

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

Held at Cedar Hill Arts Centre, Arts Room

**Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 9:30 am**

Present: Councillor Brice (Chair), Lyris Agarar, John Crawford, Leanna Rathkelly, Katherine Whitworth

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Evelyn Wolfe, Archivist; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Jason Jones, Recreation Programmer; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: Ken Johnson, Anne Lansdell, Michele Sealey, Stephanie Vieille

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### Minutes

**MOVED by L. Agarar and Seconded by J. Crawford: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held May 25, 2017 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

### CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair noted that this will be the last committee meeting until the fall, and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the many cultural events available this summer, such as Strawberry Festival and Music in the Park events.

The Chair also circulated a Saanich News article written about the CRD arts funding and provided committee members with background information on the matter. Council is to consider a resolution on CRD Bylaw 4127, Arts and Culture Support Service Establishment Bylaw at the next meeting. Committee members expressed interest in possibly speaking to the CRD's Arts Advisory Committee. The Chair will pass this information along to Councillor Plant who is the Chair of that committee. James Lam can be invited to provide an update on CRD arts.

### ARCHIVES

The Archivist provided an update and the following was noted:

- Arrangements are being finalized for 'A Century of Fashion with Ivan Sayers'. Registration will open on August 9<sup>th</sup> and a ticket for each committee member has been set aside until September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- This fall there will be three history talks in conjunction with the Greater Victoria Public Library, including:
  - A talk by Valerie Green about the history of Shelbourne Street.
  - A talk by Bart Armstrong about Local Heroes of WWI, specifically Commander Rowland Bourke and Private Robert Gilbert.
  - A workshop put on by Steve Clifford about researching WWI soldiers.
- A donation comprised of photographs, some certificates, letters home and a telegram about their missing son (Leslie Kellow) was recently given to Archives.
- A scrapbook was found which belonged to a former Saanich Municipal Clerk, Richard Sewell. The book contains many interesting tidbits and news articles.

A brief discussion occurred about what is considered to be historical in terms of timeline. Most historical items are considered to be pre-1980's or 1990's. A comment was made that it would be nice to save some current information for future archiving.

## HERITAGE

The Canada 150 Ambassadors reported that they will be present at the Saanich staff picnic, the Gorge Canada Day Picnic, Strawberry Festival, and at Music in the Park events. Some Community Associations have also asked them to be present at some other events.

## ARTS

The Community Arts Specialist circulated a poster about Gorge on Art at the Gorge Canada Day Picnic. About 32 artists will be in attendance this year.

## CULTURE

The Recreation Programmer provided detailed information about programs offered by Saanich Recreation to help with multi-culturalism and connecting people together. He noted that there are about 23,000 immigrants in Saanich and he regularly liaises with the Victoria Immigrant Refugee Centre Society (VIRCS) as well as the Intercultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA). Other partnerships include the Community Partner Network, Local Immigrant Partnership, Vancouver Island Refugee Response Team and the Vulnerable Immigrant Population Program with VIRCS.

Some of the services facilitated by Saanich include: SpeakWell ESL conversation club, a Chinese community drop-in, a Punjabi women's drop-in and ABC family camping which provides a first-time camping experience for immigrants.

Cultural events that occur in Saanich include the Moon Festival (formerly Luminara), which occurs in late September, and there are a variety of cultural stage events which occur at Family Day, Strawberry Festival, and other events throughout the region. The school district allows for access to kitchens in middle schools for some of the programs when food services are needed.

A brief discussion occurred about the many different groups of immigrants from a variety of English and non-english speaking countries, and how to provide support for newcomers. The ICA is a valuable resource for these people. The Recreation Programmer was thanked for his presentation.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017.

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Councillor Brice, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary