

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2  
**Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarat, Kay Beckett, Kathleen Brennan, Valerie Green, Ken Johnson, Roger Love

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; Caroline Duncan, Archivist; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Absent: John Crawford, Anne Lansdell

Guest: Bob Williams, liaison, Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria

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### **Minutes**

A discussion occurred regarding a motion made at the meeting last month, which was amended as follows:

**MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by R. Love: "That the motion within the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee minutes of February 26, 2015 be amended to recommend that Council request staff to identify existing landscape features within the Municipal Hall Designation Bylaw No. 6387."**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by R. Love: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held February 26, 2015, be adopted as amended."**

**CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **JC Scott report – update from the Directors**

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services went to the Director's meeting with this item and they discussed how to support the recommendations within the document. In the short term if there are any structural or furniture changes proposed in the Hall, a request will go through the Director of Planning, and any changes will come back to this committee for information. Once the heritage designation is passed, a longer term process will be implemented possibly through the Manager of Facilities.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Municipal Hall**

The Chair noted that people are keen to have a celebration at the hall. Options were discussed and the following was noted:

- On the anniversary date (December 1<sup>st</sup>) there could be speakers, a presentation in chambers, staff dressed up, and cake cutting type of event.
- On December 4<sup>th</sup> (a Saturday) the Christmas light up occurs and an event could be held in conjunction. The Chambers are booked for choirs.

- An event could be held during good weather (eg. September). Possibility of having car collector club attending with cars from 50 years ago, a flea market, fire trucks, school bands etc.
- Consideration of staff time should be made (eg. overtime on weekends).
- An attempt should be made to engage youth to attend/participate. Inviting students taking architecture and local government studies was suggested.
- What is the intent of the event, and what should be the focus (eg. architecture, building history).

The Chair stated that she will approach the CAO to discuss holding an event in September and will inquire about funding.

## **ARCHIVES UPDATE**

The Archivist advised that a donation was received from the Burnside Lawn Bowling Club (Hampton Hall) of records from 1922-1990, including minutes, accounts, visitors books, correspondence and press cuttings. An archival description of the materials has been done and will be placed on the Memory BC site. About 100 photos are to be scanned and placed on the website as well. The heritage bus tour will stop by this site.

## **ARTS UPDATE**

### **Comprehensive Arts Policy**

Committee members discussed the final housekeeping amendments to the Comprehensive Arts Policy, which will be forwarded to the Planning Department for consideration. It was suggested that Parts 4 and 5 should refer to the Official Community Plan. The Senior Manager Recreation Services noted that the staff work plan includes a review of this policy.

### **Arts Awards**

The Senior Manager Recreation Services provided a history of the Arts Awards idea and provided information about the Environmental Awards given by the Environmental and Natural Areas Committee. A discussion occurred about a variety of considerations including the frequency of an awards event, the time of year to hold an event, options for categories, potential gifts and the nomination process.

Committee members will further discuss this item at the next meeting.

## **SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION REPORT**

K. Johnson reported that a dishwasher and hot water tank were installed at Dodd House.

## **COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER VICTORIA REPORT**

B. Williams reported that:

- They recently finished the Look Show.
- They are working in cooperation on an exhibition with Saanich on Embracing Aging and on the arts studio drop-in for youth.
- Upcoming events include the Global Voices Choir on April 12<sup>th</sup> and a juried art show in mid-May being held at the Atrium building. There are many seniors' organizations with art programs, but not a lot of opportunities to display their work so this will showcase some of their artwork.

The Community Arts Specialist noted that Shaw TV put on a program about the value of arts in long term care facilities. She also noted that “Limelight”, a youth art showcase will be held between April 23 - May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill, in partnership with the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria.

**COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2015**

To be discussed at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015.

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Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary