

AGENDA
For the Special Meeting of the
Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee
To be held in Council Chambers
Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue
Wednesday March 24, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 measures, Saanich is unable to accommodate the public for any Council, Committee of the Whole, Advisory, Board or Foundation meetings while maintaining the limits on large gatherings due to the Public Health Order.

As per the Order of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, Ministerial Order No. M192, public attendance at the meeting is not required if it cannot be accommodated in accordance with the applicable requirements or recommendations under the *Public Health Act*.

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1. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT**
2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attached)
 - January 19, 2021
3. **CHAIR'S REMARKS / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
4. **PRESENTATION – CAROLYN NIGHT**
5. **MURAL ON GALLOPING GOOSE SOUND BARRIER WALL**
6. **HERITAGE FOUNDATION UPDATE**
 - S. Nicholson, Saanich Heritage Foundation
7. **DIVISION REPORTS FOR INFORMATION** (attached)
 - Saanich Archives
 - Community Arts
6. **COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE**
 - Committee Discussion

* Adjournment *
Next Meeting: April 28, 2021

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers
January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillor Nathalie Chambers (Chair), Deb Beaton-Smith (via telephone), John Ellis (via telephone), James Hesser (via telephone), Mark Leiren-Young (via telephone), Sonia Nicholson, Michele Sealey (via telephone), Nik White (via telephone).

Staff: Megan MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Heron Hanuman, Leanna Rathkelly and Yashwant Reddy Katireddy (Youth)

MINUTES

MOVED by J. Hesser and Seconded by S. Nicholson: “That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held February 20, 2020, be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

MOVED by J. Hesser and Seconded by S. Nicholson: “That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held November 25, 2020, be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

CHAIR’S REMARKS / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed new members to the committee.

REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference were reviewed for information. It was noted that the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria no longer exists as the name was changed to the Victoria Arts Council. Saanich is not involved with the Victoria Arts Council.

MOVED by D. Beaton-Smith and Seconded by J. Ellis, “That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council updates the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference by removing the following: “The Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria may assign a member to the Committee as a non-voting liaison.”

CARRIED

REVIEW OF MEETING DATES

It was suggested that the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m, except in July, August and December. A memo will be circulated with the 2021 meeting dates.

WORKING GROUPS/WORK PLAN BASED ON COMMITTEE INTERESTS

A discussion took place regarding items that members of the committee had expressed interest in, the following was noted:

- The proposed Arts Awards will not be taking place in 2021.
- The Poet Laureate program is also on hold. This item did not happen in 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- Members of the committee would like more information from Parks, Recreation and Community Services. Communication from this department is essential to ensure that the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACH) can provide comment on the relevant topics.
- There are a number of topics discussed by other committees that would be of interest to the ACH. There is currently a lack of integration of information between committees.
- The committee would like to formalize the relationship between Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee, and ACH.
- S. Nicholson will consult with the Saanich Heritage Foundation on a possible partnership to create a heritage coloring book.
- There will be further discussion on artificial light and photography at the next meeting.

MOVED by J. Ellis and Seconded by M. Sealey, “That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee members be added to the notification list for all matters related to art, culture or heritage that are to be addressed by staff, committees or Council.”

CARRIED

HERITAGE FOUNDATION UPDATE

S. Nicholson gave a verbal update on the status of the Saanich Heritage Foundation (SHF). The following was noted:

- The SHF has designed a sign to be displayed on the lawn of heritage properties who receive a grant for renovations, which indicates that SHF provided financial assistance for the project.
- A consultant has been chosen to create two heritage conservation plans.

COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

The following was noted:

- The committee would like to have confirmation that the fire hall art is being prioritized early in the planning process.
- Members of the committee would like to receive a report on the status of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Arts Facilities in the CRD.
- Members of the committee are interested in learning more about the potential film studio in the CRD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Councillor Chambers, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

Saanich Archives Report to ACH Committee

Evelyn Wolfe, Archivist
March 2021

Reference room

Possibly because people are spending more time at home, many recent inquiries are from people researching the history of their house. Inquiries of all types (in-person, email and telephone) have increased in number since we reopened. We received 60 inquiries in the month after reopening compared to 27 inquiries in the previous month. As per our WorkSafe COVID-19 safety plan, in person visits are still restricted to one researcher at a time, by appointment only.

Online resources added

Because our public engagement opportunities are limited by COVID-19, Archives staff have created additional online content as a way to connect with the community and raise our public profile.

Recently added:

- Staff and volunteers have completed over sixty new biographies which have been uploaded to the Saanich Remembers online Honour Roll of residents who served in WW1.
- Parts 1 and 2 of the Gordon Head Local Area online exhibit, the latest in our series of local area exhibits, have been added to our website, and shared on social media and e-link.
- A short online photo exhibit entitled *Travel Through Time* invites viewers to journey with past Saanich residents through their photograph and postcard collections. Our online exhibits can be found here: <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/archives/exhibits.html>
- Two new historical articles were added to the Collections & Research page of the Archives website, and shared on social media.
[How Did Rudd Park Get Its Name?](#)
[How did Quick's Bottom Park Get Its Name?](#)

Recent Acquisitions

The Prospect Lake Heritage Society has donated a collection of back issues of *The Prospector*, the Prospect Lake Community Association newsletter, in both the original paper format as well as digital scans. The newsletters date from 1963 – 2019.

The Archives has received a donation of a wooden writing box and 25 photographs belonging to Clara Windsor McCoubry Morry. The pictures date from the 1870s to the 1910s, and include photos of various members of the Bradshaw family. The story of the writing box and its donation to Saanich Archives was covered by Saanich News. <https://www.saanichnews.com/community/mysterious-1900s-writing-box-finds-a-home-among-saanich-archives/>

Newsletter

The Archives spring newsletter has been distributed to subscribers and shared on our website and on social media. To subscribe to the newsletter, or to read past issues, visit our New & Noteworthy page: <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/archives/news-events.html>

Committee members are welcome to contact the Archives with any questions.
Email archives@saanich.ca or call 250-475-5494 ext. 3478.

The Corporation of the District of Saanich

To: Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee
 From: Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Programmer
 Date: 2/16/2021
 Subject: Community Arts Update for February, 2021

Family Arts “Family Bubble” Festival 2021

While our annual one-day Family Arts Festival could not take place at the Cedar Hill Recreation and Arts Centre this year due to health restrictions, staff pivoted to offer a COVID-safe creative series of activities that included:

- Diverse online performances including Ləkʷəŋən Traditional Dancers, Chinese Dance Victoria, musician LASSO (hosted by the African Arts & Cultural Society as part of Black History Month celebrations), Shan-e Punjab Dance and local musician Mr. Mojo
- Hands-on at-Home Art Activities with free “take and make” kits and online videos, hosted by the Métis Nation of Greater Victoria as well as Arts Centre staff. Several of the activities create pieces that contribute to community art projects.
- “Outdoor Art Adventures” in Saanich Parks. These included a new Saanich Plants and Animals Field Guide to take along and inspire your art after your visit, a Word Art Scramble in parks along the Lochside Trail created in collaboration with Saanich Peninsula Literacy and Lochside School, “Sense of Belonging: A Creative Mindfulness Walk in Nature” community art project along the Gorge Waterway with art therapist Kaitlin McManus, Scavenger Hunts with the Greater Victoria Public Library and a Saanich Public Art map activity.

Several activities include invitations to contribute to uplifting community art projects. A number of positive new collaborations with community groups resulted from “thinking outside the box” for the event this year. We received a BC Family Day Grant to help support, as well as a media sponsorship and positive media coverage over the weekend, including this CTV news story (at 11:40 mark):

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/video?binId=1.1777488>

Most of the activities will remain accessible for 4 weeks after the Family Day weekend to give the community plenty of time to enjoy.

Event info: <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-community/arts/family-arts-festival.html>



“Sense of Belonging: A Creative Mindfulness Walk in Nature” with Kaitlin McManus



Word Art in Doumac Park

HeArts Together Community Art Project:

The [HeArts Together Community Arts Project](#) continues to create and spread messages of hope and caring throughout Saanich during the pandemic. A number of hearts have been returned from the Metis Nation of Greater Victoria and the Victoria Native Friendship Centre has distributed hearts and hosted an online session with elders, youth and adults, with participation and support by Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society and Surrounded by Cedar Child & Family Services. Community feedback from the participatory initiative continues to be extremely positive.

Exhibitions

Saanich Municipal Hall Exhibits through March 30:

Main Floor Window

Bill Horne, "Dr. William Allen Jones," tribute exhibition of silkscreen prints honoring B.C.'s Black History Month

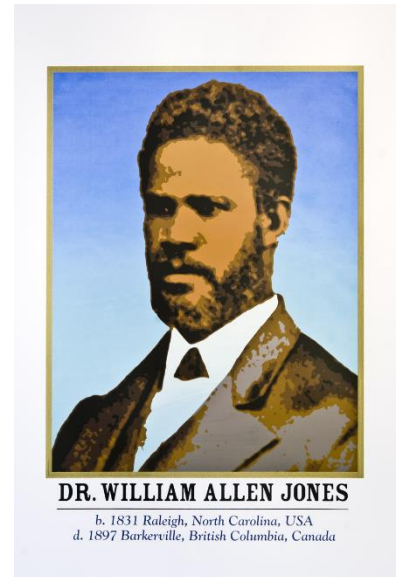
Main Floor Gallery & Reception

Jacqui Austin and Gabriel Taschereau, photography and paintings

Second Floor Gallery & Administration

Kate Brooks-Heinimann, large-scale landscape paintings

Information on artists on the [Saanich Events Calendar](#).



"Dr. William Allen Jones"
by Bill Horne

Cedar Hill Recreation and Arts Centre Exhibits Update:

Extended public health restrictions have delayed the approved restart of exhibitions at Cedar Hill Arts Centre for the time being.