

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2  
**Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarar, Kay Beckett, John Crawford, Ken Johnson, Roger Love

Staff: Caroline Duncan, Archivist; Jane Evans, Community Planner; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Absent: Kathleen Brennan, Valerie Green, Anne Lansdell

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

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Committee members expressed appreciation to the recording secretary for her ongoing support.

### **Minutes**

**MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by R. Love: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held May 28, 2015 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

### **ARCHIVES**

#### **Saanich Remembers World War One – project update**

The Archivist provided an update about the Saanich Remembers World War One project which started in 2014. There will be a repeat of the library talks in the fall at the Centennial Library (October 16<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>), at Bruce Hutchison (November 4<sup>th</sup>) and at Nelly McClung (November 8<sup>th</sup>). The talks are being sponsored in partnership with the Greater Victoria Public Library who are sharing the cost of the honorariums.

The Saanich Honour Roll, on display in the Archives, currently contains 355 handwritten names of Saanich residents who served in WWI. It is believed, however, that approximately 800 Saanich residents served the war and there is an ongoing project to discover those missing from the Honour Roll, create biographies about them and honour them appropriately. Approximately 30 volunteers have completed 90 biographies to date.

The Archivist spoke of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission book which commemorates the fallen and provides information about place of burial/commemoration. To date, more than 20 Saanich soldiers killed in action have been identified through the research carried out by volunteers. There is an idea to honour Saanich soldiers buried overseas by laying a wreath at the burial site. Archives would like to involve families of fallen soldiers. Committee responded positively to this idea.

A brief discussion occurred about local gravesites, and a story was relayed about a local WWI soldier being found due to a name of the honour roll of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers in London.

## HERITAGE

### Heritage Procedures Bylaw follow-up

The Community Planner provided an overview of last month's discussion surrounding the Heritage Procedures Bylaw. Edits have been made based upon comments received, and staff will continue to review various applications as they do now.

Timelines and the processes staff has to follow were explained, and in response to a question it was noted that continuing temporary protection may be set for a period of 120 days. Flexibility in timelines is needed in order for applications to be considered by the Saanich Heritage Foundation, by staff, and by Council.

The Community Planner will research whether the construction value limit of \$25,000 is still reasonable.

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

Committee discussed the upcoming anniversary and it was suggested that before and after pictures of the Hall be displayed. Archives will create the displays and will assist with the interpretive sign if there are enough funds. Staff is waiting to hear officially if a grant has been received, but it looks like the grant may be about \$5,500 less than anticipated.

**Motion: MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by R. Love, "That the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee supports the convening of a Special Council meeting on December 1, 2015, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Saanich Municipal Hall, with presentations and a re-enactment of the first meeting held in the new Council Chambers."**

**CARRIED**

## ARTS

### Craigflower Bridge Public Art Update

The Community Planner provided an update on the Craigflower Bridge public art project; the theme for the competition was "bridging perspectives" and a jury decided on the winning artist, Blake Williams. An overview of Mr. Williams' work was given, and it was noted he will be at the July 1<sup>st</sup> event on the Gorge to collect stories about the surrounding area. The unveiling of the artwork should occur in October 2015 and will be located on the pedestrian alcove on the south side (northwest of the schoolhouse).

## SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION REPORT

K. Johnson reported:

- The demolition of Agate Lane house occurred; this house was on the registry.
- An application to demolish 1542 Mt. Doug Cross Road was received; this is a farmhouse that is in good condition. The owner wants to subdivide the land and demolish the house. The Foundation would like to see the plans first and noted this must go to the Planning department and to Council first.
- Foundation grant program is underway, some people have completed their works.
- An application for perimeter drain work at 4423 Tyndall Avenue was received; this work was done in 2010 but the drains failed. Foundation needs to figure out how to

avoid this in the future, as they have no inspection rights. It is important to ensure that proper permits are pulled and inspections occur.

- The Schoolhouse opened on June 14<sup>th</sup> and will be open for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Heritage classes are coming together; a heritage painting class is lined up and more topics to be added in the future.
- The Foundation needs to come up with money for boxes to hold the walking tour brochures. These are for the Gorge waterway as well as the Tattersall area walks.

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

B. Williams reported that they are within days of their yearend, and are planning next year's programs. Painting in the Park is on the radar for next year, and they will be part of Gorge on Art, showing "Puppets for Peace".

## **ROUNDTABLE**

The following ideas/comments were briefly discussed:

- Economic drivers: what brings people into Saanich?
  - Having a build-up of arts in the community could help; we should capitalize on the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill more.
  - The Craigflower Schoolhouse has the potential to be a tourist attraction; there is a nice walk and a colonial history. Interpretive signage is needed in the area.
- The new Saanich website will have a better calendar of events; this should be launched in January 2016.
- Goals for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada should be discussed early for planning purposes. A grant will be available through the federal government National Archives department for this event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Friday, September 18, 2015

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Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary