

CULTURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 13, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Culture Services Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Steve Kim, Chair
Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:09 p.m.)
Nina Buddhdev, Citizen Representative
Kim Hockey, Citizen Representative
Megan Leslie, Citizen Representative
Janice Mazon, Citizen Representative
Philip Mulder, Citizen Representative
Reg Quiring, Citizen Representative
Lindy Sisson, Artistic Community Representative
Anthea Goffe, Coquitlam Public Library Board
Philip Hartwick, Evergreen Cultural Centre
Jackie Weinkam, Festival Planners Network
Joan McCauley, Place des Arts

ABSENT: Sandra Hochstein, Coquitlam Heritage Society

STAFF: Karen Basi, Cultural Services Manager
Wondy Chan, Cultural & Community Events Supervisor
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial land acknowledgement.

1. Welcome and Roundtable of Introductions

The Chair welcomed new and returning members to the first Committee Meeting for 2023 and expressed gratitude for the resumption of in-person meetings.

Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair, arrived to the meeting at this time (7:09 p.m.).

The Committee members and staff participated in a roundtable of introductions.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022

The Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**3. Committee Orientation**

The Committee Clerk provided the Committee with an orientation of its structure, mandate, and responsibilities by referencing an on-screen presentation and utilizing slides.

4. Review and Adoption of the 2023 Culture Services Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Draft 2023 Work Plan was presented on-screen and the Cultural Services Manager provided an overview of the proposed Work Plan items.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Community feedback for Work Plan process
- City's Business Plan
- Sub-committees update
- Standing agenda items
- Update regarding the Northeast Community Centre and Innovation Centre
- Arts, culture and heritage in the community
- Pilot project with Riverview Hospital regarding the preservation of artifacts
- Coquitlam Public Library facility and services study update
- Conducting an assessment of City facilities that require renovations or replacement
- Events and program participation from community organizations
- Economic development update
- Status of future art displays in the City
- City Centre Area Plan
- After-work events in the entertainment district and the desire for community feedback in this regard
- Council priorities for Work Plan items

The Committee endorsed the 2023 Work Plan and a copy is attached hereto, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

**COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the 2023 Culture Services Advisory Committee Work Plan.

5. Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategic Plan / Culture Services Overview

The Cultural Services Manager and the Cultural & Community Events Supervisor provided the Committee with an on-screen presentation entitled "Arts, Culture & Heritage Overview April 13, 2023" that covered the following topics:

- Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan 2017
- Vision of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategic Plan 2015 – 2030

- Coquitlam’s cultural and community partners’ impact on cultural programming
- City involvement in arts, funding and programming
- Festival Planners Network
- Festivals and events in Coquitlam including the Canada Day Event, Summer Concert Series, Kaleidoscope Arts Festival, Cultural Summit and Lights at Lafarge Winter Lights Display Kick-off Event
- Park and facility opening events that celebrate the creation of new public amenities
- Public Art Policy & Project Plan
- Riverview Hospital Artifact Collection and the City’s efforts to catalogue artifacts from the Hospital and other heritage sites
- City Archives
- Status of the Heritage Management Strategy

The Vice Chair provided comments on the Heritage Management Strategy’s success and noted that the future of the heritage collection displays is yet to be determined. Furthermore, the Coquitlam Heritage Society is working to find, save, and preserve historical buildings and artifacts.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether there is a cultural map or list of art groups/resources within Coquitlam
- Whether the City has a public art staff person
- Why many art projects are developer driven
- Possible educational component such as a travelling museum for Riverview Hospital Artifact Collection
- Suitcase artifact project performed conjunctly with Douglas College
- The difficulty of preserving more delicate artifacts
- History of mental health and healing component of art

6. Public Art: Civic Facility Visual Arts Display Program

The Culture Services Manager provided the Committee with the second half of an on-screen presentation entitled “Arts, Culture & Heritage Overview April 13, 2023” that covered the following topics:

- Visual arts display opportunities
- Visual Arts Display Pilot Project at Pinetree Community Centre

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Budget and honorariums for artists
- Consideration of logistics for display and protection of art from possible damage
- Charging fees to allow public access to art works
- City-owned space accessible for the pilot project
- Frontal Exposure Program Grant and its support of individuals installing artwork in vacant spaces within private buildings
- Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association initiative to revitalize downtown alleyways with competition among Simon Fraser University (SFU) visual art students

- Where newcomers can go to access information about Coquitlam
- Welcome to Coquitlam Event
- Tri-Cities Newspaper advertisements for Coquitlam events
- Coquitlam Lane at Canada Day Event

7. Facilities Updates

The Cultural Services Manager advised that there were no facility updates at this time.

8. Committee Member's Roundtable / Emerging Cultural Issues

The Committee members were invited to share details regarding upcoming events or emerging issues in their communities. The following information was shared:

- Whether there is a long-term plan for an entertainment district in Coquitlam
- Low SFU student engagement and hard time bringing students back to campus for in-person classes and events
- Lack of a public gathering space in Coquitlam
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on young adults including missed trips and graduation ceremonies
- Evergreen Cultural Centre's reintroduction of rehearsal hall sessions to attract emerging artists and expanded summer arts programs
- Challenges for older residents to attend events due to mobility issues and concerns of lingering pandemic effects
- Declining number of volunteers in the community and the need to attract younger volunteers
- BC Dumpling Festival in August at Town Centre Park
- Concern from Scotsfest BC that Town Centre Park developments will affect their plans and setup for the BC Highland Games Event in June
- The necessity for designated public spaces for events
- Fatigue of stereotypical cultural programming at community events
- May as the Asian and South Asian History Month
- Coquitlam Pride at Evergreen event held on July 15, 2023 at the Evergreen Cultural Centre
- Charles Best Secondary Gay-Straight Alliance presentation at Council-in-Committee meeting held on February 27, 2023
- Coquitlam Public Library events including Beers and Books at Mariner Brewery, Dragon Boat Story Time, and Día Internacional del Libro (International Book Day)
- Provincial Government Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Grants that help the Coquitlam Public Library fund its public speaker series events
- Tri-Cities Pride Society resuming its operations
- Death threats towards queer teachers from abroad
- The need for "safe spaces"
- Coquitlam Youth Orchestra concert being held on June 10, 2023 at the Evergreen Cultural Centre
- Festival Planners Network events including the Como Lake Fishing Derby, Lafarge Lake Fishing Derby, and Teddy Bears Picnic & Parade
- How the Committee could connect cultural organizations with City opportunities to host events and offer programming
- Potential workshops at future Committee meetings

- Lack of clarity around the extent of City involvement in particular community events

The Chair thanked the Committee members for their volunteerism.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, June 8, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Steve Kim, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk