



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Arts and Culture Committee

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee held on November 4, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair
Councillor Steve Milani, Vice-Chair
Jacquie Boyer
Chris Dunnnett
Anna LeGresley
Brenda Millar
Kathryn Sandler
Jill Schuler
Alison White

Absent

Tasha Evans (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 7:01pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 ACC19/028

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on Monday, October 7, 2019 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Queens Street Plaza Update

- 4.1 The Manager of Cultural Services requested feedback and recommendations from the Committee on the Queens Street Plaza project for inclusion in a report to Council.

The Committee noted the following:

- the project was a good grassroots community effort;
- the Plaza was used as a community meeting place, and was fairly well used for a pilot project;
- the Plaza is more vibrant and is an improvement to what was previously there;
- the treasure box was a good idea – toys were well-used, but some items were not well looked after, were misused, or went missing;
- positive reviews for the project were received online, and there were also positive comments on the canoe and the plantings;
- the canoe requires a paint touch-up, as the special biodegradable paint that was used may not have bonded well with the canoe material;
- a little library will be installed;
- more intentional data gathering on plaza usage is needed, and signage can be installed to provide an educational component of the project;
- the project was an example of a “simple intervention” which resulted in a positive consequence;
- littering was not an issue, and there were no significant security issues, despite one instance of vandalism;
- seeking partnerships and programming the space could expand the project in future years;
- the Plaza was used regularly by day-care groups, and became an important community space during the Clarke Street fire;
- there was litter in the treasure boxes;
- chalk used on the furniture could deter use of the furniture; and
- the owner of Little Gypsy’s Fine Jewelry could provide feedback on the project.

The Manager of Cultural Services advised that funds for this project have been requested through the 2020 Capital Plan. The Committee provided the following recommendations:

- install signage to explain the project and to acknowledge sponsors, volunteers, and contributors;
- install signage to direct people to essentials such as washrooms and water;

- program the Plaza with seasonal decorations or events, such as Christmas-themed programming;
- explore local business sponsorships to provide stewardship of the Plaza, including restocking the treasure box, managing litter, and providing general upkeep of the Plaza; and
- approach the Arts Centre for potential programming at the Plaza, and clarify the insurance requirements.

Artist Workshops / Symposium

4.2 The Chair noted that the Port Moody Arts Centre hosts the Art Talks in partnership with the Library, and could be a collaboration opportunity for the Committee.

The Manager of Cultural Services noted that Coquitlam will be hosting its Cultural Summit on November 8 and 9, 2019.

The following was noted regarding a potential artist symposium in Port Moody:

- a symposium could require a six-month planning period;
- keynote presentations could be less specific, with workshops or break-out groups that could have a more specific focus;
- a symposium could have a narrower focus and include a smaller number of topics;
- a symposium should provide social and networking opportunities;
- keynote and workshop topics could include:
 - discussion about how cities, governments, and businesses can ensure that artists are compensated for their work, and ensure that artists and the arts can survive financially and not be displaced;
 - the business and technical aspects of art;
 - gender equality in the arts;
 - self-promotion skills; and
 - the fibre arts;
- potential keynote speakers could include:
 - Bruce Allen, Martin Mayer, and Al Foreman from the music industry;
 - local artists Alan Wylie and Helen Daniels; and
 - Trudy Van Dop from New Westminster;
- Committee members could be ambassadors to promote the event and look for potential speakers, presenters, workshop leaders, volunteers, and facilitators;
- the theme of the symposium should be determined prior to inviting appropriate speakers;
- potential symposium titles include:
 - “Nurturing the Creative Spirit Within: A Symposium for Artists”;
 - “Nurturing the Value of Art”;

- “Nurturing Artists”; and
- “Art and the Municipal”, which would be an exploration of the intersection between arts and municipal government;
- sponsors could be sought; and
- the event budget should include honorariums, staffing, and catering.

The Committee agreed that the symposium should be focused on the business, networking, and policy aspects of art, and could also include a public participation component.

Saturday, May 23, 2020 was proposed as a date for the symposium, with a total budget of \$10,000, including \$3,500 from the Committee’s 2020 budget, and an additional \$2,000 from the Committee’s advertising budget.

The Manager of Cultural Services advised that a report regarding the proposed event will need to be presented to Council, and include information regarding the purpose of the event, and how the event address specific needs within the arts community.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT an artist symposium be hosted in May 2020 with a focus on the business of art, in accordance with the Arts and Culture Master Plan Action #2.1.2, with a proposed budget of \$10,000.

Creative Micro-Studios

- 4.3 The Manager of Cultural Services requested input on the timeline for moving forward with the micro-studio concept.

The Micro Studio Subcommittee advised that a draft report on creative micro-studios can be ready for presentation at the December 2 Arts and Culture Committee meeting.

It was noted that the micro-studios could work in tandem with the pending availability of temporary affordable studios in the city, and provide an art destination with a “village” concept.

The Vice-Chair provided an additional micro-studio proposal from Custom Cubes to the Subcommittee.

Community Banner Designs Selection Process

- 4.4 The Manager of Cultural Services advised that a link with submitted banner designs will be forwarded to Committee members for their selection of the top 30 designs, and noted that there will not be a selection quota for banners submitted by specific age groups.

Cultural Expressions

4.5 The Manager of Cultural Services advised that the newest piece of public art in Port Moody, environment-themed designs on mental fencing along the Moody Street overpass pedestrian path, was unveiled over the weekend, and noted that interpretation signage will be erected in the near future.

Temporary Warehouse Studios

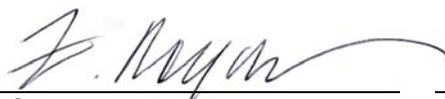
4.6 The Manager of Cultural Services provided an update on temporary warehouse studios, noting the following:

- the studios could be available in two weeks, at which time a call-out to artists will be issued;
- interested artists will contact and work directly with the building owners for all tenancy arrangements; subletting would not be permitted;
- one building on Spring Street will initially be available, with an additional three to four buildings becoming available at a later time;
- exhibitions would not be permitted due to zoning and building code requirements; however, artists may be able to invite public visitors to the studios; and
- rent for each artist would range from \$30 to \$60 per month, with 24/7 access with minimal restrictions.

5. Information

6. Adjournment

Councillor Royer adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm.



Councillor Zoë Royer
Chair



Philip Lo
Committee Coordinator