



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 14, 2025  
Submitted by: Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee  
Subject: 2024 Annual Report – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

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### Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2024 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee.

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### Recommended Resolution

**THAT the report dated January 14, 2025, from the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee regarding 2024 Annual Report – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee be received for information;**

**AND THAT the 2025 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual Work Plan in Spring 2025.**

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### Committee Mandate

The purpose of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee is to provide recommendations and advice on Port Moody's arts, cultural and heritage resources in an effort to align these important areas for the benefit of the City of the Arts, and initiatives in the following areas:

- providing feedback regarding proposals, bylaws, city projects related to heritage conservation;
- providing feedback regarding proposals, bylaws and policies related to arts and culture;
- arts, cultural and heritage tourism initiatives;
- promotional strategies for arts, culture and heritage;
- the Arts and Culture Masterplan;
- the Heritage Strategic Plan; and
- other areas identified by the committee with approval from the Council.

### Meeting and Attendance

The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee met monthly between January 2024 and December 2024, with the exception of April, due to a cancellation approved by the Chair, August and December, due to summer and winter break. Beginning in September, the City offered committees the opportunity to conduct meetings in-person/hybrid or electronically, contingent on

satisfying an in-person physical quorum. Between September and November 0 meetings were held in-person/hybrid and 3 meetings were held electronically.

Councillor Amy Lubik was appointed as Chair and Councillor Haven Lurbiecki as Vice-Chair for the 2024 term.

The following members, representing a diverse range of knowledge and experience relevant to the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee were appointed:

- Robyn Biggar
- Dianna Brown
- Jace Byers
- Gavin Hainsworth
- Jasvinder Kaur
- Bill Lawrie
- Brenda Millar
- Gaetan Royer
- Geoffrey Ryan
- Megan Tucker
- Janet Zlotnik

Mary De Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning, and Devin Jain, Manager of Cultural Services, served as the primary staff liaisons to the Committee. Arsh Dhillon and Adam Shroff served as the Legislative Services Coordinators.

## Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2024 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on February 13, 2024. The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2024 by the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee (a complete list of motions from 2024, along with the status of each, is included in **Attachment 1**).

### Inspirations

This is a new standing agenda item for members and staff to share presentations that inspire a different way of thinking about how aspects of arts, culture and heritage could manifest themselves in the community. Presentations included: “Small Scale Public Art – Empowering Port Moody’s Community Through Compact Public Art”; “Woonerfs”, and “Art Rocks”.

### Car-Free Day – Small-Scale Public Art

The Committee formed a Working Group to provide a public art activity at Car-Free Day entitled “Art Rocks!”. Jace Byers, Geoff Ryan and Robyn Biggar coordinated and delivered a community rock painting activity that successfully engaged a broad range of attendees and resulted in some vibrant art pieces.

### Utility Box Wrap Approach

Staff shared a presentation on how the City has approached wrapping utility boxes in Port Moody, including a wide variety of examples. Discussion focused on creating a thoughtful and

more structured approach to determining appropriate themes, managing the process from concept to installation and maintenance and ways to involve neighbourhoods and the wider community.

### Civic Awards

The Committee reviewed nominations for the 2024 Heritage Award at the October 10, 2024 meeting and made a recommendation to Council.

The Committee also reviewed nominations for the 2024 Arts Award at the October 10, 2024 meeting and made a recommendation to Council.

### Update on Shoreline House Post project

An update on the *In the Presence of Ancestors* project (aka Shoreline House Post Project) was shared with the Committee. All house posts have been carved with installation taking place over the next year.

### loco Ghost Town Day

Dianna Brown provided an overview of loco Day which was going to be a bit different for 2024. Proposed event times, planned activities and ongoing arrangements for access were discussed.

### Initiate/explore a comprehensive Archival Records Feasibility Study to ensure that historical information is properly conserved and accessible

Following a presentation entitled “Archival Feasibility Study Discussion”, the Committee discussed the desire to have greater retention and public accessibility of historical records; possible use of AI to improve public accessibility; and the desire to have a consultant assist with project scoping, including community engagement. A recommendation was passed to direct staff to investigate options and approximate preliminary costs and engagement approaches to implement a City Archive Program.

### Heritage Week Update

The Committee discussed the theme for Heritage Week 2024 which was “Layer by Layer” inviting residents to dig deeper into their community’s past and explore the many layers and stories that are unique to your local community. Activities happening throughout the province were highlighted, in addition to the PoMo Museum exhibit “Hope Meets Action: Echoes Through the Black Continuum”.

### Heritage Register Updates

A sub-committee was formed and met to discuss updates to the existing Heritage Register document. A draft outlining the scope of the updates has been completed.

### National Indigenous Peoples Day

Staff provided an overview of the two activities taking place on June 22, 2024, in recognition of National Indigenous Peoples Day:

- a community blanket exercise presented by the City at Rocky Point Park during the morning; and

- the blessing of two house posts, from the In the Presence of Ancestors project, at Rocky Point in the afternoon/evening.

### City of the Arts Strategy

A short workshop was held with the Committee to gather information on developing a City of the Arts Strategy. The Committee was later provided with an update that the work on the strategy has been delayed and will be starting up again in 2025.

### Mills Storyboard Update

A mock up of the proposed design and content for the Mills Storyboard was presented. This is a project which was initiated by the past Heritage Commission. An updated location in Rocky Point Park for the storyboard was discussed.

## Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council's direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2025:

- Heritage Strategic Plan Update
- Heritage Register Updates
- City of the Arts Strategy

## Council Strategic Plan Goals

The recommendations in this report align with the following Council Strategic Plan Goal(s):

- Strategic Goal 1.1 – Prioritize core services;
- Strategic Goal 1.3 – Lead with good governance;
- Strategic Goal 3.3 – Enhance community wellbeing; and
- Strategic Goal 4.2 – Enhance vibrancy through placemaking, arts, culture, heritage, and tourism.

## Attachment

1. 2024 Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Resolutions.

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Adam Shroff, Legislative Services Coordinator, for Tracey Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer - Dec 19, 2024

Adam Shroff, Legislative Services Coordinator, for Stephanie Lam, City Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services - Dec 19, 2024

Angie Parnell, General Manager of Corporate Services - Dec 30, 2024

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