AGENDA
NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 19, 2018, 4:30 PM
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

1. CALL THE MEETING OF THE NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ORDER:

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
   a. Minutes

   Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-JUL-18, at 4:30 p.m.

5. PRESENTATIONS:
   a. Constable Misty Dmytar, Nanaimo RCMP, to provide a presentation on youth issues in the community.

6. REPORTS:

7. OTHER BUSINESS:
   a. Information Item: Call for Youth Poet Laureate
   b. Information Item: 2019 Temporary Public Art Recommendations
   c. Information Item: 2019 Culture & Heritage Awards
   d. Information Item: Poetry in Transit Program - Call for Poets

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

9. ADJOURNMENT:
PRESENT:   Members:   Michael Ribicic, Chair  
            Councillor J. Hong  
            Melanie Devjayanth  
            Nicola McColl  
            Aakash Pawar  
            Clare Shuley  
            Claudia Thompson  

Absent:   Erin Burnley  
          Katrin Hannesson  
          Henry Waatainen  

Staff:   K. Kronstal, Social Planner  
        P. Humphreys, Recording Secretary  

1. **CALL THE NANAIMO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER:**  

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council Meeting was called to order at 4:48 p.m.  

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**  

(a) Michael Ribicic, Chair, advised that he would be bringing forward an item under Other Business – Agenda Item 7 (a) Succession Planning.  

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**  

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

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**  

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council held in the Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, on Wednesday, 2018-JUN-20, at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

(a) **Nanaimo Youth Poet Laureate – Kailey DeFehr**

Kailey DeFehr spoke regarding her experiences and achievements as Nanaimo’s first Youth Poet Laureate. Highlights included poetry presentations at high schools and events and a high school poetry contest. She recently set up a poetry station at a Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre event. She collected sticky notes written by attendees about what it means to be a youth in Nanaimo, and she will be writing a poem that encompasses these responses to be read to the Minister of Child and Family Development in August. Upcoming projects she is considering before the end of her term in January 2019 are combining visual art and poetry (possibly in a mural) and/or painting poems on concrete outside the library downtown in paint that only appears on rainy days.

Kailey DeFehr read her original poem entitled “Soul Hydration” to the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council members.

6. **REPORTS:**

(a) **Bathtub Weekend Dunk Tank Update (Discussion)**

The Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council will be operating a dunk tank on Victoria Road during the Bathtub Days Street Fair on Saturday, 2018-JUL-21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Councillor Sheryl Armstrong has agreed to be dunked. Discussion took place regarding attendance shifts for members, supplies needed, and set up/take down arrangements. Donations will be accepted in support of Nanaimo Foodshare’s Summer Lunch Program.

(b) **Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Conference Participation Update (Discussion)**

The UBCM Conference administration has not yet advised if the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council’s application to participate was accepted. They will confirm after 2018-JUL-20, and then the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council will make the final decision of whether to attend or not. The conference fees will be ascertained at that time, also, and an accurate budget will be determined.

(c) **Nanaimo Teenfest Event (Discussion)**

Nanaimo TeenFest will take place in conjunction with Mosaic-Con (M-Con) on the weekend of 2018-SEP-15&16. The City’s Parks, Recreation and Environment Department will be hosting a table and has invited the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council to join them.

It was moved and seconded that the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council participate in the TeenFest event being held September 15-16, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

(a) **Succession Planning**

Michael Ribicic, Chair, suggested starting to think about succession planning for a new Chair in 2019 since the terms for him and Aakash Pawar (previous Chair) will expire at the end of December 2018.

Members said farewell to Clare Shuley as this would be her last meeting before resigning from the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council.

8. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

No one in attendance wished to ask any questions.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved and seconded at 5:25 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CHAIR

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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CORPORATE OFFICER
NEWS RELEASE
Distributed September 12, 2018

Calling all poets! Apply to be Nanaimo's next Youth Poet Laureate

*Deadline for applications is Monday, October 15, 2018 (4:00 pm)*

We're calling all youth poets to apply to be Nanaimo's next Youth Poet Laureate.

In 2017, the City selected Kailey DeFehr as Nanaimo's first Youth Poet Laureate for a two-year term. We are now seeking applications for the next Youth Poet Laureate (ages 13-21 years) (term to begin in January 2019).

"Drawing on the amazing success of the City's Poet Laureate Program, we have been extremely pleased with Kailey DeFehr's time as Nanaimo's Youth Poet Laureate. There are so many skilled poets in Nanaimo, and finding young poets who are dedicated to encouraging and inspiring those in our community is very important", said Chris Barfoot, Culture & Heritage Coordinator.

The purpose of a Youth Poet Laureate is to serve as a "young people's poet" and to raise awareness of poetry, the literary arts and the positive impact literature and poetry can have on community life.

"I'm excited that Nanaimo is continuing with the Youth Poet Laureate Program. We are one of a few cities within Canada to have a youth poet laureate" said Councillor Jerry Hong, member of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council. "This program has the ability to empower youth to express their artistic talents through poetry".

All applications for the Youth Poet Laureate position must be received by Monday, October 15, 2018 (4:00 pm). Terms of reference for this position are attached for information.

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Become Nanaimo’s Youth Poet Laureate!

Terms of Reference and Nomination Form

Drawing on the amazing expertise of a new generation of Nanaimo poets and the success from Nanaimo’s inaugural Youth Poet Laureate, the City of Nanaimo’s next Youth Poet Laureate will seek to give the community access to strong youth voices. Reaching “a variety of youth” populations and encouraging peer to peer education and inspiration, the Youth Poet Laureate will pave the way for future youth to engage on a civic level through their artistic voice.

Mentored by the Poet Laureate, the Youth Poet Laureate will present original work to City Council, the Youth Advisory Council, and the community through a variety of civic events. As well, they will organize community-based youth poetry projects.

Term and Remuneration

The City of Nanaimo Youth Poet Laureate will be provided a $400 honorarium and $100 of project funding, in addition to a year-long mentorship with the City of Nanaimo’s Poet Laureate. The term for the Youth Poet Laureate is for two (2) year. Term will begin 2019-JAN-01.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible as Nanaimo’s Youth Poet Laureate, candidates must be 13 to 21 years of age (youth) and reside within the City of Nanaimo. Candidates can be nominated by someone else or be self-nominated.

Applicants must include in their submission the following documentation:

- At least three (3) original poems in any format including written, audio or video. If submitting audio or video, please include a written transcript of the poems.
- Letter of intent including an outline of the vision for the Youth Poet Laureate position and at least three (3) sample ideas of projects that they would undertake as Youth Poet Laureate.
- Résumé outlining the community engagement experience related to school, work and/or volunteering.

Youth Poet Laureate Duties

Nanaimo’s Youth Poet Laureate will:

- Participate in the cultural life of the city and serve as a literary youth ambassador for Nanaimo.
- Undertake a community engagement project to engage youth (example: youth-at-risk).
- Perform a poetry reading during at least one (1) City Council meeting and three (3) Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council meetings, and may choose to perform at other public events.
- Create three (3) new original works of poetry.
- Serve as a judge on the panel for the Nanaimo High School Poetry Writing Contest.
- Perform a poetry reading during at least one (1) at the Vancouver Island Regional Library.
Selection Process

The selection and appointment process for the Youth Poet Laureate will be undertaken by a selection committee consisting of:

- two (2) members of the Nanaimo Youth Advisory Council;
- one (1) member of the Community Vitality Committee, or its equivalent;
- two (2) representatives from the literary community (poets, writers); and,
- one (1) representative from the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The selected candidate will be recommended to City Council for final approval.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated ability to engage and inspire the community.
- Clear and innovative ideas regarding the vision for the position of Youth Poet Laureate.
- Ease and skill at presenting and performing work to the public.
- Ability to capture their audience through live readings.

Finalists for the Youth Poet Laureate position will be invited for an interview with the selection panel.

Intellectual Property

All writing, notes and original materials produced during the Youth Poet Laureate’s tenure will remain the property of the Youth Poet Laureate.

Deadline for Applications

Applications must be received by 4:00 pm on Monday, October 15, 2018. Deliver completed applications to:

- In Person: c/o Culture & Heritage, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6
- By Mail: c/o Culture & Heritage, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6
- By Email: cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca

Questions?

Contact the Community and Cultural Planning Department at 250-755-4483 or cultureandheritage@nanaimo.ca.
NEWS RELEASE
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City Seeking Proposals for 2019 Temporary Outdoor Art Program

Accepting proposals until Monday, October 22, 2018 (3:00 pm)

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is currently seeking proposals for temporary outdoor art for display in public places beginning in 2019. All artists are invited to submit their proposals through "CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ART NO. 2258", which is available on the City's website at www.nanaimo.ca/bid-opportunities. The deadline for proposals is Monday, October 22, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

Since 2010, the City of Nanaimo has been involved in a dynamic and evolving public art program that enhances and animates our City’s parks. Each year, outdoor artwork is installed in public places on a temporary basis for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. The parks essentially become outdoor art galleries and showcase artworks for a limited period of time.

Strategic Link: Installation of temporary public art furthers the goals of the Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity and Innovation) pillar of the City’s Corporate Strategic Plan, by continuing to support the downtown core as an Arts District.

Key Points

- All artists are invited to submit their proposals through the "CALL FOR ARTISTS FOR TEMPORARY OUTDOOR ART NO. 2258", available on the City’s website at www.nanaimo.ca/bid-opportunities. The call is open to all artists who live in Canada. Participants do not have to be a professional artist to submit a proposal.
- The deadline for proposals is Monday, October 22, 2018 (3:00 pm).

Quotes

"With the enormous success in 2018, we encourage all artists to submit their art proposals in an effort to continue creating dynamic and engaging outdoor spaces."

Chris Barfoot
Culture & Heritage Coordinator
City of Nanaimo

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NEWS RELEASE
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City Seeking Public Nominations for 2019 Culture & Heritage Awards

Deadline for nominations is Monday, October 22 at 4:00 pm

The City of Nanaimo is seeking public nominations for the 2019 Culture & Heritage Awards. The awards recognize outstanding organizations, groups and individuals in the arts, culture & heritage fields.

AWARD CATEGORIES:
- EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE
- HONOUR IN CULTURE
- EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER (under 30 years of age)
- HONOUR IN HERITAGE
- JOHN THOMSON HERITAGE MEMORIAL

This is your opportunity to recognize people and groups you believe have made a significant contribution to making Nanaimo a culturally vibrant city. Recipients are recognized at a special celebration at the Port Theatre on April 18, 2019.

"These awards recognize the best of Nanaimo's arts, culture and heritage volunteers, as well as their creative talent", said Mayor Bill McKay. "The work of these amazing volunteers and creative professionals all contributes a sense of vitality and pride within our community".

Nomination forms are available online at www.nanaimo.ca/culture-environment/awards, attached to this press release, or by contacting us directly. The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 22 no later than 4:00 pm.

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- [ ] will you (nominator) be available to communicate with event organizers and assist in gathering nominator information?

### Persons supporting this nomination (please provide a minimum of two)

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Please attach all pertinent information / documentation that would support this nomination and assist the Review Committee in making its decision (a description of their background of up to 300 words, letters of support, etc.).

For additional information please contact Chris Barfoot, 250-755-7522.

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About the Culture & Heritage Awards

The City of Nanaimo recognizes outstanding organizations, groups or individuals in the arts, culture & heritage fields. This is your opportunity to recognize people and groups that you believe have made a significant contribution to making Nanaimo a culturally vibrant city.

Award Categories

**Excellence in Culture**

Presented to an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and is recognized as a “Nanaimo Artist,” has demonstrated excellence in their field, and is a significant inspiration to others. Past recipients include music teacher Brian Stovel (internationally acclaimed jazz pianist), Diana Krall (singer), Lynne Bowen (author and historian), Carole Martyn (Kirkwood Academy of the Performing Arts), Pat Coleman (international jazz musician and guitar instructor at VIU), Grant Leier and Nixie Barton (Barton & Leier Gallery), and Susan Juby (Creative Writing Department at VIU) and Jacqui Kaese (Spotlight Academy).

**Honour in Culture**

Presented to an individual, group or corporation known for their dedication and support of the development of Nanaimo’s cultural sector. Past recipients include Thora Howell (literary arts supporter), Arts Alive Summer School of the Fine Arts, Sandra Thomson (arts advocate), Ian Niamath (award winning architect and president of Nanaimo Art Gallery Board), Arlene Blundell (Nanaimo Theatre Group), Debbie Trueman (Manager of the Nanaimo Museum) and Gerda Hofman (artist).

**Emerging Cultural Leader**

Recognizes up-and-coming, Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. This award targets individuals under 30 years of age who have contributed significantly to the cultural life in Nanaimo. Recipients must be recognized by their peers and the community as a whole, to have given distinguished service in arts and culture and / or have been recognized for excellence in an arts or cultural field. Past recipients include Shayd Johnson (2014), Amanda Scott (2015) and Alyssa Glassford (2016).

**Honour in Heritage**

Presented to an individual, group or corporation who demonstrates outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation of Nanaimo’s heritage and history. This award category was created in 2018.

**John Thomson Heritage Memorial**


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CALLING ALL POETS FOR "POETRY IN TRANSIT" PROGRAM

LET'S CELEBRATE POETRY AND GET CREATIVE ABOUT NANAIMO!

The City of Nanaimo's Poet Laureate invites you to send your short poems, prose poems or excerpts from longer poems to the "Poetry in Transit" Program. The theme is "Caring for Others". Through this call for poetry, poets will contribute works that are in some way related to a particular point, a site in Nanaimo or the experiences shared while caring for others.

"Let's celebrate poetry and hear your voices. Share your poetry stories about Nanaimo with many passengers who ride the bus every day", said Tina Biello, Nanaimo Poet Laureate.

Poets who live within the Regional District of Nanaimo and City of Nanaimo can submit their poems to callingallpoets@nanaimo.ca. Each poet can submit up to three (3) poems for review. Poems should only be 3-5 lines (50 words or less) not counting the title, and should relate to the theme "Caring for Others". Poems will be selected on the basis of their relation to the theme, artistic merit and appropriateness for display, either on the bus or online.

Inspired by Nanaimo's Poet Laureate, this partnership between the City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo and the Vancouver Island Regional Library is a way for the many riders of Nanaimo's public transit to rethink and re-know their city. Selected poems will be chosen to appear on the bus and promotional material.

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