

NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-JUL-02
COMMENCING AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner S. Lance, Chair

Members:

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

Staff: B. Kuhn H. Richardson (recording)
R. Tweed (observer)

ABSENT: Commissioner D. Johnstone
Ms. M. Pettitt

Staff: S. Samborski

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

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

4. DELEGATIONS:

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

(a) Mr. Brent Meunier, Project Leader, and Ms. Kim Beerman, Summer Student, speaking to the Community Plan for Public Art.

The Community Plan for Public Art will create a "made for Nanaimo" public art vision. The final document will include recommendations for future funding of public art and for maintenance and stewardship of existing art..

Mr. Carrie Huhtala, a professor from the University of British Columbia, has been hired as a consultant to work on the Community Plan for Public Art. A review of the Art in Public Places Guidelines will occur. Focus groups, public meetings and interviews with artists and members of the art and cultural communities will be held to allow for input into the Community Plan for Public Art.

It is important that the Community Plan for Public Art ties into the Master Plan and creates a legacy for Nanaimo.

Ms. Beerman is researching other communities and creating surveys regarding their Public Art Plans. She is trying to get a clear definition of what "public art" encompasses. Public art does not have to have been paid for by the City to be classed as "public art".

Mr. Meunier advised that an inventory of all public art throughout the City is being created. The listing will eventually be colour coded by area and put on the City website. It was suggested that the list of public art differentiate between private and commercial art for clarification at a later date. The list is quite extensive. Cultural Committee members were asked to look over the list carefully and let Heather Richardson know by 2008-JUL-09 of any pieces that should not be included, and/or any public art that has been left off the list.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- (a) At the 2008-JUN-25 Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting, a motion was passed to have a Higher Service Level Request added to the 2009 Budget for an Arts and Culture Manager.

6. REPORTS ON ADVISORY BODIES

(a) Art In Public Places Project Committee.

- (i) Diana Krall Plaza. The entrance Public Art piece to the Diana Krall Plaza is underway.
- (ii) Port Theatre Marquee. The Board of the Port Theatre have decided to put the Marquee project on hold and are looking for a more generic design for the project.

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

E. O'Rourke complimented the Project Committee for their hard work on the Culture Strategy Review project. Overall, the Cultural Committee was satisfied with the final draft document and the overall review process which included 18 months of review by the project committee and community and stakeholder consultations.

City staff is in the process of reworking the document to bring it in closer alignment with other Parks, Recreation and Culture strategies. Staff will work with the Project Committee to finalize the draft and develop implementation strategies once the reformatting is complete. Commissioner Lance will advise Cultural Committee members when the updated draft will be presented to Commission.

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

Members of the Cultural Awards Presentations Project Committee are E. O'Rourke, L. Fraser and L. Avis. The awards are to be held the second Thursday of each year. B. Kuhn will call a meeting, with the deadline for submissions being decided at that time.

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

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(a) Cultural Capitals of Canada (CCC) – B. Kuhn.

The Alive With the Arts of Many Cultures Multicultural Festival was held from 2008-JUN-21 to 2008-JUL-01. Aboriginal Day, Francophone Day, The Old City Quarter Multicultural Festival, Whizzbang: Stoked, and Canada Day were all a part of the Festival, with each component being very well received. The Living Our Culture Cabaret was postponed until the fall to allow for better promotion.

A Drumming Festival will be held at Lions Pavillion and Maffeo-Sutton Park from 2008-JUL-04 to 05. An Arts Fair will be held in Diana Krall Square 2008-AUG-04 to 05, and Street Theatre 2008-AUG-07 to 10, 14 to 17, and 21 to 24.

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(a) Cultural Workshops/Forum 2008. The Cultural Forum will be held the morning of Wednesday, 2008-OCT-01 at Beban Park.

(b) Cultural Grant Criteria Review for 2008 Cultural Fund Grants and Arts and Cultural Events Grants.

Changes been made to the Applicant Reporting Form, and Evaluation Form which is completed by the Cultural Committee. The Evaluation Form will allow for constructive feedback to groups.

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 on Wednesday, 2008-SEP-03, 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