



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Arts and Culture Committee

Minutes of the electronic meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee held on September 14, 2020 via Zoom.

Present

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

Absent

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair (Regrets)
Alison White (Regrets)

In Attendance

Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator

Also in Attendance

Patricia Huntsman (re item 4.1)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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- 2.1 ACC20/023
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2020 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

**Presentation and
Review of Draft Art in
Public Spaces Master
Plan**

**4.1 Manager of Cultural Services and Patricia Huntsman
(Consultant)**

Patricia Huntsman provided an overview of the Draft City of Port Moody Art in Public Spaces Master Plan and the following was noted:

- the Master Plan strives to bring meaning to the slogan of City of the Arts through offering everyday artistic encounters and livening spaces throughout the city;
- the Master Plan acknowledges the importance of the Indigenous heritage of the land and defines how public art can promote these connections;
- the Planning Context Report will provide information on trends in art in public spaces, current shifts and trends, how Port Moody compares to other Canadian cities, current practices, new directions, and new means of funding public art;
- the City can encourage art in public spaces through policies and bylaws, and by creating individual project plans with identified resources and budgets;
- the strong supportive artist environment and the focus on art as dialogue are unique to Port Moody and are reflected in the Master Plan;
- the engagement sessions were well attended and generated meaningful feedback;
- the Public Art Policy will be revised into four separate policies with the goal of broadening the freedom of artists to help achieve the expanded definition;
- the summary recommendations define an implementation plan to support the purpose, vision and guiding principles for the art in public spaces programs;
- the interdepartmental connections and community resources could assist in the sharing of learning and promote dialogue for art beyond the Cultural Services Division;
- the Plan includes five strategic directions and their associated objectives and supporting actions: expanding creative placemaking, bringing people together, reflecting indigenous cultural heritage and natural heritage, maintaining and funding the art in public spaces program, and advancing priority sites;
- a public art administrative handbook is recommended and will include operational procedures for public art across the city, and will aim to enhance coordination, support, and delivery of the Program; and
- the next steps to move forward include communication and implementation plans with short- and long-term goals and actions plans.

The Committee members noted the following in response to the Master Plan overview:

- the Indigenous Peoples acknowledgement should be reviewed to ensure that the appropriate Nations are recognized;
- the Master Plan could provide more information about the criteria and evaluation of public art submissions;
- the Master Plan highlights the need for strong City policies to ensure there is a process for engaging and commissioning artists;
- the Indigenous Bike Route Map could be revised to an Indigenous Art Walk Route or other more appropriate route;
- the City could develop programming for the creative placemaking spaces;
- the engagement of the local business community could be enhanced to help activate spaces near businesses and create meaningful partnerships; and
- the proposed staff resources could be reviewed to ensure the City has the capacity to operate the program long-term.

The Manager of Cultural Services advised that the Draft City of Port Moody Art in Public Spaces Master Plan is scheduled for submission to Council in October and that any further feedback can be submitted to djain@portmoody.ca until September 25, 2020.

Ms. Huntsman left the meeting at this point and did not return.

Culture Days / Online Artist Talks 4.2 Manager of Cultural Services

The Manager of Cultural Services advised that 2020 Culture Days could be an opportunity to produce Artists Talks videos for the event that would be posted on the City's YouTube Channel and promoted through Culture Days.

The following Committee members expressed interest in producing an Artist Talks video:

- Sara MacLellan;
- Katy Sandler; and
- Jill Schuler.

Cultural Expressions 4.3 Councillor Zoë Royer

This item was not addressed.

**2020 Arts Award
Nominations Review**

4.4 ACC20/024

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.**

5. Information

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

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

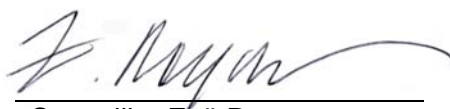
This item was not addressed.

Staff Updates

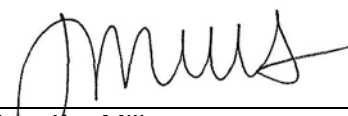
5.2 This item was not addressed.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.



Councillor Zoë Royer,
Chair



Jennifer Mills,
Committee Coordinator