

(Jacqueline Metz and Nancy Chew of Vancouver) was made by the selection panel. This is a 24.5 foot tall sculpture of a tuning fork which will be made out of pre-oxydized steel. The selection panel requested that the sculpture be placed on an angle rather than straight up and down. A bird made of bronze will sit on top of the fork. The sculpture will be anchored on a base of marble inlaid in the pattern of piano keys. Ms. MacDonald had samples of the marble to be used for the base of the statue. The Cultural Committee would like to see a change in the colour of the marble to closer reflect the colour of black and white piano keys. The selection committee suggested that the bird that sits on top of the tuning fork have a hole drilled in it to allow for the wind to blow through it, creating a whistling sound.

It was moved and seconded that the Cultural Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommends that Council approve the concept "Songbird" by Muse Atelier as the public art to be installed on the Commercial Street entrance of the Harbourfront Plaza. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Ms. Kirsty MacDonald, Parks and Open Space Planner, speaking to the Nanaimo Cultural Capital "Community Plan for Public Art".

Ms. MacDonald advised that an RFP for a consultant for the development of a Community Plan for Public Art has been written. This position will be advertised early next week, with the deadline of 2008-APR-15 for submissions. The position requires the consultant to write a Community Plan for Public Art which will set out a 20-year plan for public art and will identify priority sites. Funding for this project is through Cultural Capitals of Canada. An open house will be held in early June to begin the public process for the new Community Plan.

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

5. REPORTS ON ADVISORY BODIES

- (a) Art In Public Places Project Committee.

- (i) Pacific Sails Lighting – the artist is pursuing new lighting options for the Pacific Sails project.
- (ii) E.J. Hughes Mural – restoration is going well, and will be ready for transportation to the Port of Nanaimo Conference Centre (PNCC) at the end of April, where the restoration will be completed. Staff will arrange a viewing of the mural for the Cultural Committee after it arrives at the PNCC. Cinnibar Vista Productions is filming the process and will produce a documentary.

- (b) Cultural Awards Presentation Project Committee.

Next year's Cultural Awards night will be held on 2009-JAN-08. The second Thursday in January of each year has been designated as the Cultural Awards Presentation evening.

(c) Art In The Park

The Nanaimo Arts Council is interested in managing Art In The Park during the summer of 2008.

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

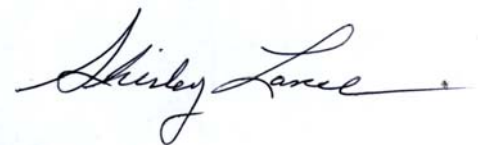
6. QUESTION PERIOD:

- (a) J. McGladery, asked what will happen to the TheatreOne Cultural Operating Grant, since the organization has announced that its 2008 season has been cancelled. Staff replied they will contact the TheatreOne executive and report back

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded at 6:00 p.m. that the meeting terminate, with the next Meeting of the Cultural Committee to be held on Wednesday, 2007-APR-02 at 4:00 p.m., if required, or at the discretion of the Cultural Committee Chair.

The motion carried unanimously.



S. Lance, Chair
Cultural Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture