

**NOTES**  
**REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2011-FEB-02, COMMENCING AT 4:15 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Eveline O'Rourke, Chair

Members: Commissioner Lynda Avis  
Commissioner Diana Johnstone  
Commissioner Shirley Lance  
Commissioner Fred Pattje  
Ms. Julie Bevan  
Ms. Gerda Hofman  
Ms. Joanne Husband  
Ms. George McGladrey  
Mr. Simon Schachner

Staff: S. Samborski R. Tweed, recording  
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1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural Committee was called to order at 4:16 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Add item 9.(a) - Feedback and Recommendations from the 2010 Cultural Forum.
- Add item 15.(a) – Proposed Temporary Public Art Piece Donation.

It was moved and seconded that the late items be added to the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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, 2011-JAN-05, at 4:15 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the Meeting Notes of 2011-JAN-05 be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Ms. Daurel Neve, General Manager, Theatre One, 150 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 5G6 – Ms. Wendy Smitka, President, and Mr. Garry Davey, Artistic Director, to provide an update on the activities and future plans of Theatre One – as per the request of the Cultural Committee.

Ms. Daurel Neve, General Manager, Mr. Gary Davey, Artistic Director, Ms. Wendy Smitka, President, Theatre One, provided an outline on Theatre One activities and future plans. In 2010 they offered three plays to the community. Theatre One will be retiring their \$40,000 debt this June. They have worked at strengthening ties with other community partners and VIU. Will be looking at using the Nanaimo Theatre Group venue for summer. Are continuing with their “Emerging Voices” series to workshop play scripts. Minnoz restaurant is a new sponsor and Coast Bastion Hotel will be providing a venue. Continuing to provide plays to community. In spring they are partnering with the Port Theatre for a children’s ballet. Fringe Flicks on are track. Avalon will be renewing next year’s lease at the current rates. Also have a new sponsor for Fringe Flicks. Utilizing church facilities as well and would like to continue as an annual event. Provided a performance in Parksville which will increase their visibility in a new community. Bite of Nanaimo will go forward in October. Theatre BC has had a play-writing competition in the past; however are not able to continue, so Theatre One will be working on having a BC play writing competition. Submission to BC Arts Council being reviewed for possible funding from them and Vancouver Foundation funding. Gaming Grant loss is catastrophic and in the past have received \$75K. It is hoped that the cuts will be reconsidered. The board is determined that they will sustain the organization despite these cuts. Unfortunately Daurel Neve has been given working notice due to the loss of revenue. Hopefully the funding will return in the future and they will look at bringing Daurel or someone like her to work on a project-by-project basis. Mr. Davey has been part of the group since 1997, Artistic Director for the first time in 2004. Over the years the company has done over 70 main stage productions, 65 Just Kidding productions, Fringe Flicks has also been very popular. It’s been a really difficult climate financially; however, they are going to apply to the BC Arts Council for “Tamarac” production funding again. There has been a really good response from attendees of the reading. Mr. Davey provided an overview of the play Tamarac and its characters. The playwright has living relatives in the local area who have offered some financial support. Emerging Voices has grown into a professional development opportunity for playwrights. When Theatre One is not working on productions they are nurturing connections and emerging artists within the community and on the Island. Most plays tend to involve more costs than revenue – Jake’s gift was unusual in that it brought in about \$1200 in profit. All communities are different and every community has their own goals and difficulties; however, some communities are able to support more for their community and Theatre

One would like to be able to provide more in the way of plays to Nanaimo and ask for the City's continuing support.

6. **CHAIR REPORT:**

- (a) Cultural Committee – Membership. Congratulations to Commissioner Diana Johnstone on her appointment as Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. Diana has graciously agreed to remain on the Cultural Committee for the remainder of her term to the Committee.
- (b) Congratulations to Julie Bevan on the birth of her daughter, Imogene.
- (c) Art in Public Places Project Committee – Temporary Public Art 2011 – Membership. As a housekeeping item, there had not been a motion to formalize Commissioner Shirley Lance, Joanne Husband, and Simon Schachner as members on the Committee. Also, Gerda Hofman had expressed an interest in sitting on the Committee. As a result, Chair O'Rourke is willing to have her attend in her spot.

It was moved and seconded that Shirley Lance, Joanne Husband, Simon Schachner, and Gerda Hofman be confirmed as members on the Art in Public Places Project Committee – Temporary Public Art 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

- (d) Cultural Awards Project Committee – Membership.

It was moved and seconded that Diana Johnstone, Joanne Husband, Lynda Avis and Julie Bevan be confirmed as members of the Cultural Awards Project Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Lynda Avis serve as the Chair of the Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

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

7. **COMMISSION REPORT:** Commissioner Avis

The Cultural Operating Grants and the Arts, Cultural and Festival Events Grants were approved by PRCC and recommended to Council who subsequently approved them.

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

8. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:

- (a) Cultural Award Committee. No meeting held.
- (b) Art in Public Places Project Committee.

The Committee met on Monday, 2011-JAN-31, and reviewed twenty-two submissions. As a result of that review, the Committee chose eight pieces of varied media. There is a \$15,000 budget and three of the pieces will cost \$4,000, and five will cost \$1,000 for a total of \$17,000. Staff advised that there were proceeds from last year's auction that make up the shortfall, so all pieces can be purchased. It was suggested that there be a forum for Artists on how to make submissions. A handout was provided to the Cultural Committee membership for review and discussion purposes. Many of the pieces are in a nautical fashion. The artists will be meeting with staff at each suggested location to determine if they are the correct location for the piece. Not all artists specified sizes – the submissions were representative of the type of final work that will be provided. The artist's portfolio was a major factor in the decision-making process. The large scale piece by Derek Houston and Samuel Houston on the last page of the handout should show as being intended for placement in a Maffeo Sutton Park location rather than Pipers Lagoon Park.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee selections be approved and presented to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission at their next meeting, to be held on 2011-FEB-23, for their recommendation to Council for approval. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- (c) Cultural Forum Project Committee.

Discussion for selection of members for the Committee. Julie Bevan, Eveline O'Rourke, and George McGladrey indicated their interest in serving on the Committee.

It was moved and seconded that Julie Bevan, Eveline O'Rourke, and George McGladrey be confirmed as members of the Cultural Forum Project Committee for 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

9. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Feedback and Recommendations from the 2010 Cultural Forum.

*Staff's Recommendation: That the Cultural Committee receives the summary of feedback and recommendations from the 2010 Cultural Forum.*

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

10. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

- (a) 2011 Marketing Plan (draft for discussion).

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action)

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- (a) Society Annual Report – Form 11 – dated 2010-JUN-04 for 2010, submitted by Mr. Wally Wells, Director, Nanaimo Blues Society, as per the request of the Cultural Committee.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

13. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS:

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

- (a) Theatre One – brought forward as information only for the Committee. Suggestions were that a letter be drafted for the Mayor's signature, starting a campaign to ask for the reinstatement of the gaming funds, and that an e-mail be sent to both political parties that are seeking leadership requesting that the gaming funds be restored (30% of all gaming funds were to have gone to the arts). Commissioner Johnstone and Commissioner Pattje to follow up with Commissioner Kipp.

It was discussed whether the Committee should make a late submission to the UBCM to involve other communities to request that the province reinstate gaming funds.

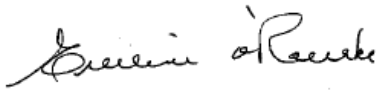
15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Temporary Public Art Piece Donation. Staff provided an update as to the status of this matter – a letter has been sent to the sponsors and staff are awaiting their response.
- (b) Film on the EJ Hughes Restoration.

16. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)

17. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:37 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held, if required, on Wednesday, 2011-MAR-02, commencing at 4:15 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. The motion carried unanimously.



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Eveline O'Rourke, Chair  
Cultural Committee

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