

NOTES OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN  
BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 2008-FEB-13  
COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

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PRESENT: Commissioner S. Lance, Chair

Members:

Commissioner L. Avis  
Ms. E. O'Rourke  
Ms. M. Pettitt  
Ms. J. Husband  
Ms. J. McGladrey

Staff:

B. Kuhn

H. Richardson (Recording)

ABSENT:

Commissioner L. Fraser  
Commissioner D. Johnstone  
Mr. M. Harmes  
S. Samborski

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:30 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, 2007-DEC-06 at 3:00 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. CHAIR'S REPORT

- (a) The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approved the recommendations for Cultural Operating Grants and Arts and Cultural Event Fund Grants.

It was moved and seconded that the Chair's Report be received. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS ON ADVISORY BODIES

(a) Art In Public Places Project Committee.

- (i) Oliver Woods Community Centre (OWCC) - artwork is now in place and has been well received with many positive comments.
- (ii) Port Theatre Marquee – the schedule for proposals has been pushed back to the end of the month. The majority of the artists being considered are local.
- (iii) Harbourfront Plaza Revitalization – artists for the public art project at the Harbourfront Plaza have been shortlisted to three.
- (iv) Pacific Sails Lighting – the artist is pursuing new lighting options for the Pacific Sails project.
- (v) E.J. Hughes Mural – the mural is being restored by Cheryl Harrison, Conservator, in Errington. This is a slow and meticulous process. Cinnibar Vista is doing a video documentary of the restoration process. Once restored, the mural will be transported and installed into the Port of Nanaimo Centre and displayed in the lobby after further restoration work is completed on site. B. Kuhn will arrange a tour of the Port of Nanaimo Centre for the Cultural Committee.

(b) Cultural Strategy Review Project Committee.

The open house for the Cultural Strategy Review Project will be held 2008-FEB-21 at OWCC. Information stations will be set-up. Lynda Avis, Eveline O'Rourke, Joanne Husband, George McGladery, Heather Richardson and Bob Kuhn will assist at the Open House.

(c) Cultural Awards Presentation Project Committee.

2007 Cultural Awards were presented to The Arts Alive Summer School and the Vancouver Island International Children's Festival. The evening was very successful with approximately 60 in attendance. Rick Scott did a wonderful job as the Master of Ceremonies. Gary Peters took photographs of the recipients, which were excellent.

Concern was expressed that not enough cultural organizations participate in the Cultural Awards presentations. This is a very important event for the arts and cultural community and the Cultural Committee will look into more effective ways to make the Cultural Awards more visible to these groups, as well as the public. Staff will investigate the possibility of having an arts and culture section in the Fall/Winter 2008 Leisure Guide. The date of the awards presentation will also be reviewed to find the best time for arts and cultural groups to attend.

It was moved and seconded that the Cultural Committee investigate new promotional ideas to attract more arts and cultural groups, as well as the public, to the annual Cultural Awards presentations. The motion carried unanimously.

Thanks were expressed to the Cultural Awards Presentation Committee for an excellent job in hosting the celebration.

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

6. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

(a) Cultural Capitals of Canada.

43,000 copies of a guide to 2008 Cultural Capitals of Canada (CCC) will be distributed to every household in Nanaimo by mid-March 2008. \$17,000 in advertising has been sold and \$125,000 in sponsorship is required. Over 40 cultural events will take place during 2008. CCC signs are now posted at the Departure Bay ferry terminal, Salish Park and on Third Street advertising Nanaimo as a Cultural Capital of Canada. NISA is putting together the CCC website. Nine projects will take place, the first of which will be the The Cre8 Youth Arts Experience, Spring Break Workshops 2008-MAR-17 to 22.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter from Rosina Solylo, President, Nanaimo Arts Council re: Beban House. Nanaimo Arts Council has expressed an interest in renting Beban House and making it their home, should Tourism Nanaimo vacate Beban House.

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Art In the Park 2008 – The Nanaimo Arts Council has historically done a good job of running the Art In The Park program. Staff will approach them to see if they are interested in operating the 2008 program.

It was moved and seconded that staff approach the Nanaimo Arts Council to see if they are interested in operating the Art In The Park program for 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Cultural Grant Criteria Review – Cultural Grant criteria should be reviewed. Staff will speak with Lynne Fraser to see if she will chair a Project Committee for this.

(c) Cultural Workshops/Forum 2008 – Mindi Pettitt, Joanne Husband and Lynda Avis will form a Project Committee to look into a Cultural Workshop/Forum for 2008.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45.

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S. Lance, Chair  
Cultural Committee

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R. Harding, Director  
Parks, Recreation and Culture