

CULTURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 9, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Culture Services Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Steve Kim, Chair
Councillor Craig Hodge, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Nina Buddhdev, Citizen Representative
Megan Leslie, Citizen Representative
Janice Mazon, Citizen Representative
Philip Mulder, Citizen Representative
Reg Quiring, Citizen Representative
Anthea Goffe, Coquitlam Public Library Board
Philip Hartwick, Evergreen Cultural Centre Society
Joan McCauley, Place des Arts

REGRETS: Kim Hockey, Citizen Representative
Lindy Sisson, Artistic Community Representative
Sandra Hochstein, Coquitlam Heritage Society
Jackie Weinkam, Festival Planners Network

STAFF: Karen Basi, Cultural Services Manager
Wondy Chan, Cultural and Community Events Supervisor
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

Councillor Hodge arrived to the meeting at this time (7:03 p.m.).

ADOPTION OF MINUTES**1. Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 2023**

The Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**2. Visual Arts Display Program – Opportunity for Feedback**

The Cultural Services Manager provided a presentation entitled “2024 Visual Arts

Display Program” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the 2024 Visual Arts Display Program (hereon “the Program”)
- Overview of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategic Plan (2015 – 2030)
- Work of previous Culture Services Advisory Sub-Committee (2021 – 2022) being vital to the Program’s creation
- Staff desire for Committee feedback and engagement regarding the Program’s artist call themes
- Engagement activity methodology and how feedback will be used to create actionable items

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Possible guiding themes for the Program’s artist display call, including local flora and fauna, community, family, transformation, growth, remembrance, architecture, music, movement, forms, light, joy and traditions
- The City potentially providing an honorarium for the Program’s selected artists
- Potential community engagement opportunities to support/promote artist displays, including collaboration with existing cultural groups, artist collaborations/partnerships, informal/casual engagements, inviting artists to discuss their work, dinners, receptions, “art crawls” and virtual tours
- Desire for visual arts groups to be included in the Program’s artist call, specific details for an artist promotion package and large signage to notify public of new displays
- Whether the Program will display works by young artists, prices will be listed next to displays, one grand opening event or multiple unveilings will occur, who the organizers would be, information and event dissemination methods and the number of works to be displayed in identified pilot spaces
- Concerns regarding security and insurance for art displays and the Program’s intentions

3. Riverview Hospital Artifacts Online Database and Pilot Loans Project

The Cultural Services Manager provided a presentation entitled “Riverview Hospital Artifacts: Collection Management Update” that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the Riverview Hospital Artifacts Collection and Database/Loan Pilot Project (hereon “the Project”)
- Logistics of establishing “heritage centres”
- City efforts to archive and preserve historical artifacts
- Distinction between historical institution and the lands on which it resides
- Catalogue of Artifacts (finding aid)
- Possibility of artifacts being temporarily loaned to local cultural organizations

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Age of the earliest artifacts
- Possibility of involving third-party sponsors and loaning artifacts to film, TV and movie productions
- Coquitlam Public Library's (CPL) past displays of Riverview Hospital Artifacts
- The Riverview Hospital Suitcase Project

4. 2023 Year-End Review/Identify Potential Items for Draft 2024 Work Plan

The Cultural Services Manager provided introductory comments that covered the following topics:

- Review of 2023 Work Plan items and meetings
- 2024 Work Plan drafting process

There were no comments from the Committee.

5. Facilities Updates

The Cultural Services Manager indicated that there were no facilities updates at this time.

6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Cultural Issues

The Committee members were invited to share details regarding upcoming events or emerging issues in the community.

The following information was shared:

- The Lights at Lafarge kick-off event on Friday, November 24, 2023 at Lafarge Lake from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and rationale for moving the event from Saturday to Friday
- Billy Bishop Goes to War play at Evergreen Cultural Centre from November 14 to 18, 2023
- CPL's Poirier Branch Library Lounge Grand Opening event on November 16, 2023 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Coquitlam Youth Orchestra (CYO) Holiday Concert on December 9, 2023 at Evergreen Cultural Centre, New Year's Eve Concert on December 31, 2023 at Evergreen Cultural Centre and the desire for the City to provide storage space for CYO instruments

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at this time (8:30 p.m.).

Discussion continued relative to the following:

- Desire for Committee meetings to be held on a different day other than Thursday
- Place des Arts' opening of Holiday Boutique, Positively Petite: Annual Miniature Exhibition and Place des Arts Program and Events Coordinator's upcoming retirement
- Bright Nights in Stanley Park from November 30, 2023 to January 1, 2024 and the return of the Bright Nights Train
- HoliDaze in the Heights on November 18, 2023 in Austin Heights
- Timeline for additional feature lights being installed along Brunette Avenue
- Desire for fewer tables at 2024's Volunteer Recognition Event and for the event to be held on a day other than Thursday

The Chair expressed appreciation and gratitude for the Committee members' volunteerism in 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Steve Kim, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk