

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2  
**February 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarat, Pauline Cohen, Kim Fawthorpe, Valerie Green, Ken Johnson, Anne Lansdell, Roger Love

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Caroline Duncan, Archivist; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Kay Beckett

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

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New member Kim Fawthorpe was welcomed to the committee and roundtable introductions were made.

### **Minutes**

**MOVED by A. Lansdell and Seconded by R. Love: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held January 23, 2014 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

### **ARCHIVES UPDATE**

The Archivist provided information about the annual Heritage Bus Tour that occurs each September. A discussion occurred about possible themes, tour date, and tour guides. Consensus was that the theme this year would be a literary themed tour, and members discussed various writers and homes that could be on the tour route (eg. homes of N. McClung, B. Hutchison, G. Cash).

V. Green agreed to be the tour guide. K. Fawthorpe advised that she may be able to gain access to the Queenswood Caretaker Cottage.

The tentative date set for the tour is September 28, 2014. A decision will be made about where to hold the tea.

### **HERITAGE UPDATE**

#### **Heritage Management Plan**

The Heritage Management Plan was briefly discussed. It was noted that the tools available are listed on Appendix D (page 65) of the Saanich General Plan Heritage Policies document. Ultimately the Committee would like to see a recommendation go forward that Saanich have a Heritage Procedures Bylaw.

### **Heritage Action Plan**

Committee members looked at the priorities of the Heritage Action Plan. Consensus was to send a request to staff for an update on the status of the items in the Plan, with a focus on the items listed as high priority. A request was made for the Manager of Community Planning to provide an update at the next meeting.

### **Joint Meeting with Saanich Heritage Foundation**

The Chair stated that she attended a meeting of the Heritage Foundation; they felt that either a social get-together, or a meeting where ACH attends the Heritage Foundation meeting would be a good idea. It was noted that the ACH committee does more public relations and raises awareness about heritage issues (via tours and brochures). The Foundation's purpose is to provide grants to owners of heritage buildings, structures or land for the purpose of assisting in preservation, maintenance or restoration of heritage properties; review Saanich Heritage Register and Heritage Management Plan; review and make recommendations to Council regarding heritage designation requests and for changes to heritage buildings; and, promote and encourage public interest in heritage conservation. They also manage Dodd House and Hall House for Saanich.

### **Heritage 101 Event**

Committee discussed the idea of having an event to raise heritage awareness to the broader community. Various possible venues were discussed; the target audience needs to be identified. The event could include information about how to safely do practical things such as heritage home repair.

The Chair will make some inquiries regarding different options and report back.

## **ARTS UPDATE**

### **Carnival of the Arts**

The Community Arts Specialist reported that after consulting with the Special Events Coordinator, artists and community groups, a smaller scale event is being planned this year. This is the final year that the event has funding. The event will include presentations from Kaleidoscope Theatres, musical activities, dance, visual arts and hands-on activities, and will be held Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 11:00 – 3:00.

Various comments were made with regard to the funding of this event, and ways to raise funds. Staff noted that at this time there is no plan or source to replenish the fund.

### **Saanich Community Arts**

The Community Arts Specialist provided information on how the Comprehensive Arts Policy supports arts in Saanich and noted how Saanich has demonstrated a strong commitment to community and municipal arts through various programs, events and initiatives. She provided statistical information on Arts Centre registrations, drop in users and programs, and noted that since 2011 the Cedar Hill Arts Centre has seen 102% increase in classes and 184% increase in registrations in dance and performing Arts. Additionally, registrations have increased exponentially in visual arts and ceramics programs.

In terms of parks programming, annual and special events, the Community Arts Specialist noted the various programs offered, including: Music in the Park; Gorge on Art; Limelight Youth Art Experience; Saanich Studio Tours and, Moonfest Lantern Celebration. Saanich also provides support for regional Arts organizations through the CRD and the Arts Advisory Council and Arts Development office.

### **Saanich Arts and Culture Strategy**

The Community Arts Specialist advised that review of the strategy is on the staff work plan and this committee will receive a status update in April.

### **Public Arts Policy**

Committee to discuss, and perhaps forward a recommendation for consideration.

\*\*\* K. Johnson left the meeting at 11:05 a.m. \*\*\*

### **UPDATES/CARRY FORWARD**

The Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria is working with staff on the possibility of holding an event to be held at Cedar Hill Arts Centre in September that combines paint in the park, an arts expo and demonstrations. Grant requests will be made; if no grant is received, then honorariums will be of a smaller scale.

Next month the committee will visit the Garth Homer Centre at 11:15 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 27, 2014

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Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary