

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX,
ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-MAY-06, COMMENCING AT 4:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Eveline O'Rourke, Chair

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

Regrets: Ms. Lynne Fraser

Staff: S. Samborski K. MacDonald R. Tweed, recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural Committee was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Notice Boards for Arts & Cultural Events – Mr. Simon Schachner.

It was moved and seconded that Notice Boards for Arts & Cultural Events be addressed under "Other Business". 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, 2009-MAR-04 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting notes adopted. 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) Ms. Odette Laramée and Ms. Lauren Sabine on behalf of the Nanaimo Arts Council, 259-4750 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 4K6, presenting Phase 1 of the Arts-Based Community Development Project.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Cultural Committee receive the delegation.

Ms. Laramée provided a brief history and background on the Nanaimo Arts Council and advised that all members were invited to attend workshops being put on by the Council with regard to the Arts-Based Community Development project – Phase I. Workshops can also be audited by those interested.

- (b) Mr. Klaus Joehle, of Bad Boys Mosaics, on behalf of Musical & Dance Heritage of Vancouver Island, 426 Fitzwilliam Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 3A9, regarding a Mosaic Mural Proposal in the Gusola Block, downtown Nanaimo. (*Supporting documentation – letter to Mayor Ruttan dated 2009-MAR-02 attached.*)

Mr. Joehle advised that the purpose of the mosaics is to beautify the downtown core and also to attract tourists. Mr. Joehle requested that the project be viewed as a celebration of the people that come from Nanaimo, rather than as simply an art project. Bad Boys would sponsor one-half (\$60,000) of the project costs with the remainder to come from other sources, possibly the downtown core, or, businesses through commissioning of a mosaic. The locations shown for placement are proposals only and could be changed as required. Repairs that may be required over a five-year period will be provided at no cost by Bad Boy Mosaics. The mosaic will be a replica of the painting that will be chosen from a range of individual artists and will feature a sole individual. There could also be a group of individuals considered for a mosaic. City contributions would be by way of support, agreement to placements, advertising, etc. Mr. Joehle advised that he would like to have a mosaic in place by the end of the year. The marble used in the projects comes from all over the world.

6. COMMISSION REPORT:

- (a) Commissioners Pattje provided a verbal overview of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held Wednesday, 2009-APR-22.

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

7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:

- (a) Cultural Award Committee. Chair O'Rourke mentioned that the Cultural Awards evening on 2009-MAR-11 went very well and was well-attended. Future award evenings are to be the second Thursday in March every year. The Committee needs to ensure that the RSVP date is shown on the invitations for the Monday prior to the Cultural Awards Presentation and reception. The deadline date for the nomination for the Cultural Awards is the first Friday in October every year for the March event.

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

- (b) Art in Public Places Project Committee. (None.)
- (c) Cultural Forum Project Committee. No report.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Western Edge Theatre Society / Society Act Conflict Guidelines.

Staff's Recommendation: That the Cultural Committee send a letter of apology to Mr. Frank Moher, of Western Edge Theatre Society, explaining that, after further review, the Society Act, while prohibiting payment for carrying out related Board member duties, does allow reimbursement to individuals for services rendered to the Society outside of Board Member duties.

Discussion by the Cultural Committee resulted in the following motion:

It was moved and seconded that Cultural Committee send a letter of clarification to Mr. Frank Moher regarding the Cultural Committee's position relating to the conflict of interest of Board Members being paid staff, and that, while there is not a BC Society Act or Charitable Status clause that disallows Board Members being paid as staff, based on City of Nanaimo practice, the City does not give funding to organizations where Board Members get paid in staff positions as part of adhering to sound standards of corporate governance, and further, that the letter be drafted and vetted through the Chair and then sent to Linda Murray for legal opinion prior to posting. The motion carried unanimously.

9. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS (staff reports):

(a) Community Plan for Public Art & the installation of the Spirit Eagle, MacGregor Park and the Harbourfront Plaza Public Art Project - Kirsty MacDonald.

Ms. MacDonald provided a verbal update on the status of the above. One spirit eagle has arrived – Patricia Banks' eagle – has been installed in MacGregor Park. The first major event in the Spirit Square will be the Children's Festival and the second eagle will be installed prior to that event.

The Community Plan for Public Art will be coming to Committee for the June meeting.

(b) Art in the Park 2009 – Suzanne Samborski.

The PRC budget did not provide for funding for Art in the Park 2009. Art in the Park, as a program, appears to align well with the Nanaimo Arts Council's mandate. It will be suggested that in future years, if the Arts Council continues to see value in the program, the Arts Council should include Art in the Park as part of their overall operational program and reflect these costs in their annual operating funding requests. There will be transitional funding provided this year to the Nanaimo Arts Council. PRC is trying to ensure consistency for all funding being provided to groups.

It was moved and seconded that the information only items be received. The motion carried unanimously.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action) (None.)

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- (a) Vancouver Island Arts Festival Society Progress Report to Funders dated March 2009 and Financial Statements dated 2008-JUL-31, submitted on 2009-MAR-31 by Ms. Kathleen Darby, Interim Director, Vancouver Island International Children's Festival.
- (b) Letter dated 2009-MAR-14, from Ms. Carmella Luvisotto, Band Director, Wellington Secondary School, to Ms. Eveline O'Rourke, Chair, Nanaimo Cultural Committee, expressing her thanks to the Committee for honouring her with the Nanaimo 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:

- (a) Notice Boards for Arts & Cultural Events

Mr. Simon Schachner brought this item forward for discussion by the Cultural Committee. There are a number cylindrical events boards downtown; however, they are not located in other areas of Nanaimo. Problems with this are partially due to the land being private land. Maintenance may be an issue, so placement with maintenance would be preferred. Ms. George McGladrey suggested that a document "Poster Etiquette" be prepared and taken to the Sign Committee and also placed on the cylinders. Commissioner Johnstone will take to Transit Select Committee to determine if they would allow placement of the cylinders. Commissioner Pattje will take the matter to the Sign Committee for information.

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS:

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It was moved and seconded that the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council support a single mosaic from the "Musical & Dance Heritage of Vancouver Island & Heroes and Heroines Mosaic Murals" in principal, with support by way of ongoing maintenance and provision of installation location, with location to be determined at a later date dependant on the subject matter, in lieu of cash funding being provided by the City of Nanaimo. The motion carried unanimously.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(a) E.J. HUGHES - Copyright and Image Production – verbal update by Staff.

An Agreement between the City of Nanaimo and Archives is now being finalized. Both the City and the Archives can utilize the image for very specific items with monies to be shared between the two principals. There are very strict guidelines from the Estate with regard to the use of the image. Monies from the City are to go to Art in Public Places.

(b) Cultural Strategy – verbal update by Staff.

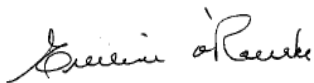
Staff will return to Committee with the final Cultural Strategy at the June meeting and the implementation stages can then occur.

It was moved and seconded that Items 14.(a) and 14.(b) be removed from "Unfinished Business". The motion carried unanimously.

15. QUESTION PERIOD: (None.)

16. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:47 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2009-JUN-03, commencing at 4:15 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. The motion carried unanimously.



Eveline O'Rourke, Chair
Cultural Committee

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