

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2012-SEP-05, COMMENCING AT 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner Fred Pattje, Chair

Members: Commissioner Howard Houle
Commissioner Alec McPherson
Commissioner Donald Rinald
Ms. Julie Bevan
Ms. Gerda Hofman
Ms. Wendy Smitka
Mr. Kim Smythe
Ms. Marianne Turley

Other: Commissioner Diana Johnstone, Chair, PRCC

Absent: Ms. Geraldine Manson

Staff: B. Kuhn R. Tweed, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Add item 13.(b) – Poet Laureate update.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

(a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Cultural Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2012-JUN-06 at 4:17 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the Meeting Notes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

NONE.

7. COMMISSION REPORT: *(Presented by Commissioner Houle)*

Commissioner Houle provided an overview of the 2012-JUN-27 and 2012-JUL-28 meetings of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

It was moved and seconded that the report by Commissioner Houle be received. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:

(a) Cultural Award Committee. *(Gerda Hofman, Chair)*

Deadline for receipt of nominations is Saturday, 2012-SEP-15. The Committee is waiting for all submissions before meeting. Staff will send the Cultural Award Committee members a reminder of the date to review the submissions.

It was moved and seconded that the verbal report be received. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Art in Public Places Project Committee. *(Howard Houle, Chair)*

Nothing to report.

Staff advised that Kirsty MacDonald and Julie Bevan have met and will bring recommendations to the October Cultural Committee meeting.

(c) Cultural Forum Project Committee. *(Kim Smythe, Chair)*

The Committee met and reviewed the feasibility of entering a cost-sharing arrangement with the Chamber of Commerce for the cultural forum speaker. The Chamber is not ready at this time and not able to participate. Gord Hume has been booked for the 2013-FEB-12 workshop for Council, Commissions and Senior Staff. Possibility of having another meeting for Committee and other interested persons. Looking for opportunities for educational style forums in the new year, plus something quarterly. Another possibility is to approach VIU with regard to cost sharing.

It was moved and seconded that staff be directed to contact VIU to determine if they have an interest in cost sharing Gord Hume's time during his workshop in February 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the verbal report be received. The motion carried unanimously.

9. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) **New Nanaimo Cultural Plan and Proposed Gord Hume Workshop.**

Delegations: (None.)

Correspondence: (None.)

Staff's Recommendation: *That the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve the City Council, Commissions and staff workshop with Gord Hume on 2013-FEB-12 on "Integrating Cultural Planning Into All Aspects of Municipal Planning and Decision Making".*

By February 2013 a draft of the Cultural Plan will have been prepared. This Plan will then be presented at the Gord Hume workshop in order to ensure that Council is aware of the content and outcome of the new Cultural Plan. Any suggestions or feedback for revisions will be brought back to the Cultural Committee for review. This workshop will give Council the opportunity to dialogue with an expert in the field.

The Heritage Committee, Sustainability Committee and the Cultural Committee may also be included in a working session with Gord Hume at a different time. There is the possibility of having the Cultural Committee meet with Gord Hume in the morning of 2012-FEB-12 to review the Plan prior to the meeting with Council.

Also, it is possible that Gord Hume may be available to speak at VIU on 2012-FEB-13.

The Cultural Committee confirmed that they would like to participate in the proposed framework for the cultural planning process – phase II – in a formalized way. Staff advised that the plan is to schedule an extra meeting with the Cultural Committee in October/November. This will be facilitated by staff. Monthly reports on the progress will be sent out to the Committee members. Staff will report on the 2012-SEP-11 "visioning" exercise with the technical team at the October Cultural Committee meeting. On 2012-OCT-09 a community visioning forum is planned – to be held at the Coast Bastion Inn. Staff will send the "Cultural Plan Timeline and Key Dates" document to the Cultural Committee members.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: (not related to a Report to the Cultural Committee)

- a) Letter dated 2012-JUN-06 from Mr. Michael Wright, General Manager, Crimson Coast Dance Society, 150 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5G6, providing their report on the "Dynastic Dreams" event which was completed as planned and their thanks for the continued support through the 2012 Arts, Cultural, and Festivals Events Grant.

- b) Letter dated 2012-MAY-31 from Ms. Daurel Neve, General Manager, TheatreOne, 150 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5G6, providing their report on the 2011/2012 season events and their thanks for the continued support through the 2012 Arts, Cultural, and Festivals Events Grant.
- c) Letter dated 2012-JUL-03 from Ms. Sadie Beaudoin-Lobb and Mr. George Ewing, Co-Chairs, Gallery Row Outdoor Art Project Committee, 308 Fitzwilliam Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 3A5, providing their report on the 2012-MAY-11 Gallery Row event and their thanks for the continued support through the 2012 Arts, Cultural, and Festivals Events Grant.
- d) Letter dated 2012-JUL-05 from Ms. Sharyn Andruski-Collins, President, Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society, 3135 Mexicana Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 3A5, providing their report on the Jazz Affair Nanaimo event and their thanks for the continued support through the 2012 Arts, Cultural, and Festivals Events Grant.
- e) Letter dated 2012-JUL-11 from Ms. Deidre Bjornson and Ms. Paige Fisher, Co Coordinators, Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival, providing their report on the Bookfest 2012 and their thanks for the continued support through the 2012 Arts, Cultural, and Festivals Events Grant.

It was moved and seconded that the Correspondence be received. The motion carried unanimously.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:

NONE.

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Temporary Public Art Piece Donation – Mrs. Lee-Ann Stark, President, and Mr. Warren Jacques, Secretary, Newcastle Neighbourhood Association (NNA).

Staff spoke with Mrs. Stark and Mr. Jacques. They no longer wish to have it placed in the original location as presented. They may at some time wish to pursue; however, this may not happen in the immediate future. Staff recommendation is that this item be removed from Unfinished Business.

It was moved and seconded that Item 13.(a) be removed from Unfinished Business. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Poet Laureate Update.

There were challenges over the summer working with this matter. One meeting was held with a local writer; however, the position was declined. Staff had approached the Library for assistance; however, no one from the Library has come forward. There is the possibility of reducing expectations of the Poet Laureate and attempting to find a partner to increase the

stipend. The strategy is to continue to talk with members of the community. Kim Smythe will provide alternatives to the current criteria at the October Cultural Committee meeting. The idea was that this would be a honorary position; however, it is felt that the expectations are too high and the stipend too low.

14. QUESTION PERIOD: (*Agenda Items Only*)

15. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:41 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2012-OCT-03, commencing at 4:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. The motion carried unanimously.



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