



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Arts and Culture Committee

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee held on July 29, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

#### Present

Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair  
Jacquie Boyer  
Chris Dunnett  
Tasha Evans  
Jill Schuler  
Alison White

#### Absent

Councillor Steve Milani, Vice-Chair (Regrets)  
Anna LeGresley (Regrets)  
Brenda Millar (Regrets)  
Kathryn Sandler (Regrets)

#### In Attendance

Sara Graham – Staff Artist (joined the meeting at 7:23pm)  
Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services  
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

#### 1. Call to Order

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

The Chair welcomed new Committee member Alison White, the Port Moody Art Association Representative

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

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#### Minutes

- 2.1 ACC19/019  
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED  
**THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 be adopted.**

#### 3. Unfinished Business

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#### 4. New Business

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## **Queens Street Plaza Update**

- 4.1 The Chair reported that there was a fire in the historic area of Clarke Street, and people congregated in Queens Street Plaza as the community focal point.

The Chair invited Committee discussion regarding the Plaza.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- the toys and children's activities have provided a positive play experience for children;
- there has been an increased usage of the Plaza, especially in the evening when there is shade;
- the availability of seating helped to transform the space in a profound way; and
- the canoe sets the context for the plaza and is a welcome addition.

Staff will follow up with Brenda Millar regarding the installation of a small library.

Staff reported that there is no installation date set for the stage lighting, but that it could be after the scheduled filming activity at the Plaza.

Regarding a reporting of the results of this project, staff suggested that photographs of activities and usage in the Plaza can be used, as there have been no official user counts or activity tracking data, and only anecdotal reports are available.

The Committee recommended approaching the Moody Centre Community Association for feedback on the project.

## **Creative Micro Studios**

- 4.2 Chris Dunnett gave a presentation regarding a proposal for artist micro-studios, noting the following:

- integration into the community and interaction between the public and the artist are crucial components to the success of artist micro-studios;
- micro-studios can be infilled into irregular or smaller spaces, and customized to reflect neighbourhood context and the City's heritage;
- micro-studios can be relocated to support various initiatives; however, studios built on trailers are not preferred, so as to increase the feeling of permanence in the community;
- servicing for the studios will need to be costed out;
- the studios can be installed at Rocky Point Park as small business incubators to attract entrepreneurship, or at Old Orchard Park as a writer's retreat;

- programming for the studios can be flexible and responsive, separately or as a whole;
- the studios can be phased-in as a low-cost proof of concept and then scaled as resources are determined; and
- the proposal aligns with the goals of the Official Community Plan, Council's Strategic Plan, and the Arts and Culture Masterplan.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- there could be an opportunity to place micro studios in the area affected by the fire along Clarke Street;
- the design and colours of the structures can aim for an emotional response, similar to colours chosen for Queens Street Plaza;
- the studios' designs could be dependent on whether they are also to be used as artist residences;
- a micro-studio "village" designed around a communal servicing location could be possible;
- the gazebo at the Noons Creek Hatchery can be used as a trial of the concept;
- a micro-studio placed near the Rocky Point Park skate park can be used to engage youth artists;
- the micro-studios can be used for the growing Coast Salish artist community in the City;
- a key part of a successful program will be a communication and marketing/promotional plan; and
- funding and resourcing will need to be determined, as well as a business case for how the investment will pay off.

Staff noted the following in response to the presentation and to the Committee's discussion:

- the next step would be to meet with a local manufacturer of micro-studios and micro-homes to price out the structures;
- servicing options depends on the location and the permanency of the structures; and
- Council can direct staff to investigate further after considering a Committee report on this subject.

The Chair suggested that a fund-raising effort for this project can be pursued, and recommended that a subcommittee be formed to further work on this project.

ACC19/020

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT a Micro-Studio Subcommittee be formed to further work on the proposal, with the following members:**

- **Chair: Jill Schuler**
- **Chris Dunnett**
- **Tasha Evans**
- **Councillor Zoë Royer**

**Cultural Expressions**

4.3 Precious Plastic

Link: <https://preciousplastic.com>

**Potential Temporary Artist Studio Spaces in the Moody Centre TOD Area**

4.4 The Chair reported that she was contacted by local building owners in the Moody Centre TOD area regarding the potential availability of temporary artist studio spaces for 12 to 18 months.

The Chair gave a presentation regarding the available spaces, noting that the spaces can provide up to 25,000 to 30,000 sq. ft. of temporary studio spaces, and that the sites are fully serviced, but that some sites do not have ventilation but can support heavy power use.

The Committee engaged in discussion regarding possible next steps to advance the project.

The Chair indicated that City facilitation could be necessary for the concept to be realized, and requested support from the Committee in principle.

ACC19/021

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the meeting be extend for up to 30 minutes.**

ACC19/022

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the concept of the temporary artist studios be supported in principle.**

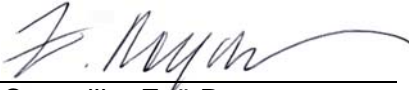
5. Information

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6. Adjournment

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Councillor Royer adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm.



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Councillor Zoë Royer  
Chair



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Philip Lo  
Committee Coordinator