

CULTURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 26, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Culture Services Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 7:00 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 (arrived at 8:36 p.m.)
Candrina Bailey, Coquitlam Heritage Society
Julie Eastman
Todd Gnissios, Coquitlam Public Library Board
Kim Hockey
Janice Mazon
Joan McCauley, Place des Arts
Hazel Postma
- REGRETS: Marie Del Cid-Luque
Andrea Howorth, Festival Planners Network
Bradley Nickason, Evergreen Culture Centre
Mandy Tulloch, Artistic Community Representative
- GUEST: Philip Hartwick, Executive Director, Evergreen Culture Centre
- STAFF: Karen Basi, Cultural Services Manager
Maria Danysh, Acting Cultural and Community Events Supervisor
Demian Rueter, Planner 3
James Taylor, Planner 2
Jeri Hohn, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 17, 2020

The Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Southwest Housing Review Presentation

The Planner 3 was welcomed to the meeting and he introduced himself and made opening remarks regarding the Southwest Housing Review (SWHR) being undertaken by the City. He

provided a presentation, utilizing on-screen slides titled as follows:

- Southwest Housing Review – Culture Services Advisory Committee
- Where is Southwest Coquitlam?
- Population Trends
- Housing Affordability
- Housing Trends: Age of Housing
- Housing Trends: Size of Newly Constructed Houses
- Housing Trends: Finding the Right Fit
- Reviewing Housing and Development Options in Southwest Coquitlam
- Project Scope: 4 Work Streams
- SWHR – Corridors and Nodes
- Neighbourhood Pockets
- SWHR – Current NAR / Housing Choices Areas
- SWHR – Current Single-family Areas
- Parks & Amenities
- SWHR: Timeline
- Phase 1 Public Consultation
- Discussion
- Letstalkcoquitlam.ca/swhr

The Committee considered the following focus question:

- What are some key challenges and opportunities with respect to public/community amenities in Southwest Coquitlam that the SWHR should consider?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Whether the City would include rental, low income, and homelessness housing options within the SWHR
- Population increases and decreases in Coquitlam and how those trends compared to other local municipalities
- Concerns regarding the impacts of housing infill on traditional neighbourhood operations in Coquitlam, including legal and illegal suites, increased street parking, and reduced visibility for children riding bicycles and playing hockey on local roads
- Whether the impacts of the housing infill proposed for the Southwest would be discussed during the planned SWHR public consultation
- The construction of new multi-family homes in the Southwest and whether there would be enough school-aged children to sustain local schools
- Whether the City could work with TransLink to ensure good bus service and routes in the Southwest
- The belief that effective bus service could reduce traffic congestion and street parking in Southwest neighbourhoods
- Whether residents living in the six neighbourhoods identified on the slide titled “Neighbourhood Pockets” had asked the City for increased densification of their neighbourhoods
- Whether the Fraser Mills development impacted the SWHR
- The observed rise in the homelessness population in Maillardville in recent years
- The complexity of the homelessness issue and information regarding some of the local efforts being undertaken to combat homelessness
- Figures regarding the expected number of market and non-market rentals to become

- available in Coquitlam in future years
- The benefits of decreasing vehicular traffic in densified neighbourhoods and whether the City could encourage development of robust transportation options in the Southwest area

The Planner 3 encouraged the Committee to visit the SWHR website to provide further input and to share the website link with their contacts and networks.

At the request of the Committee, the Committee Clerk undertook to email a copy of the presentation to the members.

3. 2021 Cultural Summit Planning – Working Group Report

The Cultural Services Manager shared an update regarding planning for the City's 2021 Cultural Summit and details of the Working Group's brainstorming sessions held in October and November, utilizing an on-screen presentation with slides titled as follows:

- 2021 Cultural Summit
- Planning Context
- Participant Needs
- Current Trends
- Themes/Topics
- 2021 Summit Theme
- Formats Options
- Considerations
- Next Steps

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The belief that the themes identified by the Working Group were interesting and relevant
- How content is built by the City for different audiences, including youth

The Chair expressed appreciation for the work undertaken by staff and the Working Group to date.

4. Events Update

The Acting Cultural and Community Events Supervisor provided an update regarding the City's 2020 cultural events, utilizing an on-screen presentation with slides titled as follows:

- 2020 Events Update
- July 1
- July 10, 17, 24, August 7, 14
- September 25 – October 3
- September 26
- October 3
- Kaleidoscope Arts Festival

During her presentation, she previewed a video compilation of Kaleidoscope Arts Festival highlights for the Committee.

The Chair invited comments and there were none. He expressed the belief that it was regrettable but understandable that Lights at Lafarge had been cancelled and thanked the Acting Cultural and Community Events Supervisor for her presentation.

5. Riverview Hospital Artifacts – Historical Catalogue

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

- Riverview Artifacts Collection Management
- Identifying the Objects
- Collection Management Phase I
- Historical Catalogue
- Finding Aid

During her presentation, she noted that the Committee would be kept apprised of the project's progression and given an opportunity to provide feedback in the future.

A Committee member spoke to an oral histories project to be offered at Mackin House – a 5-part series on the different aspects of life experienced at Riverview Hospital by past patients.

6. Facilities Updates (Standing Agenda Item)

The Cultural Services Manager referred to an on-screen slide titled "Facility Updates". She spoke to information provided by City staff regarding ongoing and upcoming planned expansions and improvements to the Festival Lawn and Plaza Washroom at Town Centre Park, Buchanan Square, Lafarge Lake Loop, North East Community Centre, South West Arts and Heritage Centre, City Centre Area, and Place Maillardville.

In response to a question from a Committee member, the Cultural Services Manager undertook to report back to the Committee regarding why trees around the Lafarge Lake Loop had recently been removed. A Committee member shared her understanding that the trees had been cleared to accommodate a project to widen and pave the Loop pathway and expressed the hope that the completed path would have the same charm as the original once the project was completed.

The Cultural Services Manager reported back regarding a question asked by a Committee member during the last meeting, noting that the City was working to preserve the trees around the Mundy Park Playground.

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

The Chair introduced the new Executive Director of the Evergreen Cultural Centre (ECC), Philip Hartwick, to the Committee and welcomed him to the meeting. Mr. Hartwick greeted the Committee and shared information regarding some recent programming adjustments made at ECC in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Committee members provided information about the

happenings and events that had occurred within their lives, organizations, and communities since the Committee's last meeting.

The Chair, Vice Chair, and Cultural Services Manager expressed sincere thanks to the current and outgoing Committee members and staff for their valuable contributions and volunteer work during the past, challenging year and wished everyone season's greetings and happy holidays.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – 2020 (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT

CHAIR



Jeri Hohn
Committee Clerk