

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 9:30 am

Present: Councillor Brice (Chair), Lyris Agarar (10:30 am), Sean Burns, Nathalie Chambers, John Crawford, Leanna Rathkelly, Michele Sealey, Kate Sykes-Waller

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning (10:40 am); Silvia Exposito, Community Planner; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Ken Johnson

Guest: Councillor Vicki Sanders, Canada 150 Ambassador

The Chair welcomed the three new committee members to the table and roundtable introductions were made.

Minutes

MOVED by L. Rathkelly and Seconded by M. Sealey: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held January 18, 2018 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

An update was provided about the Shelbourne Memorial Tree Proposal. Council has approved the staff report at their March 19, 2018 meeting. This item will be placed in work plans and existing tree health will be monitored, opportunities for recognition will be sought, and gaps in the street will be looked at.

The Chair stated that a letter had been sent in recognition of the exhibit "Behind the Lines: Contemporary Syrian Art". This exhibit was successful and both the art work and the opening night musician was very moving.

The Terms of Reference was provided for information purposes only. No discussion is needed at this time.

CORDOVA BAY AND CADBORO BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN UPDATE

The Chair noted that the Local Area Plans (LAP) are up for review and Council has given direction on timelines for the reviews. Silvia Exposito, Planner, was present to provide information on the LAP update process. The following was noted:

- Committee is invited to participate in the process; information cards were circulated to committee and members were encouraged to spread the word, as public participation is desired.
- The Local Government Act is the overarching legislation, followed by Regional Growth Strategies, Official Community Plans, Local Area Plans and Development Permit Area Guidelines, followed by Zoning Bylaws.

- LAPs will provide detailed guidance to Council, staff, property owners, developers, and the public to address growth and change within a neighbourhood.
- LAPs aid in decision making, provide a reasonable level of certainty about future uses, development and quality of life and set the context for considering development proposals.
- New areas of focus for the LAPs include:
 - Climate change
 - Range of mobility options
 - Housing affordability and choice
 - Centres and Villages
- Numerous opportunities for public engagement including (but not limited to):
 - Open houses and workshops
 - Pop-up events
 - Walking tours
 - Surveys
 - Focus groups
- Saanich has developed a speaker series; the first event, Building Neighbourhoods for the Future, featuring Gordon Price was held on March 21, 2018.
 - Second event, Our Community in a Changing Climate, to be held on Monday, May 7th.
- All Saanich LAPs are to be updated within the next seven years. The Cordova and Cadboro Bay plans are the first to be updated and are to be completed by April 2019.

The Chair stated that committee will further discuss this at the next meeting to see what principles the committee would like to see embodied in the plans, and she hopes that a cultural component will be identified in them. The historical value of Cadboro Bay in particular was noted, as this area was originally a cottage area for Victoria.

STRATEGIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN ADJOURNMENT

The Chair provided an overview of this item for the benefit of new members and stated that Saanich has grown a lot and its facilities needs to be invested in to be sustainable. The memo from this committee to the Strategic Facilities Planning Program Manager will be received as feedback and included in the overall project that will go to Council.

ARCHIVES

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services noted that Archives typically hosts an event once a year. This was regularly in the form of a heritage bus tour with different themes, and last year in honour of Canada 150, a fashion show that highlighted the clothing of the past century was held and well attended. She invited members to think about possible topics or events that could be done this year. It was noted that the 100th anniversary of the observatory is already being recognized. Ideas included:

- Highlighting historical public events such as protests in Saanich (labour, religious, cultural, women's etc.). This doesn't necessarily have to be a negative event.
- Having a historical tour that includes costumes of the ages throughout; this would be entertaining and educational.

A suggestion was made to consider Karen Borden as an archival reference and try to include reconciliation in the chosen event. The Chair stated that respectful acknowledgement can be done, and maybe a separate bigger event would be better.

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services will pass on the ideas to Archives staff.

HERITAGE

Heritage Foundation

Minutes from the November 14, 2017, January 9, 2018 and February 13, 2018 Saanich Heritage Foundation meetings were circulated for information. A brief discussion occurred about having a joint meeting with the Foundation.

Canada 150 Ambassador's Report

The Chair expressed great appreciation to the Canada 150 Ambassadors who went the extra mile and took the time to attend virtually every event in Saanich this past year.

Councillor Sanders described the evolution of the Ambassadors and stated that while they thought they may attend between 18-30 events, in actuality they attended over 60 events. She provided a presentation highlighting the functions and activities in which the Canada 150 Ambassadors participated. The selfie stations and the "Grateful for Saanich" concept was popular and positive. Larger event venues included the Family Arts Festival, Music in the Park(s), Cadboro Bay Fest, Goward House and Pearkes 50th anniversary celebration. Sponsors included Canadian Tire, Big Wheel Burger, Peppers, Camosun College, and Saanich News. Lots of arts and crafts with the Canada 150 theme occurred throughout the year and the display case currently shows examples of items that could go into the time capsule.

ARTS

Canada 150 Public Art Jury Process update

The Manager of Community Planning presented information about the jury process for Canada 150 artwork. A public art project was approved by Council with a budget of \$75,000, and the theme for the artwork is Canada 150 with the sub-themes diversity, environment, reconciliation and youth engagement. The site chosen for the project is at the corner of Finlayson Road and Cedar Hill Road on the border of Saanich and Victoria. A call to artists is going out soon, with a deadline date of May 7, 2018.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. The next meeting is Thursday, April 26, 2018

Councillor Brice, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary