

**Present:**

Councillor Villeneuve, Chair  
Councillor Woods, Vice-Chair  
B. McMurray  
C. Girardi  
G. Smith  
J. Kearns  
N. Chima  
U. Maxwell-Lewis  
U. Sharda

**Regrets:**

C. Li-Leger  
C. Thornley  
F. McLafferty  
W. Bollard

**Staff Present:**

A. Boehm, IIC Liaison, Economic Development  
J. Strom, Curator, Exhibitions and Collections  
L. Cavan, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture  
L. Davison, Visual & Community Art Manager  
M. Savage, Information Services Librarian  
R. Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Admin & Facilities  
S. Bhogal, Deputy Chief Librarian  
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services  
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the Culture Development Advisory Committee meeting, held February 16, 2016 to be adopted.

It was

Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by U. Sharda

That the minutes of the Culture

Development Advisory Committee held February 16, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

1. **Introduction to Surrey's Poet Laureate Project**  
Meghan Savage, Information Services Librarian  
Renée Sarojini Saklikar, Surrey Poet Laureate  
File: 7800-01

The following comments were made:

- The Culture Development Advisory Committee proposed the idea of a Poet Laureate and the search began in October 2014 when the Surrey Poet Laureate Planning Committee met for the first time. In March 2015, the Call for Applications was issued, ten applications were received and five people were interviewed.
- The successful applicant would be a literary ambassador for the City of Surrey, responsible for creating poetry, proposing and implementing a legacy project, and engaging with the residents of Surrey through participation in civic events, festivals, programs and other initiatives.

- During the October 2015 Council Meeting, Mayor Linda Hepner announced Renée Sarojini Saklikar as the inaugural Surrey Poet Laureate. Ms. Saklikar is one of three National Advocates for The Writer's Union of Canada and a member of the League of Canadian Poets. Ms. Saklikar is the author of *Children of Air India: Un/authorized Exhibits and Interjections* which won a Canadian Authors Award and was a finalist of a BC book prize.
- Ms. Saklikar was featured on the front page of the *Surrey Now* newspaper, she co-edited a book with Wayde Compton titled *The Revolving City: 51 Poems and the Stories Behind Them*, and her poetry was made into a stage show *Air India Redacted* at Simon Fraser University in November 2015.
- A \$5,000 City of Surrey Cultural Grant was awarded to support Ms. Saklikar's legacy project to engage diverse communities through poetry and sharing stories throughout 2016.
- Ms. Saklikar offers 45-minute free creative writing consultations accessible to the public through Simon Fraser University.

Ms. Saklikar closed her presentation with sharing one of her poems *After the Battle of Kingsway, the bees—*.

## C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

### 1. Cultural Mapping and Naming Update A. Boehm, Business Development Liaison

The following comments were made:

- Cultural mapping is required to identify cultural resources for planning and decision-making. It promotes arts and culture in the community and identifies the cultural resources to residents who are unaware of everything available to them.
- The beta website, which is a public art and cultural corridor map, was launched in January, 2016. It allows users to search by neighborhood and see what is available to them in arts and heritage. Almost all cultural venues and pieces of public art are captured on this map and when a user clicks on a cultural venue, all the information including contact information about the venue is displayed. Within the public art tab is the art walk that traces out a path to take to visit specific art pieces located in Surrey City Centre. The app will be linked with the City's website and any events listed on the City of Surrey's website will get tagged into the Cultural Mapping app.

Staff requested members to provide them with feedback on the suggested names for the app. Members advised the name *Surrey Arts and Culture Map* would best fit the app.

2. **Review Draft 2016 CDAC Work Plan**  
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services

A draft CDAC work plan was circulated showcasing agenda items for the upcoming meetings. These agenda items were suggested by the members from the workshop meeting held in January, 2016.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Surrey Art Gallery - Permanent Art Collection Presentation**  
J. Strom, Curator, Exhibitions and Collections  
File: 7800-01

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey Art Gallery was founded in 1975 at the initiative of local citizens and continues its original mandate to support exhibitions and education in contemporary art. The Gallery is recognized nationally and internationally as one of Canada's premier contemporary art museums. The Surrey Art Gallery presents on average 18 exhibitions per year.
- The Permanent Art Collection totals 1,581 artworks, including paintings, sculptures, photography, prints, ceramics, drawings, artist books, and digital media. The Collection is held in public trust for the citizens of Surrey.

There are various permanent art collection activities such as:

Acquisition:

- The Acquisition Committee is responsible for the Gallery's collections policy and ensuring its implementation while a team of the Gallery's curatorial staff is responsible for the selection, display, care, research, documentation, dissemination, and interpretation of the Collection. The artworks come into the Collection by either purchase or donation. The purchasing budget is under \$5,000 per year and does not include maintenance or upkeep costs.

Preservation:

- All the artworks entering the Collection are subject to national collections management principles, practices, and standards. Regular upgrades are required to the artwork such as framing and matting and the curatorial staff are responsible for registration, storage and documentation of the Collection.

## Research:

- New research is produced by the Curators and Gallery assistants with each new art acquisition. Requests are submitted by secondary and post-secondary students, scholars, freelance writers, and other artists to gain access for researching the collection.

## Exhibition and Education:

- A trilogy of exhibitions called *Views from the Southbank* were presented in 2015, which featured over 75 artists and 200 artworks about Surrey and its immediate surrounding region. The Collection is featured in the Gallery's extensive school tour program, which approximately 9,000 school participants tour the Gallery each year.

## Publication:

- The Collection is included in many print publications including an ongoing publication series entitled "Open Book". There are currently 45 Open Books published which are available for free online or from the Gallery's website.

The Surrey Art Gallery's Permanent Collection conveys and catalyzes the story of who Surrey is through the story of contemporary art. The Gallery celebrates diversity by considering the complexity and nuances of culture, diversity, and society; responds to community through focusing and targeting programming, education and engagement; and builds a sense of place through the artists compelling and uniquely crafted portrayals of people, places, events, situations, and conditions that reflect the world.

The rich variety of art displayed in the Surrey Art Gallery invites visitors and participants to think productively, critically, and creatively about how to engage with their world around them.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It was

Moved by G. Smith

Seconded by U. Maxwell-Lewis

That the Cultural Development Advisory Committee recommends that Council consider increasing the Surrey Art Gallery art acquisitions budget from \$5,000 upwards to \$15,000 or \$20,000 as part of the next budget review process for 2017.

Carried

2. **Heritage Services, Canada 150: Surrey Legacy Book Project**  
R. Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Administration and Facilities  
File: 6800-01

The following comments were made:

- The Canada 150: Surrey Legacy Book Project was initiated by the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission and is coordinated by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. The project will seek to engage all relevant stakeholders and be accessible to the public. The goal will be to have the book completed by July 1, 2017.

The project goals include:

- To produce an inclusive, engaging and accessible Surrey history book that is richly illustrated with archival photographs, maps and documents;
- To support education and awareness in the City and to help foster civic pride;
- To commemorate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by producing a local history book that celebrates the City's history from its pre-contact First Nations period to the present; and
- To produce a distinct "City of Surrey" gift for presentation by the City's Mayor and Council.

The Book will be a popular history of Surrey prominently illustrated with archival photographs, maps, documents and other graphic elements. It will also include many sidebar features to make the book more engaging and accessible.

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Call for Nominations 2016 Surrey Civic Treasure Awards**  
S. McKinnon, Manager, Arts Services  
File: 0269-20

The intent of this memo is to encourage Culture Development Advisory Committee members to submit nominations for the 2016 Surrey Civic Treasure Awards and nominate a representative to the 2016 Surrey Civic Treasure Awards Selection Committee. The recipient of the 2016 Surrey Civic Treasure Awards will be recognized at the annual Business and the Arts and Civic Treasure Awards which takes place on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the Surrey Arts Centre.

C. Girardi volunteered to represent CDAC on the Civic Treasure Awards selection committee for 2016.

2. **Up-coming Stewart Farm Exhibitions**  
R. Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Administration and Facilities  
File: 7800-01

The purpose of this memo is to advise the Culture Development Advisory Committee of the new temporary exhibition “Tea: Steeped in History”, which is on display at the Historic Stewart Farm from April 30 to June 19, 2016.

3. **2015 BC Culture Days Summary Report**  
K. Gallie, Manager, Performing Arts  
File: 7800-01

Staff provided a memo summarizing the results of the 2015 BC Culture Days program which was held from September 25 to September 27, 2015 throughout BC and across Canada.

4. **2016 Service Delivery Plan - Parks, Recreation & Culture**  
L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture  
File: 0620-20

The 2016 Service Delivery Plan – Parks, Recreation & Culture was provided to the Culture Development Advisory Committee. The plan outlines the 2016 work program that has been developed by staff in recognition of Council’s priorities, approved strategic plans, Advisory Committees’ recommendations, community needs and strategic corporate directions.

## H. OTHER BUSINESS

## I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Culture Development Advisory Committee will be held on May 17, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in 2E Community Room A.

## J. ADJOURNMENT

It was  
Moved by B. Murray  
Seconded by U. Maxwell-Lewis  
That the Culture Development Advisory  
Committee (CDAC) meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Culture Development Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor J. Villeneuve, Chairperson