'nominate today' on the brochure was a good visual.
- Use of the whiteboard chart while deliberating nominees was very useful.

The Chair noted that she and K. Whitworth purchased some artwork done by a Saanich artist to present to the ACH Awards nominees. This artwork is exchangeable if people want to exchange for a different colour. The artwork will be presented along with certificates to the nominees. The artist, Jenny Waelti-Walters, will be invited to the event. The Senior Manager of Recreation Services was thanked for facilitating the event.

Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria Update

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services reported that the CACGV will be moving from the Cedar Hill Arts Centre into the downtown Bay Centre, and has renamed itself the Victoria Arts Council. She provided an explanation of their services and noted that they will continue to curate the gallery and exhibits at the Cedar Hill Arts Centre. The space at the Arts Centre used by the CACGV (Victoria Arts Council) was quite small and a request for proposals will be put out to arts groups to see if anyone can use the space.

A request was made to have a future presentation about the Victoria Arts Council's responsibilities.

Committee appointments

The Chair noted that the Council appointments are not known at this time, but she hopes to continue to serve this committee for another term. She also advised that Roger Love will not re-join the committee next year.

It was noted that a change in Chair can affect the direction of projects committee has been working on, but committee members can ensure that a new Chair is aware of the importance of such projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary