

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 4:03 p.m

Present: Councillor Karen Harper, Deb Beaton-Smith, Marran Dodds, John Ellis, Heron Hanuman, James Hesser, Mark Leiran-Young, Sonia Nicholson, Leanne Rathkelly and Michele Sealey

Staff: Megan, Squires, Planner (Community Planning); Nadine Kawata (Planner (Community Planning); Evelyn Wolfe, Archives Supervisor; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist (Community Services); and Jeff Keays, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Irene Corman

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED by M. Sealey and Seconded by J. Hesser: "That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee held on December 12, 2019 be adopted."

CARRIED

REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND 2020 MEETING DATES

Members of the committee and staff introduced themselves. The committee then reviewed the draft Terms of Reference and 2020 meeting dates and made revisions some of the dates and times of meetings.

GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY – SAANICH CENTENNIAL BRANCH

Caitlin O. presented on the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) – Saanich Centennial Branch and stated:

- The GVPL is connecting with Arts, Culture and Heritage groups throughout Victoria and are engaging with members of the community to ensure the community's needs are being met.

Committee members made the following comments:

- Library endeavours are encouraging.
- It is appreciated that the GVPL is reaching out the community and meeting with Arts, Culture and Heritage groups.
- It was suggested to hold a committee meeting at a Library facility.

DEPARTMENT/SERVICE OVERVIEWS

Staff provided an overview on departments and services and stated:

- The changing landscape and trends for heritage conservation influences the work of staff as does climate change, Reconciliation efforts and land economics.
- There is no real way to stop vandalism of public art.
- The purpose of the Archives is to collect and preserve documented heritage in Saanich.

- Most items in the Archives were not damaged as a result of the flood.
- Archives currently has an exhibit located at the Cedar Hill Arts Centre.
- Parks, Recreation and Community Services coordinate arts and culture events and festivals, including Family Arts Festival, Gorge on Art, artist studio tours, a youth art showcase and Moon Festival; staff also oversee approximately 75 exhibits and displays a year.
- The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department completed a recent Recreation Market Analysis of programs, facilities and services; there is community support for arts and culture, community events, multiculturalism and diversity and Indigenous Reconciliation.
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Awards are administered through Legislative Services every two years.
- Discussion took place with respect to Reconciliation efforts in Saanich; it is a priority for Saanich and protocols have been developed.
- Events often endeavour to include Indigenous participation and components.
- Recently, engagement has been enriched through relationship building with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Councillor Harper, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary