

MINUTES
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers
February 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm

- Present: Councillor Nathalie Chambers (Chair), Jasmindra Jawandra, Kimberly Van Nieuvenhuysse, Sonia Nicholson, and Nik White.
- Staff: Silvia Exposito, Planner (Community Planning); and Austin Winters, Committee Clerk.
- Regrets: Evelyn Wolfe, Archives Supervisor; Nadine Kawata, Planner (Community Planning); James Hesser, Jordan Macdougall (Youth), Jordan Watters and Teri VanWell.
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Minutes

MOVED by N. White and Seconded by K. Van Nieuvenhuysse: “That the Minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held January 26, 2022 be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

CHAIR’S REMARKS

The Chair wanted to acknowledge the need for greater diversity and inclusion within the District of Saanich to combat racism at all levels.

DRAFT CADBORO BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN

Silvia Exposito, a Planner from Community Planning and Project Manager of the Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan (LAP) delivered a presentation on the Draft Cadboro Bay LAP. The following was noted:

- Saanich held a display called “moments in history,” which was implemented to exemplify how the District has evolved.
- The LAP update began in 2018 and it includes an advisory committee that has been assisting staff with community outreach.
- There is a process that is approved by Council for developing LAPs. This process includes:
 - Phase 1 is project initiation;
 - Phase 2 is community visioning;
 - Phase 3 is plan development;
 - Phase 4 is the draft plan review (current phase);
 - Phase 5 is the plan finalization.
- The LAP is part of Saanich’s Official Community Plan which includes the Sustainable Saanich OCP.
- The updated LAP process also looked to integrate the District’s housing strategy, climate action priorities with regards to mitigation and adaptation as well as updates to active transportation.
- The community input for this draft LAP has been a multi-year process that has explored issues and developed fundamental content of the draft plan.
- Multiple surveys, workshops, open houses, stakeholder meetings and multi-day

charrettes were completed to better develop policies and garner key priorities for the LAP.

- Cadboro Bay Local Area has three distinct neighbourhoods which include “The Village, Ten Mile Point, and Queenswood.”
- The majority of Cadboro Bay is single detached dwellings and it contains many large institutional properties.
- There is detailed mapping within the LAP of significant natural assets found within Cadboro Bay such as nesting areas and significant trees.
- There is policy within the draft plan to encourage heritage property owners to register said property.
- There are nine key directions taken into account for the Cadboro Bay LAP, for which a lot of them are related to retaining the character of the area while also making housing and active transportation more accessible.
- Cadboro Bay is projected to be one of the areas of Saanich most impacted by a potential sea level rise due to climate change.
- LAPs are one of the guiding policies for the District of Saanich and they are critical to delivering substantive change over a 20 to 30 year time frame.
- Sinclair Road is a key focus of the LAP process, with clear policy direction for improvements in the Draft LAP.
- The improvements include a design concept for Sinclair Road in alignment with Draft LAP objectives, enhancing the role of Sinclair as a community gateway, and enhancing the Cadboro Bay Rd. and Sinclair Rd. intersection.
- The culture and heritage objectives are:
 - To honour and respect local First Nation heritage and culture through public awareness, inclusion and public art;
 - To preserve and enhance heritage resources;
 - Support a vibrant center that fosters community spirit and celebrates the local identity;
 - To continue supportive community initiatives that are inclusive and authentic; and
 - Acknowledge the local area and ensure cultural and heritage values are incorporated into the planning and decision making.
- From a land use perspective the majority of the change with this LAP is in the village neighbourhood where ground-oriented housing will be supported.
- There is also support for added height allowances on institutional mixed-use sites for affordable housing.
- The LAP looks to expand the area where townhouses would be supported as well as additional commercial opportunities and smaller scale apartments along Sinclair Ave.
- The Queenswood and Ten Mile Point area would largely remain as is with regards to future land use designations except for district wide in-fill projects.
- From an active transportation aspect improving connectivity of the street and trail network for pedestrians and cyclists accessing the Village, the beaches and area destinations is a key priority of the updated LAP.
- With regards to concerns about potential sea levels rising, the LAP incorporates the most recent CRD sea level rise mapping and adjusts land use designations based on the mapping.
- Further work with BC Transit is being done to enhance service levels.
- The LAP envisions keeping the green character and semi-rural quality of the streets within the Queenswood and Ten Mile Point area.
- The Village Design Guidelines are also being updated along with the LAP.
- The Guidelines provide direction for building and site design in the Cadboro Bay Village and its surrounding area.

- The Guidelines apply to multi-unit residential, commercial and mixed-use developments in the Village area.
- The next steps for the Cadboro Bay LAP include community and stakeholder consultations followed by changes to the LAP based off of feedback and surveys.
- The LAP will be brought forward for Council consideration and adoption in April or May 2022.

The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- Key plan direction number 1 and 8 are a bit similar in their wording and could be a little clearer.
- It might make sense to place key plan direction number 6 “recognize First Nations culture and heritage,” higher on the list as it is such a key priority.
- The “Moments in History” display is a fantastic use of resources.
- At the last ACH meeting there was discussion of a mural project.
- An inquiry was made as to whether there are some open spaces within the LAP that are within Saanich’s domain and that could potentially be utilized to recognize local First Nations culture and history through the mural project.
- There was questioning into whether there was representation of the BIPOC community, youth and those with accessibility needs during the four community workshops.
- Heritage should not be looked at as strictly physical but also the intangible.
- New ways to protect heritage in the face of climate change need to be established.

MOVED by N. White and Seconded by S. Nicholson: “That the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee request Council consider a mural project that can support and recognize local First Nations culture and history within the Cadboro Bay Local Area Plan.”

CARRIED

ACTIONABLE PUBLIC HISTORY ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED IN 2022

A decision was made to postpone this agenda item to the next meeting.

STATUS OF PUBLIC ART IN SAANICH UPDATE

The Planner from Community Planning delivered a brief presentation giving a status update on public art in Saanich. The following was noted:

- The ACH Awards recognize and celebrate contributions made to the cultural environment of Saanich, and are sponsored by ACH.
- The awards include five categories:
 - The Art of Business: Supporter
 - Cultural Steward: Organization
 - Unsung Hero: Individual
 - Next Gen: Youth
 - Individual Lifetime Achievement Award
- The awards would be modeled after the 2016 ACH awards and the work currently underway includes:
 - Website updates
 - Identifying 2016 award recipients (to be posted on the website)
 - Drafting nomination forms and communication materials, and
 - Organizing selection process.

- The Environment Awards allowed about 6 to 7 weeks for their nomination and staff is recommending 8 weeks for the ACH nomination period.
- There will be a special ACH meeting to select the award winners.
- The Fire Hall redevelopment application at 4595 Elk Lake Drive is in the final stage of review and is anticipated to proceed to Council in the next few months.
- The project includes a commitment for public art, in alignment with the Comprehensive Public Arts Policy.
- The public art Jury process will be scheduled following approval of the application.
- The proposed mural program is to be presented to Council in March

The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- An inquiry was made into how many nominations were placed during the last ACH award nomination period.
- Staff was not aware of the number of nominations made during the previous award period in 2016.
- There was questioning into what the communication strategy is for the ACH awards.
- There was concerns over how quickly the nominations for the awards could be opened.
- An in person awards ceremony was requested.
- It was decided that the nomination period would open in April, the selection meeting would take place in June and the awards ceremony would be held in September.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A note was made by the Chair that numerous black history month links are available for further review within the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

Councillor Chambers, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Austin Winters, Committee Secretary