



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: December 3, 2019
Submitted by: Arts and Culture Committee
Subject: 2019 Annual Report – Arts and Culture Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the Arts and Culture Committee from February 2019 to December 2019.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated December 3, 2019 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding 2019 Annual Report – Arts and Culture Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2020 Arts and Culture Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual work plan in spring 2020.

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 February and December 2019, with the exception of August 2019 due to summer break.

Councillor Zoë Royer was appointed as Chair and Councillor Steve Milani as Vice-Chair in November 2018. Between February and December 2019, the following members served on the Committee:

- Jacquie Boyer;
- Chris Dunnett;
- Katherine Edmunds (February 2019);
- Tasha Evans (from March 2019);
- Kate Ladyschewsky (February 2019 to April 2019);
- Anna LeGresley (from March 2019);
- Brenda Millar;
- Jill Schuler
- Katy Sandler; and
- Alison White (from July 2019).

Devin Jain, Manager of Cultural Services, served as the staff liaison to the Arts and Culture Committee. Kate Zanon, General Manager of Community Services, served as the alternate staff liaison to the Committee. Philip Lo served as Committee Coordinator.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2019 Arts and Culture Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on June 25, 2019. Between February and June of 2019, the Committee undertook a number of key activities in accordance with the draft 2019 Work Plan and which were in line with the Arts and Culture Master Plan.

The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2019 by the Arts and Culture Committee (a list of motions made in 2019, along with the status of the motions, is included in **Attachment 1**):

Subcommittees

A number of subcommittees were formed in 2019 to take on specific Work Plan items that required additional time for research, planning, and deliberation outside of the scheduled Committee meetings. The subcommittees reported back to the Committee regularly on their progress. The following subcommittees were formed:

- Queens Street Plaza Subcommittee;
- Cultural Mapping Subcommittee;
- Micro-Studio Subcommittee; and
- Artist Symposium Subcommittee.

Queens Street Plaza Placemaking Project

This project was inspired by the Backyard Experiment in Canberra, Australia, where a public space was transformed with features designed to encourage public interaction with the space. A subcommittee was formed at the first meeting of the term in February to develop the work plan, with input from the Committee. With Council's approval of the work plan and project budget, the subcommittee engaged the community to complete the project in June 2019.

Clarke Street Revitalization Project

The Economic Development Manager gave a presentation to the Committee in May regarding the Clarke Street Revitalization Project. The Committee provided feedback in response, noting the importance of branding and wayfinding, street beautification, and cohesiveness of businesses in the area.

Temporary Warehouse Art Studios

In July, the Committee received a presentation from the Chair on potential temporary artist studio spaces that were made available by building owners in the Moody Centre Transit Oriented Development (TOD) area. The Committee engaged in discussion regarding possible next steps to advance the project and endorsed the project in principle.

2019 Arts Award

The Committee reviewed the 2019 Arts Award nominations in September and recommended a recipient to Council for consideration.

2019 Artist Grants

In May, the Committee awarded an Artist Grant to local author Erik D'Souza, who was the only applicant for the grant this year.

Community Banner Designs Selection

Community banner designs were provided to the Committee in November for the selection of StreetArts Banners for 2020. The designs were based on the theme "Trees" that was determined by the Committee in the spring of 2019. The theme is reflected in the designs by Heritage Woods Secondary and Port Moody Senior Secondary students, and by the community. Community banners are painted each year over a weekend in January.

Cultural Expressions

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

- Project 24 in Bangor, Northern Ireland, a revitalization project with colourful artist studios and art business incubators made from shipping containers. A delegation to Council on Project 24 is pending;
- Stackt Market in Toronto, a market made from modular containers which includes art studios and open plaza space;
- the live edge Wooden Art project, which offered locally harvested wood to local artists;
- an Expression of Interest issued by the City of Greater Bendigo to recruit members to a newly created Creative Industries Advisory Committee; and
- the Moody Street overpass community designed fencing public art project.

In Progress

Creative Micro-Studios Proposal

A subcommittee was formed in July to explore the concept of artist micro-studios and their feasibility in Port Moody. The subcommittee engaged the Committee in discussion over a number of meetings to refine the concept and conducted a field trip to determine potential local

suppliers and pricing. A completed micro-studios proposal was presented to and endorsed by the Committee in December, with a report to Council pending.

Artist Symposium Proposal

At the October and November meetings, the Committee discussed the possibility of the City hosting an Artist Symposium in May 2020 to fulfill the Work Plan item of developing workshops to support artists. Council considered a report from the Committee outlining the potential format and theme of the symposium ("the business of art") and referred the report to staff for action and a report back to Council. A subcommittee was formed in December to continue developing the concept over the Winter break.

Outstanding Matters

Arts and Culture Master Plan Action #2.1.7 - Seek to Honour the History and Culture of Indigenous Communities

This item was added to the Committee's Work Plan in February and discussed by the Committee in May. The Committee acknowledged the scope of the topic and that it would require additional time to engage in a more fulsome discussion. In the interim, the Committee discussed ways to support the 2019 Indigenous People's Day.

Cultural Mapping Project

A subcommittee was formed in March to take on the Cultural Mapping Project. The Committee provided input to help define the scope of the project and to guide the work of the subcommittee. Ultimately, it was recognized that this would be a long-term project of significant scale and would require additional City resources to complete.

Attachment(s)

1. 2019 Arts and Culture Committee Resolutions.

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