



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Arts and Culture Committee

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee held on January 6, 2020 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair
Evgeny Demin
Chris Dunnett
Sara MacLellan
Brenda Millar
James Robertson
Katy Sandler
Jill Schuler

Absent

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair (Regrets)
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 ACC20/001

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on Monday, December 2, 2019 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Round Table Introductions

4.1 Councillor Zoë Royer

The Committee members provided introductions and spoke about their background and experience in the arts.

Committee Orientation

4.2 Committee Coordinator

Attachments:

- a) Committee Orientation Manual – January 2020
- b) Arts and Culture Committee Terms of Reference
- c) Respectful Workplace Policy
- d) [Draft Five Year Financial Plan – 2020-2024](#)
- e) [2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan](#)
- f) [2018-2027 Arts and Culture Master Plan](#)

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Staff gave a presentation on the City's committee system.

2019 Committee Annual Report

4.3 Manager of Cultural Services and Committee Coordinator

Attachment: Draft 2019 Annual Report – Arts and Culture Committee

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Staff provided an overview of the draft 2019 Committee Annual Report and requested comments and endorsement from the Committee.

ACC20/002

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the draft 2019 Annual Report for the Arts and Culture Committee be endorsed for presentation to Council.

Overview of Key Initiatives Started in 2019

4.4 Councillor Zoë Royer and Manager of Cultural Services

The Committee discussed the following three key initiatives that were started in 2019 and are currently in progress:

1.) Artist Symposium

The Chair noted that the Committee's report on the Symposium has been referred to staff for action, and that the next steps involve reporting back to Council with further details, including any additional resources required, to allow Council to provide input.

Staff advised that the one-day cultural summit hosted by the City of Coquitlam could be similar in organizational structure to the proposed Symposium, and that further research will be done on staff roles and requirements.

2.) Queens Street Plaza Project

The Chair noted that this project had a total budget of \$7,500, which included a \$4,000 donation from Marcon, and that the project could be continued in some form in 2020.

Brenda Millar, Chair of the Queens Street Plaza Subcommittee in 2019, provided an overview of the project, noting the following:

- the project was inspired by the #BackyardExperiment in Canberra, Australia, with the goal of activating Queens Street Plaza;
- in 2019, the project received assistance from Moody Centre Community Association and volunteers to assemble and paint the furnishings in the Plaza;
- the Plaza was fairly well used, including regular usage by daycare groups, and was a central community gathering place during the Clarke Street fire;
- a small library is being built for the Plaza, with the books already sourced; and
- the provision of additional lighting and shading needs to be considered.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- consider working with Economic Development Committee to program the Plaza with night markets and other economic activity;
- consider working with the Environmental Protection Committee to provide natural shading at the Plaza;
- the Committee can request that Council make the Plaza a priority when developers seek to contribute to arts and culture in the City;
- the Committee (or a Subcommittee) can formulate a list of arts and culture priorities on behalf of the City for developers to contribute to, including the Plaza; and
- the long-term goals and a model to achieve financial sustainability will need to be determined.

Staff advised that funding for this project has been included in the 2020 budget in anticipation of continuing this project in 2020 in a greater capacity, and that the next steps include reporting back to Council and seeking further direction from Council

3.) Artist Micro Studios.

Jill Schuler and Chris Dunnett from the 2019 Micro Studio Subcommittee provided an overview of the project, noting the following:

- the project was conceived based on the need for affordable artist studio space in the city, and was also inspired by shipping container studios around the world;
- the micro studios concept is very suitable for Port Moody;

- the studios that could be “dropped” into communities to become part of the neighbourhood and to encourage interaction between artists and the community;
- different configurations of the studios are possible, as they can be individually programmed or programmed as a “village”;
- the subcommittee received several quotes and proposals from local micro-home manufacturers; and
- the project could involve other areas of relevant expertise: the heritage community on the appearance of the studios; the environmental community on sustainable construction; and the tourism community to promote the project.

Staff noted that the Committee will need to decide on a strategic approach to present this initiative to Council.

2020 Committee Work Plan

4.5 Councillor Zoë Royer

The Chair noted that the Arts and Culture Master Plan was adopted by Council at the end of 2017 and came into effect in 2018.

Staff noted that the Arts and Culture Master Plan is currently at the beginning of the implementation phase, and so it may be too early to monitor and assess the impact of the Master Plan at this point.

The Chair requested potential work plan items or initiatives for the 2020 term, and the Committee noted the following:

- continuation of the Queens Street Plaza project with greater involvement from the Arts Centre and more developer funding, and encourage greater connectivity with the assets in the area;
- improve visual connectivity and wayfinding in the City, along with a focus on overall beautification of the City;
- update the City’s public art inventory on maps, and updating the public art collection information on the City’s website;
- increase public awareness of the work of the Arts and Culture Committee;
- explore the meaning of the “City of the Arts” and how to achieve this; how to distinguish it from other cities, a branding exercise;
- increase public awareness of the positive impacts of investing into the local arts economy;
- consider the feasibility of a sculptural art project, such as a temporary sculpture park;

- work with the Arts Centre to reinstate the Wearable Arts Award, and to host other international arts events;
- support the growth of local arts and creative small businesses, in support of Master Plan item 1.2.4;
- consider temporary uses for the vacant lots on Clarke Street;
- make the City a destination for the arts by providing permanent artist and maker spaces and the infrastructure to support the presentation of different types of arts, including performance arts, in support of Master Plan Action #2.2.2,
- promote the Artist Grant program to attract more applicants; and
- host an Artist Symposium on the business of the arts and on supporting arts in the community.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for up to an additional 30 minutes.

The Committee continued to provide input on potential work plan items or initiatives for the 2020 term, noting the following:

- develop an actionable and tangible plan, with timelines and costs, to implement the goals of the Master Plan;
- include a placeholder agenda item to debrief the Arts Symposium, so that feedback and actionable items can be considered as soon as possible;
- review the City's service contracts with artists and artist organizations and ensure that there is a clause to compensate artists fairly; this will allow artists to qualify for other funding as well;
- investigate the possibility of installing iconic public art in the City, similar to the "W" container public art in at the Westminster Pier Park in New Westminster.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff noted that it may be possible to separate the City's Arts Reserve into separate accounts: a reserve "savings" account for larger scale projects, and a reserve that can be drawn on annually to support other initiatives.

**Community Plan for
Public Art –
City of Nanaimo**

4.6 Councillor Diana Dilworth

Link: [City of Nanaimo Community Plan for Public Art](#)

5. Information

Staff Updates

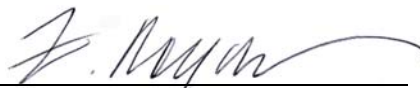
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**2020 Arts and Culture
Committee Meeting
Schedule**

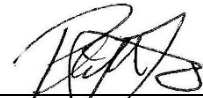
5.2 Attachment: 2020 Meeting Schedule – Arts and Culture
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6. Adjournment

Councillor Royer adjourned the meeting at 9:17pm.



Councillor Zoë Royer
Chair



Philip Lo
Committee Coordinator