

AGENDA
ARTS, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To be held at Saanich Municipal Hall
Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams
Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM

The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout, Tseycum and Malahat Nations.

We are committed to celebrating the rich diversity of people in our community. We are guided by the principle that embracing diversity enriches the lives of all people. We all share the responsibility for creating an equitable and inclusive community and for addressing discrimination in all forms.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. March 26, 2025

B. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. CHAIRS REMARKS

2. THE CHILD CARE SYSTEM IN SAANICH - THE MUNICIPAL ROLE AND THE NEED FOR POLICY FRAMEWORK AND AN ACTION PLAN

- Belinda Macey, Program Coordinator, Victoria Child Care Resource & Referral Program
- Bob Yates, Research Support to Child Care Resource & Referral Centre

C. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: May 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM

In order to ensure a quorum, please contact Colton Whittaker at 250-475-5494 ext. 3642 or colton.whittaker@saanich.ca if you are unable to attend.

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held via MS Teams
770 Vernon Avenue
March 26, 2025 at 5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Mena Westhaver (Chair), Pamela Carroll, James Hesser, Peter Quinn, Kristen Kay (5:09 p.m.), Colin Newell, Isak Serhan
Regrets: Mark Leiren-Young
Staff: Regan Pemberton, Community Programmer II - Child & Youth Services; Colton Whittaker, Committee Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by J. Hesser and Seconded by C. Newell: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee held February 26, 2025, be adopted as circulated."

RESULT: Carried 6 TO 0

IN FAVOUR: Carroll, Hesser, Quinn, Westhaver, Newell, Serhan

OPPOSED: None

COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

CHAIRS REMARKS

The Chair welcomed committee members, and the following was noted:

- The Uptown Multicultural Festival is proceeding as planned in June, operating on a tight and time-sensitive schedule.
- Uptown has committed to fully funding and managing the event this year.
- Councillor Westhaver will propose an amendment to the motion at Council to incorporate a transition plan for the event's long-term sustainability.
- La Société Francophone de Victoria is one of several organizations involved in the festival.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by P. Quinn and Seconded by J. Hesser: "That the meeting be adjourned at 5:11 p.m."

RESULT: Carried 7 TO 0

IN FAVOUR: Carroll, Hesser, Quinn, Westhaver, Newell, Serhan, Kay

OPPOSED: None

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

COMMITTEE CLERK

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