

**CULTURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, June 12, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Culture Services Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

*\*Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Chair  
Councillor Teri Towner, Vice Chair  
Rob Bottos, Citizen Representative  
Silvia Camolese, Citizen Representative  
Anthea Goffe, Coquitlam Public Library Board  
Philip Hartwick, Evergreen Cultural Centre Society  
Andrea Jensen, Artistic Community Representative\*  
Al Lau, Coquitlam Heritage Society  
Joan McCauley, Place Des Arts  
Clinton Pope, Citizen Representative

REGRETS: Silvia Camolese, Citizen Representative  
Gina Chong, Festival Planners Network  
Dana Ebtakar, Citizen Representative  
Marwa Elziny, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Hilary Letwin, Manager Cultural Services  
Heidi Hughes, Manager Tourism and Visitor Economy  
Raj Singh, Project Manager Parks Planning  
Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025**

The Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 were approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Festivals and Events Update**

The Manager Tourism and Visitor Economy gave a presentation entitled “Festivals and Events Update” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The challenges related to hosting large indoor events in Coquitlam due to the City's lack of a large convention centre.
- Progress and scope of the City's Festival and Events Strategy.
- Concerns related to climate change negatively impacting outdoor event viability.
- Opportunity to have the Korean festival back in Coquitlam.

The Manager Tourism and Visitor Economy left the meeting at this time and did not return (7:34 p.m.).

### **3. Update on Fraser Mills Park Design and Public Art**

The Project Manager Parks Planning gave a presentation entitled “Update on Fraser Mills Park Design and Public Art” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The City's decision to opt for tennis courts instead of pickle ball courts at the Park.
- The potential addition of interpretative panels in Fraser Mills Park that would communicate the history of the Fraser Mills area.
- Consultations with First Nations on the Park's design.
- Understanding the design considerations for flood prevention at the Park.
- The walkability and visitor attractions around the Park.
- Understanding the budget and handoff process of the Park between Beedie and the City.
- Concerns the Park will be over programmed resulting in inaccessibility to residents.

The Project Manager Parks Planning left the meeting at this time and did not return (7:55 p.m.).

### **4. Update on Cultural Services Programs**

The Manager Cultural Services gave a presentation entitled “Update on Cultural Services Programs” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the details of the Paint in the Park pavilion at Como Lake Park including the size of the Pavilion, booking process, and months of operation.

**5. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Evergreen Cultural Centre’s summer performances schedule and newly expanded educational programs.
- Place Des Arts commencing its summer camp, subsidized summer camps for children with disabilities, and theatre program.
- Updates on the Coquitlam Library including the Tri-Cities Writers Festival with support from the Province of BC and local businesses; a science expo held for middle and high school students in partnership with Douglas College and SD 43, Indigenous pop-ups at branches, art exhibitions, sessions of the Brave Speakers series, and summer reading club for youths and adults.
- Coquitlam Heritage Society’s summer pride events and cultural festivals, and the Society’s successful partnership with the Vancouver Tourism Challenge.
- The grand opening of Mundy Park Pool (July 10) and the commissioned Cultural Recognition Pieces.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Chair

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Bryan Leung, Committee Clerk