

NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN  
BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-SEP-24  
COMMENCING AT 4:00 P.M.

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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. M. Pettitt  
Ms. E. O'Rourke

Staff:

B. Kuhn  
S. Samborski

H. Richardson (recording)

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-03, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bowen Park Complex. Two motions were omitted from item 7(b) of Staff Reports, and should be added as follows:

It was moved and seconded that the City of Nanaimo investigate having a copyright on the E.J. Hughes Mural. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that images of the E.J. Hughes Mural be made and used on promotional material, to be sold by the City of Nanaimo, with proceeds going to Art in Public Places.

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

4. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Kirsty MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner, addressed the Cultural Committee regarding the draft Public Art Inventory, the proposal by the Lion's Society for Spirit Eagles, and Diana Krall Plaza upgrade.

Ms. MacDonald distributed a draft of Nanaimo's Public Art Inventory. This is a Cultural Capital of Canada ("CCC") project. Focus group discussions and a public open house will be held in November. All notes from these sessions will be posted on the CCC website at <http://www.nanaimoculturalcapital.ca>.

Ms. MacDonald presented a proposal from the Lion's Society for Spirit Eagles in the City. These are similar to the Orca and Spirit Bears. The Eagles are 7 ½ feet in height and are made of white, formed fibreglass. Artists bid on completing the artwork for the eagle. The cost per eagle is \$5,000, with \$1,000 going to the artist, and the remaining \$4,000 covering construction, transportation and the footings for the statue. The Eagle would be on display from May, 2009 until the Olympics in 2010. At that time the Eagle would be auctioned off. McGregor Park or the Port Authority at the cruise ship entrance were suggested locations. Ms. MacDonald will contact the Port Authority to see if they have considered a Spirit Eagle at their location.

The entrance art for Diana Krall Plaza is constructed and being fabricated. The grand opening of the Plaza will be held early in the new year or the spring of 2009. Improvements will be made to the entire plaza.

Questions were raised as to the signage for Diana Krall Plaza and the size of the lettering on that sign.

Ms. MacDonald will e-mail information and pictures regarding Diana Krall Plaza and the Spirit Eagles to the Cultural Committee, for discussion at their next meeting.

- (b) Representatives from the Nanaimo Arts Council reported on Art in the Park 2008 and projects they are involved in.

Art in the Park was held on weekends from May to September in 2008. Artwork, jewellery, glasswork, etc. was sold. Live artists performed on four weekends. The Arts Council was in contact with the Songwriters' Guild, and received a good response to a request for artists. The Arts Council wishes to continue managing Art in the Park in the future.

The Arts Council has been involved with the Heritage Building Photography and Painting event.

The Vancouver Island Film Festival had 60 applicants, with 20 films being shown. 500 spectators were in attendance.

Nine local professional artists will be on stage at the Port Theatre. There is limited seating for this performance.

The Arts Council thanked the Cultural Committee and the City for their operational funding. They would like to move their business to a downtown location for better exposure.

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

5. REPORTS ON ADVISORY BODIES

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

The Cultural Committee is concerned that the lettering on the Diana Krall Plaza sign is so large that it will become the focal point of the plaza instead of the Art In Public Places statue.

Recommendation: That the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission direct staff to erect a plaque instead of the Diana Krall Plaza lettering at Diana Krall Plaza.

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

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

The Committee will meet 2009-SEP-29 to discuss changes to the document.

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

One nomination has been received to date.

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

6. 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, will be held 2008-Oct-30 to 2008-Nov-02 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (VICC), and from 2008-Nov-04 to 2008-Nov-16 at the Nanaimo Art Gallery (downtown). A private opening will be held 2008-Oct-30 at 6:00 p.m., with the public being welcome to attend at 7:00 p.m.

The next Snuneymuxw First Nation's portals to be unveiled will be at Jacks Point and on Newcastle Island. A Salmon Petroglyph will be transported from the old Museum site to Jack Point. There will be a private salmon ceremony at the site, with a dinner planned at a later date for all involved. The Newcastle Island portal will include a small stage theatre, which will hold 15 seats, for story telling.


- (b) Art in the Park – B. Kuhn. This was relatively successful. More of a variety of artists and artwork would have enhanced the project.

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

7. 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 on Wednesday, 2008-Nov-05, at 4:00 p.m., if required, or at the discretion of the Cultural Committee Chair.

The motion was carried unanimously.



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S. Lance, Chair  
Cultural Committee

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R. Harding, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Culture