

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, 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