

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2  
**Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarar, Kay Beckett, Kathleen Brennan, John Crawford, Anne Lansdell

Staff: Doug Henderson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Absent: Valerie Green, Ken Johnson, Roger Love

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

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### Minutes

**MOVED by A. Lansdell and Seconded by L. Agarar: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held March 26, 2015 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

### HERITAGE UPDATE

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

The Director of Park and Recreation circulated a draft timeline for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Municipal Hall celebration. He noted that the Heritage Foundation and members from this committee will need to be actively involved in the organizing and running of this event.

Committee members discussed the proposed timeline dates and the following was noted:

- It may be good to place temporary signs advertising the event along parts of the Saanich trail system.
- Banners are to be added under the miscellaneous section.
- A grant will be applied for and committee should know by June if a grant is awarded.
- The majority of funds would go towards a commemorative sign to be placed at the back of the hall near the mailboxes.
- Archives will be involved and may want to provide a visual chronology of the hall.
- It would be great to invite schools in for hall tours.
- The sign unveiling and garden tours in September would be better than December.
- A variety of names were provided as possible speakers for guided tours.
- It may be better to move up the proposed advertising schedule.
- Vintage displays (e.g. a Hallmark Society table) could be included.

Consensus was that an event that includes speakers and guided tours would work well for December 1 and 2, and that self-guided tours could be offered for December 3.

## **ARTS UPDATE**

### **Arts Awards**

The Community Arts Specialist presented a draft “*Saanich Arts, Culture and Heritage Arts Program*” document which provided options for Committee to consider for the proposed Arts, Culture and Heritage awards. A discussion occurred regarding eligibility, categories, criteria/process, nominations, and in what form awards will be (eg. Saanich pin, certificate, online acknowledgement). The majority of members liked the idea of offering a lifetime achievement award in addition to the proposed categories. A discussion also occurred about separating businesses and organizations from individuals.

Consensus was that awards will be granted at least once per Council term. The Community Arts Specialist will update the draft based on the feedback received today.

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

- They are working in cooperation with Saanich on Limelight Youth Art Exhibition and Art Jam drop-in for youth. They have also extended the Art Jam.
- A juried art show will be held May 7th held at the Atrium building.
- The Arts Alliance is working on a provincial Arts and Culture policy for British Columbia. Further information will be emailed to committee members.

## **MEETING TIMES**

A discussion occurred about varying times of the committee meetings as this may provide more opportunity for student liaisons and other interested parties to attend committee meetings. It was noted that when Saanich advertises for advisory committee volunteers, the dates and times of meetings are not mentioned, and this can result in people withdrawing their names when they realize they cannot attend the meetings. Issues such as meeting room availability and the impact of staff overtime were also noted.

No action to be taken at this time.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival is running at this time. More information about programs and events can be found at [GVPAF.ORG](http://GVPAF.ORG)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. and the next meeting is Thursday, May 28, 2015

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Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary