City of Port Moody

Agenda

Arts and Culture Committee

Electronic Meeting via Zoom
Monday, June 1, 2020
Commencing at 7:00pm

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Minutes

   Minutes
   2.1 **Recommendation:**
   
   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)

   **Port Moody Heart Market**
   4.2 Presentation: Ladawne Shelstad

   **Explore the Meaning of “City of the Arts”**
   4.3 Councillor Zoë Royer

   **Cultural Expressions**
   4.4 Councillor Zoë Royer

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

6. Adjournment
Minutes of the electronic meeting of the Arts and Culture Committee held on May 4, 2020 via Zoom.

Present
Councillor Zoë Royer, Chair
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair
Chris Dunnett
Tasha Evans (arrived at 7:52pm)
Sara MacLellan
Brenda Millar (arrived at 7:11pm)
Katy Sandler
Alison White

Absent
Evgeny Demin (Regrets)
James Robertson
Jill Schuler (Leave of Absence)

In Attendance
Devin Jain – Manager of Cultural Services
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:09pm

Welcome and Review of How an Electronic Meeting will be Conducted

1.1 Councillor Royer reviewed the Zoom meeting procedures with Committee members.

ACC20/012
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the Queens Street Plaza Library be added to the agenda as item 4.6.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes

2.1 ACC20/013
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2020 be adopted.
3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

General Update

4.1 Councillor Zoë Royer and the Manager of Cultural Services

Staff provided the following updates:

- the public art master plan workshop has been postponed until June as the consultant became unavailable for May;
- furniture in the Queens Street Plaza has been moved out and put into storage to promote social distancing;
- the next phase of the Queens Street Plaza capital project has been pushed back to 2021;
- the Committee may wish to consider delaying the Artist Micro Studios presentation to Council; and
- the Committee should consider a backup plan for the Artist Symposium in case it has to be delayed.

The Chair noted that City Council has significantly revised the budget to ensure significant reductions in spending, and that as a result events in the City have been reduced. The Chair noted that the 2020 Shuffle has been postponed indefinitely.

Temporary Uses for Old Fire Hall No. 1 Site

4.2 Councillor Zoë Royer

The Committee noted the following suggestions for temporary uses for the site:

- an artist studio village using shipping containers, based on Project 24 in Bangor, Northern Ireland, as previously presented to the Committee by Jill Schuler; the village could support tourism activities, incubator space, creative artist space, open spaces, and be a destination for the arts;
- the farmer’s market can be relocated there;
- an area for artists to paint and for other artists like quilters to display their crafts;
- a sculpture garden, which can be enjoyed while maintaining social distancing and is not dependent on large assemblies of people; and
- a rock garden for painted rocks, which could be relocated later as part of another project.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- there is a lack of parking on site, and the adjacent intersection is one of the noisiest in the City;
other Committees have also expressed interest in incorporating art into potential uses for the site;
social distancing could delay the timeline with regards to Council coming to a decision on usage for that site.

**Artist Symposium**

4.3 Councillor Zoë Royer and Artist Symposium Subcommittee

The Artist Symposium Committee noted the following:

- it is currently challenging for the Subcommittee to meet and work;
- many events in the City have been cancelled through the Summer due to social distancing, and cancellations are likely to continue into the Fall;
- it would be difficult to approach speakers for the Symposium at this time; and
- the planning of Symposium should be postponed as it is currently difficult to project and plan into the future.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- it is currently difficult to plan for any type of gathering; planning can resume when public events can take place again;
- the City could update its website to include an online resource of local artists, and could be a replacement for this year’s Shuffle;
- this is a good opportunity to organize artist talks on an online platform to showcase local artists, bring in outside speakers, and to provide people with artistic and cultural content; the Library can be a partner to host these talks;
- online artist talks could attract speakers who would not have otherwise travelled to Port Moody to speak, and this could help expand the City’s art profile nationally or internationally;
- the Noons Creek Hatchery has been conducting artist talks online, with artists being able to answer audience questions; an online gallery and panel meeting is planned for the end of May to feature artists and their artwork;
- the Port Moody Arts Centre has also been conducting online artist talks, and has an online artist directory; there is an opportunity for the City to support the Arts Centre’s online programming;
- the technology and expertise is in place; the next step is to determine the project scope, such as a one-day or multi-day event and the level of interactivity, and potential partners;
it will be helpful to touch base with the Director of Library Services to see if the Library would be interested in participating or lending their expertise;

the scope and target audience of the online artist talks are more in line with the Shuffle and are different than those of the Artist Symposium, and that the Symposium should be postponed and its resources directed to the artist talks;

an online Shuffle could be centred around COVID-19 art, to showcase what artists have been working on and how they have been coping with the pandemic.

The Chair encouraged Committee members to participate in online artist talks to experience how they are conducted.

Staff noted the following:

changes to the Symposium and the proposed artist talks would require more discussion and should be considered by Council, since the changes are significant;

the Committee could request access to the funds not used by the Symposium this year; the request would need to be considered and approved by Council;

Council may wish to know what technologies and staff resources are required to support the online artist talks concept, and who the partners are; Communications staff time will also be necessary.

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ACC20/014
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the 2020 Artist Symposium be postponed until 2021;

AND THAT the Arts and Culture Committee request that Council approve the use of the Arts and Culture operating budget to support a series of online local artist talks, up to a maximum of $1,500.

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Explore the Meaning of “City of the Arts” 4.4 Manager of Cultural Services

Item postponed to future meeting.

Cultural Expressions 4.5 Councillor Zoë Royer

Item postponed to future meeting.
Queens Street Plaza Library

4.6 Brenda Millar noted the following:

- an application has been submitted to the City to install the library;
- the application process puts the responsibility of owning and maintaining the library on the person or organization requesting its installation; and
- an alternate process would be for the Committee to advise Council that a Committee member has a little library that they wish to donate to the City, and request that Council accept the donation for installation at Queens Street Plaza.

Staff noted that if the library is gifted to the City, no agreement would need to be signed and the City would be the default custodian.

**ACC20/015**

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the Arts and Culture Committee request that Council accept the donation of a little library for installation at Queens Street Plaza.

2020 Artist Grant

4.7 **ACC20/016**

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the discussion for this item be closed to the public pursuant to section 90(1)(b) of the Community Charter.

5. Information

Staff Updates

5.1 There were no staff updates.

6. Adjournment

Councillor Royer adjourned the meeting at 9:11pm.

Councillor Zoë Royer
Chair

Philip Lo
Committee Coordinator