

NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-APR-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. M. Pettitt
Ms. J. McGladrey

Staff:

B. Kuhn
H. Richardson (recording)

S. Samborski

ABSENT: Commissioner D. Johnstone
Mr. M. Harmes

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-MAR-12 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) Burton Lancaster, Artistic Director, Wendy Smitka, President, Douglas Hoare, Vice President and Mary Crocker, of TheatreOne, updated the Cultural Committee on the status of their season.

The Board has become very strong, growing from three members last year to ten this year. TheatreOne had planned four plays for 2008, which turned out to be too aggressive of a goal, and cut back to only two plays. Although two of the plays were cancelled, the Port Theatre has been very supportive.

Fringe Flicks, held in the Galaxy Theatre, is a very stable component of TheatreOne. Tickets for these shows are sold as a subscription. The rent at the Galaxy has been raised and TheatreOne is exploring other options as a venue for Fringe Flicks.

The Cultural Operating Grant from the City has either been spent or is committed. TheatreOne received \$75,000 from gaming money. Gaming grants are awarded on a 3-year basis, with this being the third year of their current grant. There is no commitment at this point for the next three years. It is a 'Catch 22' situation with Canada Council grants as TheatreOne needs to produce to receive funding, but they need the funding to produce.

Fundraising efforts for 2008 include Just Kiddin', Emerging Voices, Fringe Flicks, Bite of Nanaimo and a spring fundraiser.

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

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

At their meeting of 2008-MAR-31, City Council approved the "Songbird" sculpture as the Public Art Project for the Harbourfront Plaza. This project is to be completed before the opening of the Port of Nanaimo Conference Centre.

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.

(i) Port Theatre Marquee – J. McGladrey. The selection committee for the Port Theatre Marquee is reviewing maquettes for the proposed Port Theatre Marquee. A decision on the artwork for the marquee will be made by the end of April.

(ii) Oliver Woods Community Centre (OWCC) Artwork – B. Kuhn. The glass artwork at OWCC has been completed.

(b) Cultural Strategy Review Project Committee – B. Kuhn. The Cultural Strategy draft was reviewed. Suggestions were made by Cultural Committee members for minor changes before submitting to Commission, which included:

- Page 4 – No. 3, change “daily experiences of our City.” to “daily experiences in our City.”
- Page 5 – No. 2.2.5, “Nanaimo’s cultural groups, businesses, School District 68 and Tourism Nanaimo.”, should read “Nanaimo’s cultural groups, businesses, educational or post-secondary institutions, School District 68 and Tourism Nanaimo.”
- Page 8 – Art In Public Places – “such as sculptures, murals, paintings, environmental and infrastructure art.”, should read “such as sculptures, murals, paintings, installation art, environmental and infrastructure art.”
- Page 14 – Public Art – “murals, paintings, environmental and” should read murals, paintings, installation, environmental and”.
- Page 14 – Add a definition for ‘installation art’ under Art in Public Places which reads, “Art which evolves around time elements set according to media being used.”

It was suggested that Staff attend the City Council meeting when the Cultural Strategy is reviewed should questions arise regarding the \$100,000 for the Public Art Reserve Fund.

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

7. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Cultural Capitals of Canada (CCC) – B. Kuhn. The Nanaimo Bulletin is the official newspaper of Cultural Capitals of Canada for 2008. The Bulletin will feature the CCC logo on every issue until the end of December 2008.

Concerns were expressed that principle arts and culture groups were not included in the CCC Guide. B. Kuhn explained that the Guide highlights the nine projects involved in the CCC program. The CCC website is available for groups that would like to promote their events, with links to calendars of events on both harbourliving.ca and tourismnanaimo.com.

A large pop-up banner has been created for display at events.

The youth Spring Break Festival was very successful with availability for 250 spots in workshops being filled by the 79 youth attending. Competitions were held with cash prizes being awarded. This was a week of very valuable time for youth.

B. Kuhn will forward a copy of the CCC budget to the Cultural Committee members.

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Community Plan for Public Art Request for Proposals. A meeting will be held 2008-APR-15 to finalize the RFP for the Community Plan for Public Art.
- (b) Nanaimo Arts Council Final Report and Financial Statement. The Cultural Committee reviewed the Arts Council's financial information as part of the Cultural Operating Grant criteria.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Art In The Park. The Arts Council has agreed to manage the 2008 Art In The Park Program. Art In The Park will run from 2008-JUN-28 to the end of August, including 2008-SEP-01 which is the BC Day holiday. The budget for the program is \$3,500.
- (b) Cultural Workshops/Forum 2008. The Cultural Forum will be held the morning of Wednesday, 2008-OCT-01 at Beban Park. The Forum will include workshops and café discussions, with Cultural Committee members participating. There will be three or four workshops and no keynote speaker. Groups will be invited to participate in a discussion around the Cultural Capital legacy.
- (c) Cultural Grant Criteria Review for 2008 Cultural Fund Grants and Arts and Cultural Events Grants. L. Fraser will chair a committee to review these grants. B. Kuhn and Elizabeth Williams, Staff, will be invited to participate in the review process.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded at 5:20 p.m. that the meeting terminate, with the next Meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held on Wednesday, 2008-MAY-07 at 4:00 p.m., if required, or at the discretion of the Cultural Committee Chair.

The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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S. Lance, Chair
Cultural Committee

R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture