

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Held at Cedar Hill Arts Centre, Art Room #1

**Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

Present: Councillor Sanders (Chair), Lyris Agarar, Kay Beckett, Pauline Cohen, Valerie Green, Ken Johnson, Anne Lansdell, Roger Love

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; Mark Boysen, Sustainability Coordinator; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Kim Fawthorpe

Guest: Stephanie Eisenbraun, Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria

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### **Minutes**

**MOVED by K. Johnson and Seconded by A. Lansdell: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held March 27, 2014 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

### **HERITAGE**

#### **Heritage Action Plan follow-up**

The Manager of Community Planning provided an update on the Heritage Action Plan and also circulated a status report on the maintenance of municipally-owned heritage structures. The following comments were noted:

- Saanich has nine designated heritage structures (one is going through the process of being officially designated).
- Repair and maintenance of the nine facilities are the responsibility of various departments, the Heritage Foundation, or not-for-profit groups.
- No conservation plans are in place for Saanich-owned heritage buildings at this time.
- Major material repairs/replacements on Saanich heritage structures are done according to "Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada".
- An internal review of the Natural and Cultural Resources document is being made and the hope is to present information to this committee in May 2014.
- The Heritage portion of the Saanich website will be reviewed/updated by removing past events. It is hoped that a stronger link to the Archives page can also be made.
- As each Local Area Plan is revised, the Committee should be given the opportunity to look at the Arts, Heritage and Cultural aspects of each Plan.
- An update on the Community Map has not been done; more information will be given at the May meeting.
- There are plans to invest in the municipal buildings; energy audits will occur soon.

Mr. Johnson will take the list of potential heritage designated dwellings to the Heritage Foundation for information; he suggested that the Foundation may be able to contact the owners of these dwellings and may be able to organize an informational open house in this regard.

### **Energy saving upgrades on heritage properties**

The Sustainability Coordinator presented information about upgrades that were performed on Machin House at 4135 Lambrick Way, and discussed retrofitting heritage buildings. The following was noted:

- The Machin House dwelling was originally heated with oil heat and supplemented with hydro.
- City Green did thermal imaging to see where heat loss occurred. The attic and walls needed insulating and air sealing was necessary. The oil heating system was replaced with a condensing natural gas boiler.
- Pre-retrofit versus post-retrofit energy consumption estimates indicate close to 50% in annual fuel cost savings. The energy rating is increased from 19 to 38, making the house twice as efficient, and the annual carbon footprint is reduced by 4.5 tonnes of greenhouse gas.
- The intent is to repeat this process at McCrae House at 1445 Ocean View Road.
- Next steps include improving insulation and sealing the basement area, compiling other examples to provide to Saanich residents, and focus on a program to remove heating oil tanks from all Saanich properties.
- Information regarding oil tanks is available on the Saanich website; it will take a long time to locate and then remove 50+ years of oil tanks.
- Dodd House is currently heated with a propane heater and supplemented with baseboard heat; natural gas furnace heating will be considered in the future.
- Energy audits are to be done at Municipal Hall and recreation centres; there are air circulation issues at the Hall.
- In terms of prioritizing nine heritage properties that need upgrades, staff targeted dwellings with oil tanks first; there will be potential to improve all dwellings eventually.

## **ARTS**

### **Update - Carnival of the Arts/Limelight Youth Festival/Youth Week**

The Community Arts Specialist provided information about upcoming events including: Carnival of the Arts; Limelight Showcase; Gillian Redwood Exhibition; Saanich Studio Tour; Scattered Artists Studio Tour; Cadboro Bay Art Studio Tour; Saanich Artists Studio Tours and the Saanich West Studio Tour.

### **Community Arts Council Update**

The Community Arts Council representative advised that there is no new information to share regarding the September 10-17<sup>th</sup> event. She provided information about the “Look Show” that will be held at Uptown Centre from May 3 – 24, and will showcase over 200 artists with over 400 works on display, along with various demonstrations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. A tour of the Cedar Hill Arts Centre followed.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 22, 2014

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Councillor Sanders, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary