

NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-SEP-03
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. M. Pettitt

Staff:

B. Kuhn
S. Samborski

H. Richardson (recording)

ABSENT: Ms. E. O'Rourke

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Cultural Operating and Arts and Cultural Events Grants Review.
- (b) Community Plan for Public Art.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES

- (a) Meeting Notes of the Regular Cultural Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 2008-Jul-07, 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.

5. DELEGATIONS:

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

- (a) Ed Poli, Executive Director, and Ian Niameth, President, Nanaimo Art Gallery, addressed the Cultural Committee regarding proposed events around the unveiling of the E.J. Hughes Mural in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

The Art Gallery is proposing a 10-day to two week exhibit of E.J. Hughes works after the unveiling of the mural in late March of 2009. Events would include educational workshops on the subject of E.J. Hughes. A 45 – 55 minute documentary of the restoration of the mural and E. J. Hughes' life is being created and will be released during the event. The final frame of the video will include the unveiling.

Heffels Fine Art has expressed an interest in holding an auction in conjunction with the unveiling.

This is a destination event for Nanaimo. It will be a public celebration, with a ticketed reception for sponsors/donors, etc.

6. REPORTS ON ADVISORY BODIES

- (a) Art In Public Places Project Committee.

- (i) Port Theatre Marquee. This project is no longer going forward.

- (ii) Diana Krall Plaza. The entry way public art piece will be installed in the fall of 2008. Staff will invite Kirsty MacDonald to the next Cultural Committee meeting for an update.

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

Some formatting changes have been made to the document. E. O'Rourke is away this week, and a meeting will be planned for when she returns.

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

Cultural Awards nomination form has been e-mailed to local cultural organizations. The deadline for the return of these applications is 2008-OCT-03.

- (d) Community Plan for Public Art. This is a Cultural Capital of Canada project. Brent Meunier, is the project leader. Consultants have been hired to create a Community Plan for Public Art, which will be presented to the Cultural Committee for approval and recommendation to the Commission. Stakeholders meetings will be held throughout September for input. The Community Plan for Public Art will include the Art in Public Places Guidelines and Procedures document. Michael Harmes volunteered act as the Cultural Committee representative on the project committee for the Public Art Plan.

It was moved and seconded that Michael Harmes be appointed to the Public Art Plan Project Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff and/or B. Meunier will inform M. Harmes of meeting dates.

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

7. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Cultural Capital of Canada (CCC) – B. Kuhn. Banners and plaques were presented to sponsors and partners of CCC at a breakfast held at the Coast Bastion Hotel. A slide show depicting CCC projects to date was shown.

10th anniversary celebrations of the Port Theatre will be held during September. An Open House will be held 2008-Sep-14, Evening of the Next Generation of Performers 2008-Sep-17, and the 10th Anniversary Gala, 2008-Sep-20.

The next two Snuneymuxw First Nation's portals to be unveiled will be at Jacks Point and on Newcastle Island.

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).

The Living Our Culture Cabaret will be held 2009-Jan-31 at Beban Park. This event has been re-scheduled from its October, 2008, date.

- (b) E.J. Hughes Mural – B. Kuhn. The Cultural Committee is very excited about the unveiling of the E.J. Hughes Mural at VICC. The collaboration with the Nanaimo Art Gallery on the events surrounding the unveiling will be very beneficial to both groups, as well as the City.
- (c) Art In The Park – B. Kuhn. The Arts Council will be invited to the next Cultural Committee Meeting for a review of Art In The Park 2008.

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Calendar of Events. Log on to www.harbourliving.ca for an up-to-date calendar of all Vancouver Island events.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Cultural Workshops/Forum 2008. The Cultural Forum will be held Wednesday, 2008-Oct-01 at Beban Park from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme will be "Networking Towards a Culturally Vibrant City". The sessions will be in round table and panel discussion formats.

- (e) Cultural Grant Criteria Review for 2008 Cultural Fund Grants and Arts and Cultural Events Grants – L. Fraser. The process for approvals and notification to groups who have had their applications turned down needs to be expedited to ensure the group has sufficient time to appeal the decision. When Groups are turned down the Cultural Committee will outline why the grant was denied.

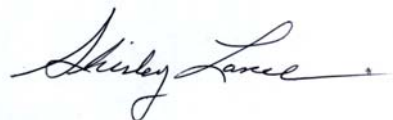
The "Appeals" section of both grant application forms needs to be reformatted so that the last sentence of the first paragraph "The Grants Advisory Committee will not revisit the actual decisions, i.e. whether the correct amount was granted." is in bold type.

It was moved and seconded that the Cultural Operating Grant and Arts and Cultural Events Grant applications be approved with changes as noted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. 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-Sep-24, at 4:00 p.m., if required, or 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