



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 1, 2021
Submitted by: Arts and Culture Committee
Subject: 2021 Annual Report – Arts and Culture Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2021 Arts and Culture Committee.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated November 1, 2021 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding 2021 Annual Report – Arts and Culture Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2022 Arts and Culture Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in spring 2022.

Committee Mandate

The mandate of the Arts and Culture Committee is to:

- inform and advise Council on arts and culture matters within the Council Committee System Policy;
- encourage and support communication, cooperation, and coordination among arts and culture organizations;
- encourage and support communication, cooperation, and coordination with other City committees and Port Moody organizations;
- develop a Cultural Master Plan for the City of Arts;
- stimulate and encourage community involvement and appreciation of arts and culture in the City of Port Moody; and
- advocate for a strong and viable arts and culture identity for the City of Port Moody.

Meetings and Attendance

The Arts and Culture Committee met monthly between January and November 2021, with the exception of May 2021 due to cancellation by the Chair, and August 2021 due to the summer break.

Councillor Zoë Royer was appointed as Chair and Councillor Meghan Lahti as Vice-Chair in December 2020. Between January and December 2021, the following members served on the Committee:

- Jacquie Boyer (from February 2021);
- Tasha Evans;
- Katherine Holgate;
- Mark LeBourdais (resigned September 2021);
- Sara MacLellan (resigned February 2021);
- Brenda Millar;
- Richard (Scott) Place (from September 2021);
- Tracey Schaeffer;
- Jill Schuler (resigned March 2021); and
- Olya Wright.

Devin Jain, Manager of Cultural Services, served as the staff liaison to the Arts and Culture Committee and Jennifer Mills served as Committee Coordinator.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2021 Arts and Culture Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on February 23, 2021, and due to the ongoing pandemic and related restrictions, the 2021 Arts and Culture Committee Work Plan was revised and approved by Council on July 13, 2021. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2021 by the Arts and Culture Committee (a list of motions made in 2021, along with the status of the motions, is included in **Attachment 1**):

Online Artists Talks Series

This was discussed at the February meeting with consideration of including this as part of the Outdoor Arts Festival.

Fair Compensation for Artists

The Fair Compensation for Artists Subcommittee was formed for this item and a draft document outlining the value and considerations of compensating artists fairly was presented to the Committee in July. The document is now with the Manager of Cultural Services for a final review and formatting and, once complete, it will be presented to the Committee before going to Council for consideration.

Outdoor Arts Festival

The Outdoor Arts Festival Subcommittee was formed for this item and the final event proposal and budget were presented to the Committee at the November meeting with a recommendation to approve and forward to Council for consideration. The Short Film Competition item was combined with this item.

Meaning of Being the “City of the Arts”

The Meaning of Being the “City of the Arts” Subcommittee was formed for this item and began work with a focus on considering a method to survey residents on this topic. Guests were invited to join the November meeting to discuss the origins and future of being City of the Arts.

Street Banner Theme

Due to the pandemic, the City’s Street Banner Program was suspended in 2021, and therefore the Committee was not able to propose a theme for 2022 or to select community designs.

Queens Street Plaza Placemaking

The Manager of Cultural Services provided an update on the City’s plans to expand this project over the next two years and confirmed that funding was included in the capital budget plan.

In The Presence of Ancestors

Committee member, Ms. Tasha Evans, provided a presentation and overview of the “In the Presence of Ancestors” project that she is leading.

2021 Artist Grant

Three Artist Grant applications were received for the spring intake period. All three artists were awarded funds to assist them with their projects. No applications were received for the fall intake.

Connecting with Local Groups

The Committee discussed possible groups that should be included, various methods for doing so, and barriers for participation. The Manger of Cultural Services provided an update on an upcoming cultural mapping project that could be of assistance. The Work Plan item of Promoting More Diversity of Artists in Port Moody was combined with this item due to the significant overlap.

Performance Series at the Amphitheatre

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed in 2021.

2021 Arts Award

The Committee reviewed the 2021 Arts Award nominations in September and recommended two recipients to Council for consideration.

Bring Artists into Local Schools

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed in 2021.

Promoting More Diversity of Artists in Port Moody

This item was combined with the Connecting with Local Groups item due to the significant overlap.

Short Film Competition

The Short Film Competition item was rolled into the Outdoor Arts Festival item as the two events are intended to support one another.

Artists Micro Studios

Past Committee members were invited to join the October meeting and present on the previous work done on this item.

Official Community Plan (OCP) Update

Staff presented an overview on the OCP Update and Committee members provided feedback.

Cultural Expressions

In addition to Committee members providing updates on personal artistic and cultural expressions, the Committee also shared and discussed the following topics:

- Tukamore Press call for artists;
- Talking Stick Festival;
- Virtual events in support of the In the Presence of Ancestors project; and
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event held at Noons Creek Hatchery.

Outstanding Matters

Due to the pandemic, the City's Street Banner Program was suspended in 2021, so the Committee was not able to propose a theme for 2022 or to select community designs.

The Committee was not able to schedule these items for discussion:

- Bring Artists into Local Schools; and
- Performance Series at the Amphitheatre.

Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council's direction, the following focus area should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2022:

- Outdoor Arts Festival.

Attachment(s)

1. 2021 Arts and Culture Committee Resolutions.

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