

AGENDA
For the Special Meeting of the
Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee
To be held in Council Chambers
Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue
Wednesday, November 25, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 measures, Saanich is unable to accommodate the public for any Council, Committee of the Whole, Advisory, Board or Foundation meetings while maintaining the limits on large gatherings due to the Public Health Order.

As per the Order of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, Ministerial Order No. M192, public attendance at the meeting is not required if it cannot be accommodated in accordance with the applicable requirements or recommendations under the *Public Health Act*.

To register to hear this meeting by telephone, please email council@saanich.ca or telephone 250-475-5501. You are asked to provide your name and an email address where instructions can be sent to you, along with the name and date of the advisory committee meeting you wish to hear. The registration deadline is 12:00 p.m. noon on the day of the meeting.

- 4:00 p.m. * Territorial Acknowledgement and Equity and Inclusion Statement ***
- 4:05 p.m. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (attachment)**
 ▪ September 23, 2020
- 4:10 p.m. CHAIR’S REMARKS**
 ▪ Visioning and new ideas for the year
 ▪ Revitalizing with new ideas to protect old heritage
- 4:15 p.m. REDEVELOPMENT OF FIRE STATION NO. 2**
 S. McGhee, Program Manager, Strategic Facilities Planning
 <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/departments/fire-department/fire-station-2-redevelopment-4595-elk-lake-drive.html>
- 4:45 p.m. ARCHIVES UPDATE (attachment)**
 ▪ Report from E. Wolfe, Archives Supervisor
- 5:00 p.m. HERITAGE ACTION PLAN**
 ▪ S. Nicholson, Saanich Heritage Foundation
- 5:15 p.m. COMMUNITY ARTS UPDATE (attachment)**
 ▪ Report from B. Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist
- 5:30 p.m. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE**
 ▪ Committee Discussion

* Adjournment *
Next Meeting: January 6, 2021

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers
Thursday, September 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m

Present: In Person:
Leanna Rathkelly, John Ellis and Sonia Nicholson.

Via Teleconference:
Michelle Sealy, James Hesser, Marran Dodds, Heron Hanuman, Deb Beaton-Smith.

Staff: Megan Squires, Planner (Community Planning); Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist (Community Services); and Megan MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Councillor Karen Harper, Irene Corman and Mark Leiran-Young.

NOMINATION OF A CHAIR

As the chair was not present at the meeting, Leanna Rathkelly was nominated as chair.

MOVED by J. Ellis and Seconded by J. Hesser: "That Leanna Rathkelly be appointed as Chair for the Arts, Culture and Heritage meeting held September 23, 2020."

CARRIED

SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION UPDATE

Sonia Nicholson presented an update on the Saanich Heritage Foundation and stated:

- The Saanich Heritage Foundation meeting schedule was impacted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, meetings have resumed via electronic/virtual participation.
- Recent outreach efforts include the creation of social media accounts and a new logo.
- Outreach aims to inform residents about grants and funding that are available as well as to encourage new Heritage designations.

PUBLIC ART UPDATES

Megan Squires, Community Planner provided an update on current Saanich public art initiatives:

- The redevelopment process for Saanich Fire Hall #2 in Royal Oak is currently underway. As per the *Saanich Comprehensive Arts Policy*, the project will meet Civic Public Art Program requirements, which includes a jury process for selecting the proposed artwork.
- The jury process will likely be initiated in 2021, with the redevelopment project being anticipated to be completed in 2022.
- The Arts Culture and Heritage Committee (ACH) will receive a presentation on the redevelopment project from Stacy McGhee, Program Manager, Strategic Facilities Planning, at a future ACH meeting.

SAANICH ARCHIVES REPORT

MOVED by J. Ellis and Seconded by M. Sealy: "That the Saanich Archives Report dated September 23, 2020 written by E. Wolfe, Archivist, be received for information."

CARRIED

ARTS PROGRAMMING & COMMUNITY ARTS INITIATIVES

Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist provided information on community arts initiatives. The following was noted:

- The COVID-19 pandemic led to cancellation of multiple community arts initiatives.
- HeArts Together is an initiative undertaken with community partners, which recognized the need to support members of the community who may be isolated and organizations adversely impacted by shut downs related to the pandemic.
- Members of community who took part in the HeArts Together Program (Website: <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-community/arts/hearts-together-community-art-project.html>) decorated wood and clay heart cut-outs, which were created and donated by community partners. The decorated hearts were then displayed at various locations through the community. Approximately 150 hearts had been completed to date.
- Moon Festival displays have been put up at Gordon Head Rec Centre, as well as a Flow Thru lantern and light display, which can be viewed on foot, by bicycle or car.
- There were a number of small pop up style Music in the Community and Arts in the Community engagements in the parks.
- Brenda Weatherston suggested visiting the Arts BC website for some resources. <https://artsbc.org>

Members of the committee were grateful for the music and art displays that have taken place in the community despite the current challenges.

COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

The committee discussed possible initiatives that could be taken on in light of the current pandemic and restrictions on large gatherings. The following was noted:

- Most community events Saanich events have been put on hold.
- It was noted that Saanich does not have a formal Arts Council. Members of the committee are interested in promoting the arts and music that already exist within Saanich. Some municipalities have an Arts Council, including Victoria and Esquimalt.
- Some members of the committee are interested in obtaining more information regarding the possible role of a Saanich Arts Council or additional support for existing arts groups.
- An informal working group was formed by J. Ellis, M. Sealy and D. Beaton to explore the idea of forming a Saanich Arts Council, and what the role of the committee would be.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Leanna Rathkelly, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

Saanich Archives Report to ACH Committee

Evelyn Wolfe, Archivist
November 2020

Archives Reopening

After receiving approval for our COVID-19 safety plan, and in co-operation with the GVPL, the Archives has reopened on a limited basis. We are currently open to one visitor at a time, by appointment only, on weekdays between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. We continue to welcome inquiries by phone and email.

Since reopening, Archives staff have been busy getting in touch with all the people on our contact list who expressed an interest in visiting the Archives to donate items or to do research during our 14 month closure.

Recent Archives Activities

Online resources added

We've continued to expand our online presence in order to provide more historical information about Saanich and to connect with the community.

We've recently added over 30 oral history transcripts to our Collections & Research web page. These transcripts are full of interesting information and stories told by the people who experienced local history first-hand. Some examples of recently added names are: Ed Lum, former Mayor of Saanich; Ursula Jupp, local historian and Gordon Head resident; Eric McMorran, of the McMorran Resort in Cordova Bay.

The oral history transcripts can be found here:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/archives/collections-research/oral-history.html>

October was Women's History Month, and the Archives added a virtual exhibit entitled *Making an Impact: 110 years of the BC Women's Institute*.

We also placed three of our wartime exhibits online in honour of Remembrance Day. These Remembrance exhibits can be viewed until the end of November.

Our Exhibits page can be accessed here:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/archives/exhibits.html>

Exhibit

Saanich Archives installed an exhibit for Remembrance Day in the main window gallery at the Municipal Hall, on display October 22 – November 17. The exhibit, entitled *Spotlight on Service*, highlighted seven Saanich residents who served during World War 1 and World War 2.

Newsletter

The Archives fall newsletter was distributed to our subscribers via email in October, and shared on social media. To subscribe to the newsletter, or to read past issues, visit our News & Events page:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/archives/news-events.html>

Committee members are welcome to contact the Archives with any questions.

Email archives@saanich.ca or call **250-475-5494 ext. 3478**.

Report

To: Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee
From: Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist
Date: 11/23/2020
Subject: Arts Update for November 2020

HeArts Together Community Art Project:

The [HeArts Together Community Arts Project](#) continues to create and spread messages of hope and caring throughout Saanich during the pandemic. Over 600 wood and clay hearts have been created with community partners to date, with new collaborations begun with Luther Court Complex Care and Assisted Care Facility, the Boy Scouts, and Island Community Mental Health Association. A new installation of hearts has popped up at Rudd Park, with more planned for good weather spells this fall.

Arts Programs and Community-Partnered Programs:

Arts programs were back this fall at Saanich facilities as well as community arts partnership programs with groups at Cedar Hill. Community partners such as the Salvation Army and the Victoria Women's Transition House are grateful to be collaborating once again on art and writing/spoken word programs that provide wellness benefits to participants. As well, a tour and hands-on opportunity was recently organized for a small group with the Island Community Mental Health Association. Recent changes to health orders are pausing some movement-based arts programs (e.g. dance) for the near future.

Arts in Community Pop-ups:

Late fall arts in community performances have been put on hold with changes to PHO safety requirements. The arts, music and performance community pop-up program has been very successful and is being planned to continue in 2021.

Exhibitions:

Saanich Municipal Hall Exhibits through December 31:

Main Floor Window

Brian Rombough, wood sculpture

Main Floor Gallery & Reception

Paula Nasmith, *Hidden Worlds: Paintings and Prints*

Second Floor Gallery & Administration

City Artworks, Francisco Munoz and Dean Simpson

Find information on the artists on the [Saanich Calendar](#).



City Artworks: Dress, stained glass mosaic on display at Saanich Municipal Hall

Cedar Hill Recreation and Arts Centre Exhibits:

Continuation of exhibitions at Cedar Hill has been approved and new guidelines and procedures that meet COVID safety requirements and facility operational needs are being finalized. Exhibitions are expected to resume in 2021.

Family Arts Festival, February 2021

With present restrictions on events and public gathering, modified plans for Family Arts Festival are being explored. To celebrate both arts and creativity as well as the Family Day holiday on February 15, staff are considering creative options for online delivery of some limited arts activities and performances as well as distributed “at-home” activities or small family “bubble” activities at the Centre. Plans will be shared as options evolve in 2021.