

AGENDA
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, April 27, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- February 23, 2017 meeting (attachment)

2. CHAIR'S REMARKS / INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

3. ARCHIVES

- Update (attachment)

4. HERITAGE

- Saanich Heritage Foundation report (K. Johnson)
- Report from Canada 150 Ambassadors (L. Aragat, M. Sealey, K. Whitworth)
- Heritage Bill - for information (attachment)

5. ARTS

- Update

6. CULTURE IN SAANICH

- Discussion led by Senior Manager, Recreation Services

7. UPDATES / CARRY FORWARD

8. ARTS AWARDS – REMAINING PRESENTATIONS

- Sheila Blake – Lifetime Achievement
- Mike Geric Construction Ltd. – Art of Business: Supporter
- 11:00 - 11:30 am coffee and treats

* Adjournment *
Next Meeting: May 25, 2017

In order to ensure a quorum, please call Tania Douglas at 475-5494 ext. 3505 or
tania.douglas@saanich.ca if you are unable to attend.

Go Green!
Members are encouraged to bring their own mug to the meeting.

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:30 am

Present: Councillor Brice (Chair), Lyris Agarat, John Crawford, Ken Johnson, Anne Lansdell, Leanna Rathkelly, Michele Sealey, Katherine Whitworth, Bill Williamson, Diane McNally (School District 61, non-voting liaison)

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Evelyn Wolfe, Archivist; Kerri Ward, Archives Specialist; Carole Ireland, Manager, Cedar Hill Recreation Centre; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Minutes

MOVED by M. Sealey and Seconded by B. Williamson: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held January 24, 2017, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

ARCHIVES

The Archivist and Archives Specialist were present to propose an alternative to the annual heritage bus tour. It was noted that over the last few years there have been tours provided by other groups that compete with the Saanich Heritage Bus Tour; accessibility of a large tour bus has been a challenge in some areas; the bus tour is not fully accessible to those with mobility issues; it is difficult to find homeowners who will open their homes for tours of their heritage homes; and, last year only 70% of the seats were sold, indicating it may be time for a change.

The proposal is to hold a historical fashion show and lecture at Cedar Hill golf course on October 22, 2017. Historian Ivan Sayers (previous Curator of History at the Vancouver Museum) would present 150 years of fashionable clothing from circa 1860s to 2010s. The clothes would be worn by live models. Archives would also display 150 years of Saanich clothing with the 15 centennial exhibit panels and additional panels with photographs. Estimated budget information was provided. The cost of the show would be similar to last year's fee of \$35 per person, for approximately 64 people, and would include minimal refreshments.

Committee members discussed this idea and staff responded to questions. The following was noted:

- There used to be a collection of dresses kept locally but they were sent to Winnipeg and to Vancouver as it became too costly to rent space here.
- Ivan has a general show, but would cater this event to Saanich. The show would help develop awareness (maybe help find more collections), and to promote history.
- Funding that is traditionally provided for the bus tour would be reallocated to this event.
- The 15 centennial panels would contain some photographs of First Nations clothing, as actual First Nations clothing is almost non-existent.

- A suggestion was made that the current Council could dress up in period clothing, as they did in 1967.
- In terms of audience appeal, people interested in history, costume design, and clothing would be interested in this event
- A suggestion was made to videotape the show.

Motion: MOVED by K. Whitworth and Seconded by B. Williamson, “That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee supports the idea of holding a historical fashion show, facilitated by Ivan Sayers, in place of the annual heritage bus tour.”

CARRIED

The heritage fashion show will be promoted as a Canada 150 event by the Canada 150 Ambassadors.

HERITAGE

Lighting in Municipal Hall

The Manager of Facility Operations provided an update on the lighting in municipal hall. The goal was to preserve the existing lenses; staff worked with the lighting manufacturers on retrofits and feel that they have something that works well. It is felt that a balance between green technology and heritage preservation was achieved. Staff anticipate about a 50% - 60% energy savings as a result of these improvements.

After adjournment some committee members will join the Manager of Facility Operations on the third floor of the Municipal Hall to view the lighting improvements.

Webcasting in Council Chambers

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services informed members that this project is going through the purchasing process and is currently out to Tender.

Canada 150 Ambassadors Report

An example of the Canada 150 Brochure was provided, along with a work plan, budget, and a summary of activities to date. The work plan is fluid and will develop as events are identified. The Ambassadors will publicize any other Canada 150 events they hear about. Volunteers are needed for some events. Regular updates will be provided.

The Senior Manager of Recreation Services informed members that she spoke with the Communications department and they are working on facilitating a web page on the Saanich website for community members to post their Canada 150 event information. She also displayed a sample banner for committee member's information.

Motion: MOVED by B. Williamson and Seconded by L. Rathkelly, “That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approves the February 10, 2017, ‘Canada 150 Community Leaders Ambassadors Budget’, with the expectation that the Ambassadors will continue to provide regular updates of their activities.”

CARRIED

Heritage Foundation Report

Hallmark Society is hosting a Music of 1967 event at Alix Goolden Hall on April 25th to commemorate the music of the summer of 1967. Victoria was the location of Canada's first love-in.

The schoolhouse taxation issue is apparently being taken care of by either Saanich municipality or by the provincial Heritage Branch; it is not known at this time which of these two will provide assistance.

Insulation will be installed into the Craigflower Schoolhouse walls next week. The schoolhouse has been regularly used by First Nations students and enrollment has increased to about 25 children. The First Nations teacher will make a presentation at an event on March 10th from 10:30 – noon at the First Nations Ceremonial Hall at UVic.

The Canada 150 Ambassadors will reach out to the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and the Tsawout and Tsartlip Bands in Central Saanich to see how they would like to celebrate Aboriginal week in June, as their guidance would be appreciated.

ARTS

The Manager of Cedar Hill Recreation Centre along with the Arts Specialist, provided committee members with a copy the Cedar Hill Arts Centre Council Bulletin, which summarizes the statistics of formal registration numbers, exhibits, dance attendance and various programs of the centre. It was noted that parking is sometimes an issue. An oral history project will be hosted along with the Intercultural Society to explore when newcomers feel like they are a part of this nation.

The Family Arts Festival was successful and it was nice to see so many different cultures participating at the event. The event was promoted via marketing, social media, programming, and word of mouth.

It was noted that there is not enough court space or fitness space and that planning for growth is needed. The Strategic Plan anticipates high growth and staff want to start thinking about planning for growth with the community.

The Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria has moved to Victoria; they previously leased gallery and office space within the Cedar Hill Arts Centre. Saanich will resume control of the gallery at the end of July and will look at making the spaces more cohesive as it is felt that there is a disconnect between the arts centre, the gallery, and the café.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Councillor Brice, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

Archives update, ACH meeting 27 April 2017

1. Archives participation in Vimy100 commemoration event April 9, 2017 Bay Street Armoury

Saanich Archives had a large display at the Vimy100 event including:

- photographs and a display book about Muggins the Red Cross dog, who raised over \$21,000 for the Red Cross and other relief causes during World War 1
- photo display about the impact of World War 1 on Saanich residents at home
- World War 1 diary of a Saanich soldier, Stanley Girling, one of 5 Girling brothers from the Swan Lake area of Saanich who served in WW1
- memorial display book about the Saanich residents who served at the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and those whose names are on the Vimy Memorial (24 names identified to date)
- photo display about Saanich veteran Tom Hall's trip to France on the pilgrimage to attend the unveiling of the Vimy Memorial in 1936

The event was well-attended, and Archives staff were kept busy answering questions about our display.

2. Update on Ivan Sayers historical fashion show:

- the date, Sunday October 22, has been confirmed with fashion historian Ivan Sayers
- Cedar Hill Golf Club has been booked for the event
- we expect to be able to accommodate 80 attendees
- costs have been confirmed with Ivan Sayers and the golf club, and price for attendees will be \$35
- the fashion show event will be listed in the Fall Active Living Guide and people will register online or through any Saanich recreation centre
- Archives staff are currently working on promotional material for the event

Begin forwarded message:

From: CP/S IRVINE

Date: April 12, 2017 at 8:25:19 PM PDT

To: Susan Brice; Diana Butler

Subject: Heritage Bill

Dear Susan and Diana,

Over three weeks ago (apologies for being slow with this) when we three enjoyed a morning together I mentioned that Russell's appointment to the Maple Ridge Heritage Commission and my Breakfast Club connection had led to him enjoying a long chat with Jan Ross in February. We were both in Victoria at that time to spend some time with friends from Ontario.

Jan put Russell in touch with a couple of people over here because the MR Heritage Commission had been studying a private member's bill, C-323. One of those contacts is the sponsor of the bill, John Aldag, member for Langley-Cloverdale.

The bill seeks to amend the Income Tax Act and, if it became law, would establish a tax credit for expenses related to the rehabilitation of a historic property. It also would establish a tax deduction for the capital cost of the property used in the course of such a rehabilitation.

A point to remember about this bill is that it would only apply to private historic property. Such property must be eligible for inclusion on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. Properties of a similar historic significance in the public domain or those owned by registered societies are not within the realm of Bill C-323. The latter properties are seen to be eligible for financial assistance through charitable income tax provisions and other forms of assistance.

It is interesting to note that Bill C-323 passed Second Reading a few weeks ago and has been referred to Parliament's Standing Committee for Environment and Sustainability. Rarely do such bills get to the committee stage. Also unusual was that support for the bill came from members of the Liberal, PC and NDP parties.

The speeches in Second Reading given by MPs are available online at:

<https://openparliament.ca/bills/42-1/C-323/>

Or, you can scroll down to the list of private member's bills at this link and find it within the list:

<https://openparliament.ca/bills/>

The opening remarks of the Bill's sponsor, Peter Van Loan, give a good overview of value of having this legislation in place. The attachment with this email is a summary of economic points made during the debate.

The speech by John Aldag the MP for Langley-Cloverdale is in the online material. Look for it near the end of the debate on March 9.

As of late March no information was available on timing for the Standing Committee's review of Bill C-323.

The MR Heritage Commission made a presentation to council which was well received. Please encourage others you know to support the bill. The proposed legislation, if approved, would certainly assist in retaining historic properties across Canada.

Russell appreciates your interest.

Enjoy the Easter weekend.

Sherry

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Information Provided in the Debates on Bill C-323

Results from the US Income Tax Benefit Program:

Within the income tax credit initiative for historic buildings some 41, 000 projects were certified as being as being eligible. The program was authorized in the US Bi-Centennial Year and the first funding commenced in 1981. Since the program's inception it is estimated that the \$23.1 billion in federal tax credits have generated in excess of \$120.8 billion in private investment in historic buildings.

The work within the Incentive Plan on renovating buildings in the US has created 2.4 million jobs.

Further analysis of the US program by the National Trust of Canada indicates while the US Federal Government spent \$23.1 billion in restoration tax credits over the past 40 years, this credit resulted in an additional \$28.1 billion in tax revenue. In short the US Federal Government made \$5 billion by promoting heritage restoration.

There is some data provided on the amount of housing created by the Incentive Program. Within the 41,000 certified historic projects, the US tax credit is estimated to have led to the creation of over 525,000 housing units, including 146,000 low and medium income housing.

Results from Canada's Pilot Project on Financial Assistance for Heritage Buildings:

In 2003, a pilot program was launched in Canada that yielded promising results. Over the five year pilot project, \$21.5 million Federal contributions supported 49 projects and leveraged \$177 million or more than eight times more in private sector investment.

Information from MPs speeches on Bill C-323
February/March 2017