

## MINUTES

OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD ROOM, SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE  
411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC  
WEDNESDAY, 2018-APR-04, AT 4:30 PM

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PRESENT: Members: Councillor G.W. Fuller, Chair

Dennis McMahon

Erin Hemmens

Rob McGregor

Ingrid Sly

Paula Waatainen

Staff: Bruce Anderson, Manager, Community & Cultural Planning  
Chris Sholberg, Culture & Heritage Planner  
Rebecca Buckler, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN COMMUNITY VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Community Vitality Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Councillor Gord Fuller advised Item 5 (a) under Presentations: Meeting Procedures by Sheila Gurrie, City Clerk would be deferred until the next regular meeting.

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

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Community Vitality Committee held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-FEB-07 at 4:30 pm be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS:

(a) Community Based Multi-Use Arts Space

C. Sholberg, Culture & Heritage Planner, noted that this agenda item is in reference to the Community Vitality Committee's recently adopted Cultural Gathering Priority Action Plan for 2018, which identified the following:

Priority Need / Opportunity Areas	Implementation Actions Achievable in 2018	Implementation Actions for 2019 and Beyond	Stakeholders
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<p>1) Need dedicated community based, multi-use, affordable space (s) for gallery, display, and performance use – arts/culture centre, hub space. Can be public or privately owned, however public space should be affordable and accessible for local artists/musicians. Another option is to consider repurposing City-owned or School District owned spaces (e.g. portion of Conference Centre beside E.J. Hughes gallery, band room at Woodlands) for cultural use space – need to make significant capital investment in this area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote use of Spacefinder B.C. website by local cultural sector and ensure City owned spaces available for performance, artistic or cultural use are also posted.</li> <li>As part of Spacefinder B.C. initiative, work with public and private sector partners to identify small venues that are accessible (affordable) to emerging artists and small shows.</li> <li>Review existing city-owned facilities to determine if space could be repurposed for use as gallery, display or performance space by the local arts community, and encourage the School District to do the same.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work to develop plan for a purpose built outdoor performance space in Maffeo-Sutton Park as part of the Park upgrade plan.</li> <li>Continue to support the Port Theatre Community Performing Art Centre expansion initiative.</li> <li>Continue to lease space to the Harbour City Theatre Alliance at 25 Victoria Road after its current lease expires in 2019.</li> <li>Continue to support Nanaimo Art Gallery upgrade and expansion initiative.</li> <li>Explore viability of a dedicated multi-use arts space (Arts Centre), including how this could be financed and possible community partnerships.</li> </ul>	<p>Community &amp; Cultural Planning</p> <p>Culture Sector</p> <p>Parks, Rec &amp; Environment</p> <p>Vancouver Island Conference Centre</p> <p>Nanaimo Arts Council</p>
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D. McMahon had requested an update on the progress of the three actions that were identified as being achievable in 2018, which was to:

- Promote use of Spacefinder B.C. website by local cultural sector and ensure City owned spaces available for performance, artistic or cultural use are also posted.
- As part of Spacefinder B.C. initiative, work with public and private sector partners to identify small venues that are accessible (affordable) to emerging artists and small shows.
- Review existing city-owned facilities to determine if space could be repurposed for use as gallery, display or performance space by the local arts community, and encourage the School District to do the same.

C. Sholberg, Heritage Planner, noted that work has not begun, but will commence in 2018 as outlined in the chart.

D. McMahon noted that the ideal space for community arts groups would be a dedicated community art space that could be used for the purpose of operations, rentable studio space for artists, a small meeting space, and a display or gallery space. He suggested that staff inquire with VICC as to how much income has been generated by two Dodds Narrows Rooms (A and B) near the VICC Admin Office over the last three years. He proposed that it may be feasible for the community arts groups to be able to match that income in order to gain continuous access to the space for gallery and display space.

It was moved and seconded that the information regarding Community Based Multi-Use Arts Space be received as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Information Item: Affordable Housing Strategy Expo

On 2018-APR-28, the City of Nanaimo will host an Affordable Housing Strategy Expo from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (4235 Departure Bay Road). The family-friendly event will feature information about the current housing situation in Nanaimo and ask residents for input on how to create more affordable housing in our community.

(b) Information Item: Immigrant Welcome Reception

On 2018-MAY-19, the City of Nanaimo and Multicultural Society will host the annual Immigrant Welcome Reception from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre – Newcastle Island Lobby (101 Gordon Street).

(c) Information Item: Heritage Façade Grant for 375 Franklyn Street Approved by Council

On 2018-FEB-19, Council approved a \$9,579.41 Heritage Façade Grant to replace the roof and repair the masonry chimneys of the Harris House located at 375 Franklyn Street.

(d) Information Item: 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards Ceremony

On 2018-JAN-15, Council approved the 2018 Culture & Heritage Award recipients as follows:

- Mr. Rick Scott, Excellence in Culture
- Mr. William Good, Honour in Culture
- Ms. Jan Peterson, Honour in Heritage

On 2018-FEB-19, Council approved the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient as follows:

- Ms. Audrey Alexandra Brown

All recipients will be honoured at a special ceremony at the Port Theatre on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

(e) Information Item: Notes from the 2018 Heritage Summit

On 2018-FEB-21, the 2018 Heritage Summit was held with several culture and heritage organizations in attendance to hear the feature presentation and share recent accomplishments/upcoming projects.

(f) Information Item: 2018 Strategic Directions Approved by Council

On 2018-FEB-26, Council approved the Community Vitality Committee's 2018 Strategic Directions.

(g) Information Item: 2018 Downtown Event Grants Approved by Council

On 2018-MAR-05, Council approved the 2018 Downtown Event Grant recommendations of \$150,000.

It was moved and seconded that the following Information Items be received as circulated:

- Affordable Housing Strategy Expo
- Immigrant Welcome Reception
- Heritage Façade Grant for 375 Franklyn Street Approved by Council
- 2018 Culture and Heritage Awards Ceremony
- Notes from the 2018 Heritage Summit
- 2018 Strategic Directions Approved by Council
- 2018 Downtown Event Grants Approved by Council

The motion carried unanimously.

6. QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no members of the public in attendance wishing to ask questions.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 4:59 pm that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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CORPORATE OFFICER