

**NOTES**  
**REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2011-JUN-01, COMMENCING AT 4:15 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Commissioner Shirley Lance, Acting Chair

Members: Commissioner Lynda Avis  
Commissioner Diana Johnstone  
Commissioner Fred Pattje  
Ms. Julie Bevan  
Ms. Gerda Hofman  
Ms. Joanne Husband  
Ms. George McGladrey

Regrets: Chair Eveline O'Rourke

Staff: B. Kuhn Brenda Moore, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural Committee was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (None.)

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-FEB-02, at 4:15 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:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address the Cultural Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

(a) Mr. Terry Jestin, 635 North Terminal Avenue, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 4K1, addressing the Cultural Committee with regard to nominations of Poet Laureates in the City of Nanaimo.

Mr. Jestin advised that he is writing about historical buildings in Canada and provided us with background information regarding the building of churches. He feels there are many Canadians who need to be recognized and honoured for their achievements, and

suggested the introduction of poet laureates to the City of Nanaimo. He mentioned that the City of Coquitlam and City of Victoria both have poet laureates and suggested we contact them to determine how they select candidates for this appointment. He suggested we appoint the individual for a two-year term. Committee members also recommended that Mr. Jestin speak with Heritage Canada and ascertain if they might be interested in supporting poet laureates.

6. CHAIR REPORT: (None.)

7. COMMISSION REPORT: (Commissioner Lance.)

February's meeting was cancelled due to weather. In March, Commission approved an allocation of \$500 from the 2012 Arts, Cultural, and Festival Events Grants Funds for the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music for the Vancouver Island Chamber Music Festival, and also recommended that Council approve the Temporary Public Art selections for 2011. In May, Commission approved support in principle for a Family Science Centre in Bowen Park, and approved a pilot project to have the Downtown Nanaimo Business Improvement Area program the Diana Krall Plaza and Olympic Live Site for the remainder of 2011.

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

8. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:

- (a) Cultural Award Committee. The committee reported that the cultural awards were a great success. A big thank you to Bob Kuhn for his involvement in planning this event. Everyone agreed that having the event at the Port Theatre and also having them do the catering was a very good choice. The Committee would like to keep this location for next year as well. A member recommended having the awards in September or October and to speak to the photographer regarding this possibility.

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

- (b) Art in Public Places Project Committee. The Temporary Public Art looks great and we had more submissions this year than last. The installation went well. There are a lot of high quality pieces that look fantastic.

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

- (c) Cultural Forum Project Committee. Only 17 responses were received to the survey that went out. There were two main topics that received the most votes were funding and collaborative marketing. A Committee member mentioned that the government funding for the arts is gone.

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

9. STAFF REPORTS: (None.)
10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports): (None.)
11. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action)

- (a) E-mail correspondence from Mr. Simon Schachner dated 2011-MAY-23 advising of his resignation as a member-at-large from the Committee. An e-mail thanking him for his service to the Committee and Community has been sent to Mr. Schachner, and, an article placed in the newspaper seeking applicants for the vacancy. The deadline for applications is 2011-JUN-10.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information)

- (b) Letter dated 2011-FEB-18, from Mr. James A. Duthie, Treasurer, A Cappella Plus Choral Society, P.O. Box 333, Station A, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5L3, thanking the Committee and Commission for their grant.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None.)
13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS: (None.)
14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

- (a) **Mr. Terry Justin – Poet Laureates in Nanaimo.**

The Committee requested that Staff research the matter and gather information on poet laureates. Bob Kuhn to contact Victoria or Coquitlam to obtain information on their selection process and prepare a report for the next Cultural Committee meeting.

15. 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.
- (b) Film on the EJ Hughes Restoration – Will be available for sale in about one months' time in DVD format for approximately \$20.00.
- (c) Gaming Funds – Councillor Pattje will look into having the City write an official letter expressing concern over the reduction of gaming funds.

16. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:40 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held, if required, on Wednesday, 2011-JUL-06, commencing at 4:15 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

The motion carried unanimously.



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S. Lance, Acting Chair  
Cultural Committee

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