



# City of Port Moody

## Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: November 26, 2020  
Submitted by: Arts and Culture Committee  
Subject: 2020 Annual Report – Arts and Culture Committee

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### Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the 2020 Arts and Culture Committee.

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### Recommended Resolution(s)

**THAT the report dated November 26, 2020 from the Arts and Culture Committee regarding 2020 Annual Report – Arts and Culture Committee be received for information;**

**AND THAT the 2021 Arts and Culture Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual work plan in spring 2021.**

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### 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 January and December 2020, with the exception of April 2020 due to COVID-19, and August 2020 due to the summer break.

Councillor Zoë Royer was appointed as Chair and Councillor Diana Dilworth as Vice-Chair in December 2019. Between January and December 2020, the following members served on the Committee:

- Evgeny Demin;
- Chris Dunnett;
- Tasha Evans (from February 2020);
- Sara MacLellan;
- Brenda Millar;
- James Robertson (resigned in June 2020);
- Katy Sandler;
- Jill Schuler; and
- Alison White.

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 and Jennifer Mills served as Committee Coordinators.

## Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2020 Arts and Culture Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on April 14, 2020. Between January and April of 2020, the Committee undertook a number of key activities in accordance with the draft 2020 Work Plan, which were in line with the Arts and Culture Master Plan.

The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2020 by the Arts and Culture Committee (a list of motions made in 2020, along with the status of the motions, is included in **Attachment 1**):

### Subcommittees

A number of subcommittees were formed in 2020 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:

- Artist Micro-Studio Subcommittee;
- Artist Symposium Subcommittee; and
- Online Artist Talks Subcommittee.

### Artist Symposium / Online Artist Talks

At the beginning of 2020, the Committee continued its discussion from 2019 on the proposed artist symposium, and was at the stage of finalizing the event theme and format when COVID-19 disrupted the planning. In May, the Committee formally postponed the Symposium and shifted its efforts towards developing online artist talks, and requested a maximum budget of \$1,500 towards this event. The Committee formed an Online Artist Talks Subcommittee to further develop the concept, and produced a proof-of-concept video, which was well-received by the Committee. The Committee plans to continue development of the series through 2021. Staff will be requesting that the \$1,500 operational budget approved for this project in 2020 be carried forward to 2021 to further support this initiative.

### Art in Public Space Master Plan

The Committee provided feedback regarding the draft Art in Public Spaces Master Plan in June, noting that the Master Plan should reflect a community that values art and the economic value of art, by including a statement of fair compensation of artists in the guiding principles of the Plan.

### Increasing Public Awareness of the Positive Impacts of Investing into the Local Arts Economy / Fair Compensation for Artists

The Committee started discussions on these two topics and requested that other staff from other divisions participate in discussion at an upcoming meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, not all requests were able to be accommodated.

### Micro Artist Studios

In March, the Micro Studios Subcommittee gave a presentation on their work and learnings from 2019. The Committee voiced its support for the Subcommittee to present its work to Council, with staff recommending that it be presented to Council as a delegation. The delegation to Council is currently pending.

### City Wayfinding

The Committee provided feedback to the Manager of Economic Development in February regarding the City's goal to improve branding and wayfinding, as part of the Tourism Strategic Plan. Two members from the Committee joined a cross-committee working group to work on improving wayfinding in the City.

### Sustainability Report Card Review

As directed by Council, the Committee undertook a review of the current Sustainability Report Card, and provided feedback to staff. The Committee's feedback included: prioritize artist and gallery spaces over public art pieces, defining what is considered "meaningful" art, and specify Coast Salish art for developers considering installing First Nations art.

### 2020 Arts Award

The Committee reviewed the 2020 Arts Award nominations in September and recommended a recipient to Council for consideration.

### 2020 Artist Grants

In May, the Committee awarded Artist Grants to Andrew Woods and Sophia Biedka.

### Temporary Uses for Old Fire Hall No. 1 Site

The Committee discussed potential temporary uses for the former Fire Hall No. 1 site in May, and suggested the following: an artist studio village using shipping containers, an area for artists to display their crafts, a sculpture garden, a painted rock garden, and a farmer's market.

### Queens Street Plaza Placemaking Project

Even with the pandemic, the Committee was still able to further this project a little by recommending that the City accept the donation of a little library for Queens Street Plaza. Council accepted this recommendation and the little library was installed in the fall.

## Cultural Expressions

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

- the Blue Mountain Quilters' Guild's charity efforts during COVID-19;
- the Port Moody Arts Centre rebranding; and
- Esplanade Artist Studios artist Patricia Ballard's painting, based on "The Coronation of the Virgin" by Giacomo Di Mino.

## Outstanding Matters

Due to the pandemic, the City's Street Banner Program was suspended in 2020, so the Committee was not able to propose a theme for 2021 or to select community designs.

The Committee was not able to schedule these items for discussion:

- Explore the meaning of the "City of the Arts" and how to achieve it; and
- Consider the feasibility of a sculptural art project, such as a temporary sculpture park.

## Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year

Subject to Council's direction, the following focus areas should be included in the Committee's Work Plan for 2021:

- Online Artist Talks;
- Increasing Public Awareness of the Positive Impacts of Investing into the Local Arts Economy; and
- Fair Compensation for Artists.

## Attachment(s)

1. 2020 Arts and Culture Committee Resolutions.

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## Report Approval Details

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