

City of Port Moody Minutes

Arts and Culture Committee

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee held on September 19, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair

Councillor Steve Milani, Vice-Chair

Jacquie Boyer Chris Dunnett Tasha Evans Anna LeGresley Brenda Millar Kathryn Sandler Jill Schuler

Absent Alison White (Regrets)

In Attendance Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services

Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes 2.1 *ACC19/023*

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on Monday, July 29, 2019 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

2019 Arts Award Nominations Review

4.1 ACC19/024

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

 90(1)(b) – personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.

Queens Street Plaza Update

4.2 Brenda Millar, Subcommittee Chair

The subcommittee provided an update regarding the Queens Street Plaza, noting that a community library stand has been completed; it is currently unpainted and the subcommittee chair will follow-up on its completion;

Staff advised that an Engineering traffic camera located on Clarke Street was directed at the Plaza between July 10 and August 30, 2019, and captured time-lapse images of the plaza in 15-minute increments. Staff played a brief video of the time-lapse images.

The Committee provided anecdotes of Plaza usage over the course of this project, and expressed concerns regarding vandalism issues and items being removed from the Plaza.

Staff noted that the performance stage posed a logistical challenge to filming activities at the Plaza, and suggested that the stage could be relocated and turned into a programmable space.

Staff advised that the next steps would include:

- assessing storage options for the wooden furniture in the Plaza for the winter months;
- reporting back to Council in November on this project, including cost; and
- reflecting on the successes and lessons learned.

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Creative Micro Studios Update

4.3 Chris Dunnett, Subcommittee Chair

The subcommittee gave a presentation regarding potential micro studios options, noting the following:

- subcommittee members toured two micro home manufacturers: Nomad Micro Homes and Mint Tiny Homes:
- Nomad produces homes which are customizable and can be connected using separate hallway units, and do not include electrical appliances and plumbing;
- Mint produces homes are built on trailer platforms, include fully equipped kitchens and bathrooms, and could potentially accommodate two artist studios in one unit.

The subcommittee provided the following information regarding the Wharfringer's Office in Maple Ridge as an additional option for a micro studio:

- it is a 11'x13' heritage building currently located at the Port Haney Wharf in Maple Ridge, and is owned by the Maple Ridge Historical Society;
- while the building is in generally good condition, it has been subjected to repeated vandalism, including graffiti and physical damage;
- as repeated repairs have become costly for the Society, the Maple Ridge Museum announced that it is seeking a new owner for the building, and that, if a new owner cannot be found, the building will be demolished; and
- structural repairs estimated at \$6,000 are required immediately, including a broken front door, which leaves the building currently unsecured and exposed to further damage.

The subcommittee noted that transportation could pose a significant logistical and financial challenge, and it is currently not known if the building would need to be, or can be, disassembled prior to transport.

Staff suggested that a potential location for this building in Port Moody would need to be determined in considering this acquisition.

The Committee considered this particular option to be timesensitive, and passed the following resolution in support of the subcommittee's proposal.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the City's acquire the Wharfringer's Office from the Maple Ridge Historical Society and relocate it to Port Moody for potential conversion into an artist studio.

The subcommittee further presented a proposal from Constructive Home Studios of Port Coquitlam for custom-built micro-studios, which involves the construction of six demonstration units in Port Moody to showcase net-zero-ready environmental features.

Staff advised that a report to Council would be necessary to advance the micro studio concept, and that Constructive Home Studios could appear as a delegation to Council at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Warehouse Studio Space Update

4.4 Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair

October Agenda

4.5 Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair

Staff advised that the following items will be on the October agenda for this Committee.

- Community Banners
- Queens Street Plaza Pilot Project Reporting
- Micro Studios

Cultural Expression

- 4.6 Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair
- 5. Information
- 6. Adjournment

Councillor Royer adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Councillor Zoë Royer

Chair

Philip

Committee Coordinator