

**MINUTES**  
**ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2  
**Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 9:30 am**

Present: Councillor Brice (Chair), Lyris Agarat, Sean Burns, Nathalie Chambers, Michele Sealey, Kate Sykes-Waller, Ned Taylor (non-voting student liaison)

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; Evelyn Wolfe, Archivist; Brenda Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist; Tania Douglas, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets: John Crawford, Ken Johnson, Leanna Rathkelly

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**Minutes**

**MOVED by L. Agarat and Seconded by K. Sykes-Waller: "That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held June 28, 2018 be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair noted that:

- Due to the upcoming municipal election, the October 25, 2018 ACH meeting is cancelled.
- A huge amount of effort was given by the people who volunteered their time for the Canada 150 celebrations and also by the people who spearheaded the Shelbourne Memorial Avenue project. The Chair asked committee for their support in her forwarding their names to Council for recognition awards.

A comment was made that it would be good to look at recognizing First Nations' arts and culture in the future.

**Motion: MOVED by S. Burns and Seconded by N. Chambers, "That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that members of the Memorial Avenue Committee and the Canada 150 Ambassadors be considered as recipients for community service awards as part of the next Arts, Culture and Heritage Awards program. The recipients' names will be forwarded to Council for consideration at the Chair's discretion."**

**CARRIED**

**With L. Agarat and M. Sealey abstaining**

**ARCHIVES**

The Archivist presented information about the activities of the Archives department.

- Archives staff collect documents which they clean, organize, catalogue, store and make available to the public online and in person.
- There are three part time staff members that work in Archives and their workload is full with the number of inquiries and visitors increasing greatly over the years.
- The History Talks series and group visits have been very successful.
- This year an event is booked at Fort Rodd Hill for the World War I remembrance and

other pop-up events have been done over the year as well.

- Schools are able to take advantage of the Archives' school lending kit, which supports the BC Social Studies curriculum and this has received good feedback.
- Archives contributes to History Pin, provides a monthly newsletter and regularly updates exhibit spaces in the municipality.

The Archivist advised that the heritage bus tour used to be the only community engagement event. This was last done in 2016 and then in 2017 staff arranged to hold a fashion show which was very successful. This year there was no event due to staff reductions affecting operations.

A comparison of the heritage bus tour versus history talks and group visits (in terms of costs and staff time) was given. The bus tour results in a financial loss, takes about ten to 15 times more staff hours, is not accessible for all people, and is costly for participants. The history talks and group visits are free to the public, include many more participants and takes minimal staff time to organize. There was no negative feedback received when the fashion show replaced the bus tour last year. Archives staff recommends that the bus tour be discontinued so the focus can be made on other outreach programs.

Committee members agreed that it makes sense to focus more on online services and discontinue the bus tour based upon the information received. A suggestion was made that pop-up historical talks could be given in the community or in seniors' homes.

**Motion: MOVED by S. Burns and Seconded by M. Sealey, "That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee supports the recommendation by Archives staff to discontinue the heritage bus tour in order to focus on more viable community outreach programs."**

**CARRIED**

## **HERITAGE**

### **Memorial Avenue update**

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, noted that Council endorsed the Memorial Avenue Committee's recommendation earlier this year and the Memorial Avenue re-dedication ceremony will take place on September 29, 2018 at 10:30 am. The street will be closed from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Naden Pipe Band and members of the military will proceed down the street, a traditional First Nations blessing will be given and Mayors, MLA's and the Governor General will be in attendance.

## **ARTS**

### **Municipal Exhibits program – request for ACH Jury member**

The Community Arts Specialist noted that applications have been received from groups wishing to exhibit their work in the Cedar Hill Arts Centre. She requested a representative from this committee with visual arts experience to sit on a panel that approves exhibits. The time commitment would be maybe 2-4 hours in mid-October.

### **Public Art update**

The Manager of Community Planning described the Canada 150 Public Art Competition process and announced that artist Carey Newman's "Earth Drums" were chosen as the

pieces to be placed in Cedar Hill. A description and model of the art piece was given and it was noted that the three square box drum totems each represent a different theme: past, present, future; elder, adult, youth; and, air, land, water. Carey Newman is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation master carver and a witness blanket participant. The goal is to have the art pieces installed by November 2018.

### **Cedar Hill Arts Centre update**

The Cedar Hill Arts Centre had a very busy summer with lots of youth camps and programs as well as adult programs. A new youth initiative, Saanich Youth Arts Council, will start up in the fall of 2018. Three open mike nights for poetry and spoken word are already scheduled. The Youth Arts Council will ultimately develop their own vision with the assistance of the Cedar Hill Recreation staff. Staff have reached out to the Native Friendship Centre and have a youth mentor; they still need to reach out to the indigenous school liaisons and the Inter-Cultural Association. A youth art internship is also planned for this fall.

It was noted that this year's Moonfest was successful with over 3,000 people attending.

An announcement was made that the Community Arts Specialist will be leave the Arts Centre and move back to municipal hall. Committee members wished her well in her new position.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

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Councillor Brice, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary