



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Arts and Culture Committee

Minutes of the electronic meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee held on June 1, 2020 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair
Evgeny Demin
Chris Dunnett
Sara MacLellan
Brenda Millar
Katy Sandler

Absent

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair
Tasha Evans (Regrets)
James Robertson
Jill Schuler (Leave of Absence)
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 7:20pm.

ACC20/017

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the following items be added to the agenda:

- **Porte – Clyde Public Art Project as item 4.5; and**
- **Online Artist Talks as item 4.6.**

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 ACC20/018

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Art in Public Spaces Master Plan

4.1 Manager of Cultural Services and Patricia Huntsman (Consultant)

Patricia Huntsman gave a presentation on the status of the Art in Public Spaces Master Plan, noting the following:

- art in the public realm builds a unique identity of place;
- shifting the terminology from public art to “art in public space” encourages incorporation of creative place-making qualities;
- creative place-making can be part of a broader agenda for change, to create more pedestrian traffic, and to improve connections and security;
- the Plan is informed by current best practices and the public engagement process;
- the Plan is currently in Phase 3 of development, with the Committee providing input before the guiding principles and vision are drafted, followed by the building of the Plan;
- the public engagement process was excellent, with 450 quality responses to date; engagement events included sounding boards, popup engagement, and public open houses;
- the vision is “Activating spaces with the arts” and which reflects Indigenous heritage, engages its community and leads creative place-making practice;
- the guiding principles are diversity, freedom of expression, dialogue, innovation, sustainability, and cultural and national heritage;
- the next steps include circulation of the draft plan for internal feedback in June, followed by a presentation of the draft strategic plan to Council and to the Committee;
- there will be an opportunity for the public to provide feedback via a Zoom open house, after which the plan will be finalized for Council adoption.

The Committee suggested that the Master Plan should reflect a community that values art and the economic value of art, and therefore should include a statement of fair compensation of artists in the guiding principles of the Plan.

Staff noted that the City currently requires a budget to be submitted by artists to ensure the artists will be paid fairly.

Port Moody Heart Market

4.2 Presentation: Ladawne Shelstad

Ladawne Shelstad showed two videos highlighting the garage chalk art that she started in the City, which has turned into a community and received media attention.

Ms. Shelstad noted the following:

- the project has been a positive experience which has helped to spread joy to neighbours and encouraged the expression of art;
- homemade art supply kits as part of a fundraising effort for SHARE Family Services; and
- ideas from the Committee are welcome to find a way to engage local artists, promote creative outlet, and connect people with their creativity.

The Committee noted the following:

- Creative Children have arts supplies for kids;
- Katy Sandler can help with ideas for arts kits; and
- Brenda Millar will solicit extra quilting material from her group.

Staff provided information on the annual Artist Grant Program which may assist with this project, noting the following:

- the maximum award per artist is \$1000;
- the goal of the grant is to further a local artist's career, or to support an artist's community work;
- the next application intake is September 2020; and
- Information on the Artist Grant available on City website.

Explore the Meaning of "City of the Arts"

4.3 Councillor Zoë Royer

This item was postponed to a future agenda.

Cultural Expressions

4.4 Councillor Zoë Royer

This item was postponed to a future agenda.

Porte – Clyde Public Art Project

4.5 Manager of Cultural Services

Staff noted the following:

- Porte Communities is developing a new condo development named Clyde, and will be installing a piece of public art along the retaining wall as part of the development;

- Porte Communities has requested one representative from the Committee to participate in the public art selection panel in a non-voting advisory capacity;
- the commitment is to attend two meetings, with the first meeting on June 8, 2020, and a second meeting to review three design proposals.

Sara MacLellan declared conflict of interest and abstained from voting on resolution ACC20/019.

ACC20/019

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Councillor Zoe Royer serve as the Arts and Culture Committee representative for the Port-Clyde Public Art project.

ACC20/020

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

Online Artist Talks

- 4.6 The Chair noted that Council considered the Committee's report regarding Online Artist Talks, and that Council was supportive of the idea and directed staff to report back with additional information, including the staff support required to host the talks.

The Chair noted that October 9, 2021 (second Saturday) has been tentatively held for the 2021 Artist Symposium.

The Chair requested input from the Committee regarding a preference between the Online Talks being delivered by the City, or with the City providing support to an external group already providing this service.

Staff noted that current staff capacity is limited due to Emergency Operations Centre functions and the ongoing pandemic, and that the budget for Online Artist Talks is \$1,500.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- consider approaching the Port Moody Arts Centre to host the talks in conjunction with the library;
- the \$1,500 budget should be used to support artist participation rather than to support administrative costs;
- the Arts Centre has already worked out the technology and have online content available;
- use the Online Artist Talks to replace this year's Shuffle and focus on and promote Port Moody artists;
- artist invitations could extend to Tri-Cities artists or artists with connections to Port Moody; however, there

- are sufficient local artists fill a program, and there may not be a need to look outside of the City;
- some artists may not wish to speak about their work and would only want to showcase their work; artists who speak about their work could receive a larger honorarium;
- artist selection could be by invitation or by application; the process could be determined by budgetary or time constraints; and
- the talks could be hosted by a moderator to facilitate conversation; the moderator could be a member of the Committee.

ACC20/021

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Online Artist Talks Subcommittee be formed with Chris Dunnett as chair, and Katy Sandler and Sara MacLellan as members.

Staff noted the following:

- the City can reach out to executive director of the Arts Centre;
- the Library is has reopened for curbside service, and it is not known what services they are currently offering;
- the Library has the capacity in place for online programming, and may be able to bring the Online Talks to the community sooner; and
- the City can amplify marketing messages from the Arts Centre.

The Committee noted the following:

- the City or the Library's marketing capacity may be necessary;
- Councillor Royer will reach out to the Director of the Arts Centre;
- Chris Dunnett will approach the Director of Library Services to determine the Library's willingness to participate; and
- the Zoom platform can provide a moderated event with registered participants; Facebook Live is also an option.

5. Information

Community Plan for Public Art – City of Nanaimo

5.1 Councillor Diana Dilworth

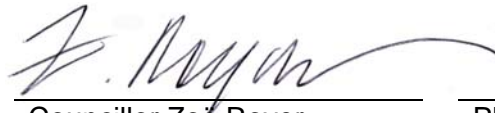
Link: [City of Nanaimo Community Plan for Public Art](#)

Staff Updates

5.2 There were no staff updates.

6. Adjournment

Councillor Royer adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.



Councillor Zoë Royer
Chair



Philip Lo
Committee Coordinator