



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

Brovold Room

Thursday, February 12, 2026

at 7:00 pm

- Present: Councillor Kyla Knowles, Chair
Dianna Brown
Jace Byers
Erik D'Souza
Mohammad Fakhrabadi
John Grasty
Megan Mackenzie
Roshni Naik
James Pearson
Valerie Simons
Janet Zlotnik
- Absent: Councillor D. Dilworth, Vice-Chair
Sydney Penner
- In Attendance: Mary De Paoli – Manager of Policy Planning
Isabelle Kim – Senior Planner
Karen Pighin – Manager of Cultural Services
Adam Shroff – Legislative Services Coordinator
- Also in Attendance: Doug Allen

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Agenda

ACHC26/004

THAT the agenda of the February 12, 2026, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes

ACHC26/005

THAT the minutes of the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee meeting held on January 8, 2026, be adopted.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

6.1 Inspirations

Verbal Report: Janet Zlotnik

Janet Zlotnik led the group in an inspirations item, referring to slides contained within the agenda package and asked the following questions:

- "What feels the most important right now about arts, heritage, or culture in Port Moody"
- "What ideas feel worth spending more time on?"
- "What hasn't been talked about yet?"

Committee discussion ensued relative to the following topics:

- the importance of neighbourhood parks in light of densification;
- the desire to develop wider awareness of the City's park spaces;
- thoughts on moving suggestions forward into action;
- the desire to revisit previous inspirations items and tie them together;
- the importance of third spaces; and
- oral history and collaboration with other bodies and organizations.

6.2 Request for Inspirations Volunteers

Verbal report: Chair

The following members volunteered to provide an "Inspirations" item in the following months:

- James Pearson - April
- Valerie Simons - May
- Mohammad - July
- Megan - September

6.3 Heritage Strategic Plan Scoping – Update on Engagement

Presentation: Manager of Policy Planning and Senior Planner

Staff gave a presentation titled "Heritage Strategic Plan Scoping Study" and referred to slides contained within the agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- the desire to include PomoArts in engagement and their heritage activities; and
- the inclusion of the Manager of Indigenous Relations in the project.

6.4 Background on Heritage Register Criteria

Presentation: Manager of Policy Planning and Senior Planner

Staff gave a presentation entitled "Heritage Register Criteria" and referred to slides contained within the agenda package.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- the nature of the Heritage Register as opposed to Heritage Designation;
- TOA effects on heritage conservation and heritage properties;
- provincial legislation and effects on municipal development and regulations;
- potential examples of Heritage Register categories in Port Moody;
- Chateau Place; and
- the Heritage pillar of the sustainability report.

6.5 Call for volunteers for the Heritage Register Subcommittee

Verbal Report: Chair

The Chair called for volunteers for a Heritage Register Subcommittee.

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THAT the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee form the Heritage Register Subcommittee be formed with the following members:

- *Dianna Brown;*
- *Mohammad Fakhrabadi;*
- *John Grasty; and*
- *Roshni Naik.*

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

6.6 Map of Heritage Properties within Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing and Transit Oriented Areas

Presentation: Manager of Policy Planning and Senior Planner

Staff presented a map of SSMUH and Transit-Oriented Areas as included in the agenda package and described the various areas and their designations.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- parking challenges;
- TOA legislation with regard to storey and density minimums and resulting pressure on heritage properties
- Limited opportunities to preserve protected heritage buildings in Moody Centre Heritage Conservation Area as part of new development e.g. heritage revitalization agreements involving density bonuses;
- SSMUH guides; and
- opportunities to create more heritage designation to provide highest level of protection in SSMUH and TOA areas.

7. Information

The Arts Centre Society representative was asked to share updates and upcoming community events.

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THAT the meeting time be extended by up to 10 minutes.

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

The Library Board Representative was asked to share updates and upcoming community events.

Committee discussion ensued regarding challenges in marketing events to different demographics.

7.1 Staff Updates

The Manager of Cultural Services provided the following updates:

- The Creators of Port Moody Event on March 12, 2026 at Inlet Theatre, and committee attendance at the event;
- National Indigenous History Month events including an Indigenous Plant Walk, Indigenous Author Storytelling, Curating Books of Indigenous Authors, and Cedar Weaving.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.



Councillor K. Knowles, Chair



A. Shroff, Legislative Services Coordinator