

**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

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CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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COMMITTEE CLERK

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