

NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-NOV-05, COMMENCING AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner S. Lance, Chair

Members:

Commissioner L. Fraser
Commissioner L. Avis
Commissioner D. Johnstone
Ms. J. Husband
Ms. J. McGladrey
Mr. M. Harmes
Ms. E. O'Rourke

Staff:

B. Kuhn
S. Samborski

H. Richardson (recording)

ABSENT: Ms. M. Pettitt

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

3. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of the Regular Cultural Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2008-SEP-24, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex.

It was moved and seconded that the Meeting Notes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Peter Thomas, Nanaimo Lions Society, addressed the Cultural Committee regarding Spirit Eagles. The 'Spirit' program has raised \$1,000,000 so far that is used for helping out sick children and their parents and goes towards helping out underprivileged children. The cost of an Eagle is \$5,000. \$1,000 of this goes to

the artist who is successful in their bid to paint the Eagle. The Eagles are auctioned off at the end of the year and are shipped to successful bidders all over the world.

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

5. CHAIR'S REPORT:

A recommendation was made to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission at their 2008-Oct-29 to support a copyright of the E.J. Hughes mural and it was unanimously approved. Archives presently own the mural. Staff is currently working out an agreement with Archives and is investigating the copyright process.

The recommendation that Commission direct staff to erect a plaque rather than the Diana Krall Plaza lettering at Diana Krall Plaza was withdrawn. Tenders had already been put out prior to the Commission meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the Chair's Report be received. The motion carried unanimously.

6. REPORTS ON ADVISORY BODIES

(a) Art In Public Places Project Committee - Diana Krall Public Art.

The Cultural Committee would like to be able to see drawings before they go to tender if they will affect Art in Public Places projects.

Recommendation: That the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission direct staff to present design drawings for review by the Cultural Committee on projects that have been approved in accordance with the Art In Public Places guidelines and procedures prior to installation.

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

(b) Cultural Strategy Review Project Committee – E. O'Rourke.

The Cultural Strategy will be presented to the new Commission when they are appointed.

(c) Cultural Awards Presentations Project Committee – E. O'Rourke.

The Cultural Awards nominees have been reviewed and voted on in the past by the Cultural Awards Presentations Project Committee, or by the entire Cultural Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the entire Cultural Committee review nominees and vote on the recipients of the annual Cultural Awards. The motion carried unanimously.

The Cultural Awards presentation will be changed to a date in February to allow time for the new City Council to approve the awards in January.

(d) Cultural Forum/Workshops.

It was suggested that the springtime would be a better time for a Cultural Forum and workshop. Financial Statements, Revenue Canada and Grant Writing were suggested as topics for workshops. J. McGladrey will look into Revenue Canada speakers. A keynote speaker may also be a good draw. Charging a small fee may make groups more accountable to attend and will help in getting firm numbers for the Forum.

It was moved and seconded that the Reports on Advisory Bodies be received. The motion carried unanimously.

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Cultural Capital of Canada – B. Kuhn.

The Arts of Momentum, a collaborative exhibition of professional artists from Nanaimo and the Chinese Artists Association, was excellent. Over 200 were in attendance at the opening. The artwork will be on display at the Art Gallery until 2008-NOV-16.

A Community Plan for Public Art open house will be held at the Art Gallery downtown in early December. A date will be confirmed soon.

A Concerto Competition for Young Musicians (age 21 and under) was held in early September. "An Evening with the NCO", a concert featuring the winners of the competition, along with a premier performance of a work by local composer, Patrick Carpenter, will be held on 2008-NOV-30 at the Port Theatre, at 7:30 PM.

A video of the entire Cultural Capitals of Canada project has been prepared. It is 15 minutes in length and showcases all projects involved. It is an excellent synopsis of cultural activity in the City and it was suggested that it be shown in the movie theatres, on the Live Site, and/or on the City website.

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(a) Arts and Cultural Event Fund and Cultural Operating Fund Review Schedule.

All interview/meetings will be held at Bowen Park:

- Wednesday, 2008-NOV-19 - The Conference Room
- Thursday, 2008-DEC-04 - Games Room 3 (Upstairs)
- Thursday, 2008-DEC-11 - The Clubhouse (Upstairs - entrance is outside by the Lawn Bowling Green).

The time for all three meetings is from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

(b) Spirit Eagles.

The Cultural Committee does not have money in its budget for purchasing a Spirit Eagle.

It was moved and seconded that Staff investigate finding a source of City funds to have a Spirit Eagle purchased and placed at Spirit Square. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded at 5:20 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next Meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held at the discretion of the Cultural Committee Chair.

The motion was carried unanimously.



S. Lance, Chair
Cultural Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture