

CULTURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 9, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Culture Services Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Steve Kim, Chair
Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair
Candrina Bailey, Coquitlam Heritage Society
Marie Del Cid-Luque
Julie Eastman
Abnash Kaur Gill (left at 7:24 p.m.)
Todd Gnissios, Coquitlam Public Library Board
Kim Hockey
Janice Mazon
Joan McCauley, Place des Arts
Bradley Nickason, Evergreen Cultural Centre
Hazel Postma (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Mandy Tulloch, Artistic Community Representative

REGRETS: Andrea Howorth, Festival Planners Network

STAFF: Donnie Rosa, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture
Karen Basi, Cultural Services Manager
Maria Danysh, Acting Cultural and Community Events Supervisor
Jeri Hohn, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome and Roundtable of Reintroductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and he and the Vice Chair provided opening remarks.

The Cultural Services Manager expressed her pleasure and seeing everyone again and introduced the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture (GM PRC) to the meeting. The GM PRC spoke to her past work history, her current role, and her lifelong passion for arts and culture. The Culture Services Manager introduced the Acting Cultural and Community Events Supervisor to the Committee.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Committee members participated in a roundtable of reintroductions.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**2. Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2020**

The Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**3. Approved 2020 CSAC Work Plan – Fresh Perspectives Commentary**

The Cultural Services Manager spoke to the approved 2020 Work Plan and noted that some items, such as the City's recent Canada Day 2020 celebrations, could be adjusted during the year due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chair applauded the work of staff, noting their tireless dedication to ensure that the City's work plans continued to proceed smoothly, despite the challenges of the pandemic.

4. CSAC Members' Roundtable / Emerging Cultural Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

The Chair invited Committee members to share information regarding happenings and events occurring in their organizations and communities over the past number of months.

Committee members shared event details and spoke to issues and concerns experienced by their organizations and themselves as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including operational changes implemented to accommodate social distancing directives and the "new normal" everyone has been operating within.

A Committee member noted the grants and funding opportunities available to support arts and culture organizations as they adjust technologies to provide enhanced online services to the public.

The Chair spoke to prospects for local arts and culture organizations to collaborate and share ideas so that best practices and new, creative ideas could be implemented.

5. Kaleidoscope – Plan Overview

The Acting Cultural and Community Events Supervisor provided a presentation regarding the City's 2020 plans for the Kaleidoscope Arts Festival, utilizing on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Kaleidoscope Arts Festival 2020 Plan Overview
- Background
- (Previous) Event Objectives
- Kaleidoscope 2020: Bringing the Arts to the Community
- Open Discussion: Locations

The Committee considered venues for the 2020 Kaleidoscope Festival and made suggestions

appropriate to current social distancing guidelines, including a branch of the Coquitlam Public Library, Coquitlam Centre Mall, and the area beneath the SkyTrain Millennium Line.

In response to a question regarding the date of the event, the Cultural Services Manager noted that it was changed to align with Culture Days occurring at the end of September. In response to a further question, the Cultural Services Manager undertook to provide the Committee with the confirmed event date and details.

The Chair suggested that local schools could be encouraged to build the Festival into their curriculum as a great way to engage youth in Coquitlam's arts.

6. Cultural Summit – Recap/Establish Working Group

The Cultural Services Manager provided a presentation regarding the City's Cultural Summit, utilizing on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Cultural Summit
- 2021 Cultural Summit Planning

The following Committee members volunteered to participate on the 2021 Cultural Summit Working Group: Candrina Bailey, Janice Mazon, Joan McCauley, and Mandy Tulloch.

A volunteer noted she had compiled a list of suggested keynote speakers to share with staff.

7. Riverview Hospital Artifacts – Presentation & Next Steps

The Cultural Services Manager provided a presentation regarding the City's collection of Riverview Hospital artifacts, utilizing on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Riverview Artifacts Collection Management
- Move to 560 Sydney
- Hazardous Assessment and Cleaning
- Identifying the Objects
- Excel Spreadsheet
- Physical Care and Storage
- Poirier Community Centre – Before
- Poirier Community Centre – After
- Sentinel Storage – Before
- Sentinel Storage – After
- Collection Management Phase I (2020)
- Collections Management Phase II (in 2-3 Years)
- Kingston Museum of Healthcare
- Collections Management Phase II – TBD
- Feedback & Discussion

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Admiration for seeing a project many years in the making come to fruition
- The challenges of properly caring for such a collection

- The desire that a virtual version of the collection be made available to the public
- Support for the recognition and preservation of the collection
- The belief that the collection showcased the history of mental health and health care professionals in BC
- That Anna Tremere had been recognized by Council and Heritage BC for her role in preserving the collection
- The desire to make a database of the artifacts available online to the public
- The belief that bloggers, journalists, mental health professionals and researchers could find such a database interesting and helpful
- The possibility of the City developing a program to loan-out the artifacts
- The success of the collection's "Suitcase Project" previously hosted by various Coquitlam venues

8. Block Party Program Update

The Cultural Services Manager referred to an on-screen slide titled "2020 Block Parties Reimagined July 15 – Oct 1" and debriefed the Committee regarding modifications made to the program to ensure that neighbours could gather and engage in a safe, socially-distanced way.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The amount of the Block Party grant
- The idea that local musicians could be supported through the program
- Suggestions regarding other ways to animate the event with local artists
- Whether Zoom-style Block Parties had been considered

9. Facilities Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

The Cultural Services Manager provided a facilities update, highlighting ongoing and upcoming planned expansions and improvements to the Southwest Arts and Heritage Centre, City Centre Area, Northeast Community Centre, Place Maillardville, Don Cummings Turf Field, and Mundy Park Playground.

In response to a question from a Committee member, the Cultural Services Manager undertook to report back regarding the tree removal that could occur as part of the Mundy Park playground project.

OTHER BUSINESS

OB-1 COVID-19 Recovery Plan Process and Expanding Outdoor Patio Spaces

The Chair spoke to the recovery plan to expand outdoor patios, noting that expansion would include coffee shops, restaurants, and pubs, but could also include venues such as museums or art galleries and other cultural services and businesses. He encouraged the Committee to help break the perception that patio expansion was only for food service-type establishments.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The idea that businesses could be encouraged to hire musicians and artists to enliven their patio spaces
- Whether the City could establish a database or webpage to provide the public with a list of musicians and performance artists available to activate patio spaces
- The idea that the City could commission a performance piece on social distancing with a view to having the artists perform at Block Parties or on outdoor patios

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, September 17, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR



Jeri Hohn
Committee Clerk