

**NOTES
REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2011-SEP-07, COMMENCING AT 4:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Eveline O'Rourke, Chair

Members: Commissioner Diana Johnstone
Commissioner Fred Pattje
Commissioner Shirley Lance
Ms. Julie Bevan
Ms. Joanne Husband
Ms. George McGladrey
Ms. Kamal Parmar

Regrets: Commissioner Lynda Avis
Ms. Gerda Hofman

Staff: S. Samborski R. Tweed, recording
B. Kuhn

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural Committee was called to order at 4:17 p.m.

Introduction and welcome of Kamal Parmar as the newest member of the Cultural Committee. Ms. Parmar has relocated to Nanaimo from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is a writer and poet, and has served on various arts boards.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: No late items.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

(a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Cultural Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2011-JUN-01 at 4:10 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. DELEGATIONS: No delegations.

6. COMMISSION REPORT:

Commissioner Lance provided a verbal report on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on Wednesday, 2011-JUL-27.

It was moved and seconded that the Commission Report presented by Commissioner Lance be received. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:

No specific reports of the Committees; however, the membership was reviewed.

- (a) Art in Public Places Project Committee: current members are Shirley Lance, Joanne Husband, and Gerda Hofman.
- (b) Cultural Awards Project Committee: current members are Diana Johnstone, Joanne Husband, Lynda Avis and Julie Bevan. Lynda Avis is the Chair.
- (c) Cultural Forum Project Committee: current members are Julie Bevan, Eveline O'Rourke, and George McGladrey.

It was decided that if the Art in Public Places Project Committee or the Cultural forum Project Committee feel it necessary to have a Chair, they will select one from their Committee themselves.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

a) POET LAUREATE FOR NANAIMO.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the establishment of a Poet Laureate program for Nanaimo, and that \$1,000 be budgeted for annual expenses for the Poet Laureate beginning in 2012.

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

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

(a) Summer Public Art Projects.

(b) Canada Revenue Agency, Charities Directorate, Information Session.

- Staff to research if CRA would be available to present to Cultural organizations regarding Income Tax matters.

(c) Gord Hume Seminar.

(d) **2011 Cultural Forum.**

- Allyson McGrane will present on Fundraising / Grant Writing.
- Toni O'Keefe will present on Collaborative Marketing.

(e) **Cultural Awards Presentation Evening Survey Results.**

- Possibility of advertising in Bulletin to increase attendance.
- Discussion held as to whether the event would have increased attendance if local talent (a group) had an opportunity to perform at the event with an honorarium for the performers.
- This could also be a way to honor the recipients of the awards.
- It was suggested that the City have a budget line item for this event. Staff indicated that this will be in place for 2012.
- Proposal to obtain sponsors for the event.

It was moved and seconded that the Information Only Items be received. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Action)

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- (a) Correspondence dated 2011-JUN-08 from Ms. Ellen Wakelam, Nanaimo Conservatory of Music, thanking the Commission and Committee for their support of music education in Nanaimo.
- (b) Correspondence dated 2011-JUL-11 from Mr. Steve Jones thanking the Commission and Committee for honouring him with the 2011 Excellence in Culture Award.

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

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION:** (None.)

12. **CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:** (No other business.)

13. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:** (None.)

14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- (a) Temporary Public Art Piece Donation – Mrs. Lee-Anne Stark, President, and, Mr. Warren Jaques, Secretary, Newcastle Neighbourhood Association (NNA), would still like to attend a future Committee meeting and speak to this matter. They are still interested in appearing before the Committee. The requirements have been forwarded to them to ensure that the piece meets safety standards and the site location may no longer be suitable.

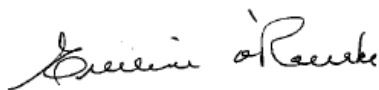
- (b) Film on the EJ Hughes Restoration – Will be available for sale in about one months' time in DVD format for approximately \$20.00. DVD is now available and is 58 minutes long. Committee would like to view it at a future Committee meeting. Accessibility to the mural – still cannot view it on the weekend.
- (c) Gaming Funds – Councillor Pattje will look into having the City write an official letter expressing concern over the reduction of gaming funds. Council decided at UBCM to meet with the Ministry responsible and have been turned down on all requests to talk to the Minister. In July, Skip Triplett was appointed by premier Christy Clark to lead a review to look into the way that revenues from gambling grants are allocated in the province. The meetings held as part of the review were well attended by the arts communities.

15. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)

16. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:11 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2011-OCT-05, commencing at 4:15 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



Eveline O'Rourke, Chair
Cultural Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



S. Samborski, Senior Manager
Recreation and Culture Services

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



Richard Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture