

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

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarar, Kay Beckett, Kathleen Brennan, John Crawford, Valerie Green, Ken Johnson

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Jane Evans, Community Planner; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Absent: Anne Lansdell, Roger Love

Minutes

MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by V. Green: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held October 22, 2015 and the Special Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on November 12, 2015 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

ARCHIVES

The Chair circulated a tour guide that Archives had submitted. The guide was originally created in 1965 and will be used for the upcoming hall tours. The display case is complete and large pictures are still to go up.

HERITAGE

Update – 50th Anniversary of the Municipal Hall

The following was noted:

- Advertising has been done via various venues.
- Photographer – still working on finding one.
- Access signage to be done.
- Area maps and signs for each heritage 'station' to be done.
- The program is being finished and will be printed by December 1st.
- K. Johnson will be doing a powerpoint.
- Name tags, brochures and pins to be issued.
- Lyris, John and Kay are tour guides. Anne, Valerie and Kathleen will greet.
- Three members of the Saanich Heritage Foundation will help with tours if needed.
- Recreation is working on the food; cake has been ordered.

New Sustainable Community Planning Project

The Community Planner provided an overview of the Saanich Climate Action Plan goals to reduce carbon emissions 33% by 2020. Included in these goals is the reduction of building emissions by 30% with a building retrofit strategy that will help homeowners reduce their emissions and improve energy efficiency. This program is just at the beginning stages.

It was noted that over half of the residences in Saanich are built pre-1970 and a discussion occurred whether to describe older homes as heritage buildings, pre-1970 buildings, or just as older buildings. The City of Vancouver currently has an energy retrofit grant program available for homes built pre-1940. Biggest areas to improve efficiencies are with oil tank removals/conversions, insulation, sealing leaky areas, and installing vinyl or storm windows.

It was suggested that starting with oil tank removal would make the most sense and that incentives to encourage people to convert should be provided. The Community Planner noted that energy audits will help homeowners determine the best course of action. Saanich is currently promoting and providing some funding for the provincial Oil to Heat Pump program, and promotes the HERO incentive program funded by utilities.

ARTS

Proposed date for Craigflower Bridge public art opening

An invitation was circulated to committee members and the Community Planner provided an overview of the project. The Craigflower Schoolhouse has been booked for the artist's presentation and a ribbon cutting will be outside beside the artwork. Date for the event is Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION REPORT

K. Johnson noted that:

- The sidewalk sign is revised at 1950 Lansdowne Road; there will be a wide path behind the wall as a shared use bikeway.
- He will have a discussion with B. Weatherston about having arts events in the schoolhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

In response to a question about the participation of the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria, the Chair stated she will inquire with the group to see if there will be a regular liaison present at future meetings.

Valerie Green, Kay Beckett and Kathleen Brennan were all thanked for their service to the committee as they are not renewing their terms next year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary