

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OF THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX,
ON WEDNESDAY, 2009-MAR-04, COMMENCING AT 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Members: Commissioner Diana Johnstone
 Commissioner Fred Pattje
 Commissioner Lynda Avis
 Ms. Lynne Fraser
 Ms. Joanne Husband
 Ms. Eveline O'Rourke
 Ms. George McGladrey
 Ms. Gerda Hofman
 Mr. Simon Schachner

Staff: S. Samborski R Harding
 T. Harwood R. Tweed, recording
 K. MacDonald

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Inaugural Meeting of the Cultural Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on behalf of the Cultural Committee by Suzanne Samborski, Senior Manager, Recreation and Culture Services.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & NOMINATION / APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:

Round table introductions by members and staff.

Diana Johnstone nominated Eveline O'Rourke for the position of Chair, Cultural Committee. This nomination was seconded by Lynne Fraser. Discussion followed. There were no other nominations.

It was moved and seconded that Eveline O'Rourke be appointed as Chair of the Cultural Committee for her term of appointment on the Cultural Committee to 2010-FEB-24.

3. CULTURAL COMMITTEE BINDER REIVEW:

Suzanne Samborski provided a review of the Cultural Committee binders for the members.

4. REVIEW OF ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

A handout, entitled "Parks Recreation and Culture – Cultural Committee Structure and Roles" was provided staff for member's binders.

5. SELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR PROJECT COMMITTEES:

- (a) Cultural Award Committee – Commissioner Lynda Avis, Commissioner Diana Johnstone, Lynne Fraser, Eveline O'Rourke, and Joanne Husband.
- (b) Art in Public Places Committee Project Committee – to be filled as needed and as per Community Plan for Public Art Guidelines.

It was agreed to, at this point in the Agenda, bring forward the review of Art in Public Places by Kirsty MacDonald. Kirsty provided an overview and passed around photographs on the first piece of public art, entitled "Songbird" a large sculpture of a tuning fork being installed in the Diana Krall Plaza. Explanation of the Spirit Square at Maffeo Sutton Park was provided. Kirsty advised that hopefully within 2-3 weeks a DRAFT Public Art Plan will be mailed to members for their review.

- (c) Cultural Forum Project Committee – Lynda Avis advised that there was great difficulty in coming up with suitable, interesting topics. Last year's event was cancelled due to lack of interest. General discussion regarding the status of the Committee. Perhaps the Forum isn't the method that education should best be delivered. It was felt that more lead time is required to promote interest in this type of event. Simon Schachner, Lynne Fraser, Joanne Husband were selected for membership on this Committee. These members will approach community individuals to participate on the project committee.

6. MEETING DATES:

Discussion was held with regard to the meeting dates and times as adopted by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission at their Inaugural Meeting held on 2009-FEB-25. It was agreed by the Cultural Committee members that their meetings should commence at 4:15 p.m. rather than at 4:00 p.m. as moved and adopted by the Commission.

It was moved and seconded that the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission review the Cultural Committee meeting start time and approve the amendment from 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, with date exceptions as previous adopted, in order to better accommodate the members of the Cultural Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

7. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Commissioner Johnstone advised that Council had received an e-mail regarding the tunnel under Northfield Road that, at one time, had a Jeff King mural. This was vandalized and then painted over by the City. It is now a mess with garbage and graffiti. If the Woodlands School Art students did a mural of their own, then they would probably respect it and have the nearby Tim Horton's donate garbage cans as the majority of the

garbage is from fast food wrappings. It was noted that this would come out of the Parks Department budget and also that Jeff King should have been contacted. This should go hand in hand with making improvements – it was felt it was always a mess despite the presence of the Jeff King mural. Staff advised that Jeff Ritchie, Senior Manager of Parks, is following up on the matter and is contacting the individual who sent in the e-mail.

8. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

9. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

- (a) Notes of the Special Grant Meetings of the Cultural Committee held Wednesday, 2008-NOV-19, Thursday, 2008-DEC-04, and Thursday, 2008-DEC-11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting notes of 2008-NOV-19, 2008-DEC-04, and 2008-DEC-11 be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

10. DELEGATIONS: (None)

11. CHAIR'S REPORT:

To be amended to "COMMISSION REPORT" on subsequent Agendas.

On behalf of the Chair, Staff provided a Report on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting held 2009-FEB-25 in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

12. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:

- (a) Cultural Award Committee. No formal report; however, Commission Avis reported that she and Teresa Harwood met to confirm speakers for the upcoming 2009-MAR-11 Cultural Awards Ceremonies. Additional arrangements by Commissioner Avis have been made to facilitate the event. Cultural Committee members were encouraged to both attend the event and attend to assist if possible.
- (b) Art in Public Places Project Committee. None.
- (c) Cultural Forum Project Committee. None.

13. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Cultural Strategy

Staff's Recommendation: That the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommend that Council approve the updated 2008 Nanaimo Cultural Strategy.

It was moved and seconded that the updated version of the Cultural Strategy be sent to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for recommendation to Council that they approve the 2008 Nanaimo Cultural Strategy. The motion carried unanimously.

14. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

- (a) Cultural Awards to be held on 2009-MAR-11;
- (b) Art in Public Places - Kirsty MacDonald (brought forward earlier in the Agenda); and,
- (c) Invitation to attend the third and final Portal placement on Newcastle Island.

15. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action) (None)

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16. NOTICE OF MOTION: (None)

17. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS: (None)

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(a) EJ HUGHES - Copyright and Image Production.

Staff advised that the EJ Hughes copyright belongs to the Estate. Staff are working with City Archives and the Estate to reach an agreement around use of the image. The unveiling of the mural is now scheduled for mid-May and planning is progressing. The Community unveiling is to be handled by the Cultural Committee and PRC Department, while other portions of the event will be handled by other organizations and individuals.

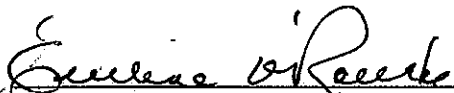
Update on the status of the mural restoration provided by Staff – a settlement was reached with the artist for additional funding in the amount of \$50,000 – this amount is to be taken from the Public Art Fund and will be going directly to the Conservator. This was approved at the Finance and Policy Committee of the Whole meeting held on 2009-MAR-02.

19. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions)


20. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:16 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held Wednesday, 2009-APR-01, commencing at 4:15 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

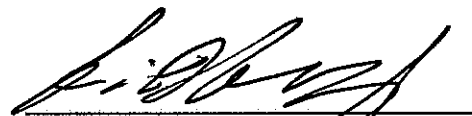
The motion carried unanimously.


Eveline O'Rourke, Chair
Cultural Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


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Recreation and Culture Services
Parks, Recreation and Culture

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:


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