
Present:

Councillor Villeneuve, Chair
Councillor Woods, Vice-Chair
A. Bowman
B. McMurray
C. Girardi
C. Thornley
G. Smith
N. Chima
U. Maxwell-Lewis

Regrets:

J. Kearns
U. Sharda
F. McLafferty

Staff Present:

A. Boehm, IIC Liaison, Economic Development
K. Gallie, Performing Arts Manager
L. Cavan, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture
L. Davison, Visual & Community Art Manager
L. Saffery, Museum Manager
P. Heer, Community Planning Manager,
Planning and Development
S. Bhogal, Chief Librarian
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The committee will be requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of September 13, 2016.

It was

Moved by D. Woods
Seconded by C. Thornley
That the minutes of the Culture

Development Advisory Committee meeting held September 13, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **Surrey Art Gallery Association (SAGA) Introduction**
Jannette Maedel, President, and Joanne Dennis, Board Member, Surrey Art Galley Association (SAGA)
File: 0520-20

In attendance as a delegation before the Committee to provide an overview of the Surrey Art Gallery Association.

The following comments were made:

- The Surrey Art Gallery Association (SAGA) was incorporated as a society in 1984 and partners with the Surrey Art Gallery to advance community engagement with the visual arts and to support contemporary artists. SAGA is a non-profit society that offers its members the opportunity to participate in and respond to contemporary art, and be part of a community that actively supports the Surrey Art Gallery. SAGA provides local artists with a venue and serves as an effective partner in fundraising.

- SAGA is a registered Canadian charity, is an active member of Canada 150, and is a licensed Surrey business. SAGA supports the policies and programs of the Surrey Art Gallery by promoting, advocating, building community connections, programming partnerships and fundraising.

The Committee suggested that SAGA improve their public relations and outreach to the community to improve the level of awareness. The delegation noted that SAGA is new to social media and is determined to improve their public relations.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Libraries Supporting Surrey Makers and Creators

S. Bhogal, Chief Librarian

File: 7960-01

The following comments were made:

- Libraries are the centre for sharing ideas and knowledge. It is the priority of Surrey Libraries to support makers and creators, strive for excellence in services, and engage and inspire the community.
- The Chief Librarian noted that libraries inspire people to become creators by offering innovative programs and services and support digital literacy needs of members through training and access to learning tools, and encourage a love of reading, learning, curiosity and imagination.
- It was noted that libraries are also used as community gathering spaces, art exhibitions, space for artists in residence, public art displays, venue for performing arts, place to create poetry, *Maker* showcases and meetups, and digital media resources. Biblioboard, a self-publishing website for local authors, and a digitalization station will be coming to Surrey Libraries in the near future.

2. Surrey City Centre Land Use Plan

P. Heer, Community Planning Manager, Planning & Development

File: 6520-20

The following comments were made:

- The City of Surrey is in the process of creating the Surrey City Centre plan. The Surrey City Centre is the centre of the geographic region of Metro Vancouver and hopes to become the twice the size of downtown Vancouver.

- The vision for City Centre is to transform from a suburban centre into a walkable high density, transit-oriented downtown. City Centre will be the centre for major employment, education, recreation and cultural activity linked by a green public network. It will be comprised of distinct neighbourhoods that are home to a diverse population.
- Guiding principles for the City Centre include building density and mixed use buildings, encouraging housing diversity, breaking up the block size, designing the roads for multiple modes of transportation, creating vibrant urban spaces, promoting identity and a sense of place, and making the downtown core green.
- The City Centre urban downtown will be vibrant, identifiable and have unique neighbourhoods and districts. It will promote identity and give residents and sense of place.
- The number of intersections will increase throughout the downtown core. The proposed roads and laneways will be achieved through redevelopment. The plan includes creating a greener City Centre that includes having parks within walking distance of all residential neighbourhoods and parks linked with a network of greenways and cycling lanes.
- The cultural corridor will help visualise the cultural landscape within downtown and will integrate, connect, and support key cultural facilities, activities and public art in the City Centre. Some Cultural Catalyst Projects include an entertainment district, performing arts and youth arts centre, and artists hubs.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **24th Surrey International Writer's Conference Economic Impact**
File: 0390-20

Correspondence was received from Tourism Surrey regarding the economic impact of this event at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel.

The Surrey International Writers Conference was held at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel on October 20-23, 2016. The event was sold out and hosted participants from all over the region.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS**1. Culture Days 2016 Outcomes**

K. Gallie, Manager, Performing Arts

File: 8200-01

Culture Days 2016 took place on Saturday, October 1, 2016. City of Surrey Arts and Heritage Services offered free interactive art making activities and performances from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Guildford Town Centre Mall.

The annual national event features individual artists, diverse cultural groups, organizations, municipalities, and festivals that come together to catalyze and inspire greater participation in arts and culture by featuring free, hands-on, interactive activities and inviting the public to the behind-the-scenes world of artists, creators, and historians.

Staff estimated that 1,500 people took part in the activities featured by the City of Surrey Arts and Heritage Services at the Guildford Town Centre, which provided a great opportunity for community engagement and raised the public profile and awareness of Arts and Heritage programs, services and facilities.

2. Literary Arts in Surrey

S. Bhogal, Chief Librarian

File: 7960-01

Surrey Libraries offers an array of programming to support literary arts in Surrey. The Library's priority is to inspire the community with objectives to encourage reading, learning, curiosity, and imagination. The library is successful in their priorities and objectives by engaging with the public through book clubs, writing contests, and author readings.

Upcoming projects for 2017 include celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Young Adult Writing Contest, launching BiblioBoard, selecting and promoting the artist for the International City of Refuge Network (ICORN) and support the projects of Surrey's Poet Laureate, Renée Sarojini Saklikar.

H. OTHER BUSINESS**1. Creative Cities Conference**

The opening night reception for the 2016 Creative City Summit was held on Monday, October 17 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Surrey City Hall. Attendees were impressed with the Summit's study tours of Surrey's facilities and operations and with host staff and volunteers.

2. Surrey Art in the City Studio Tour

The Surrey Art in the City Studio Tour took place on October 1 to 2, 2016 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Newton Cultural Centre, and various venues throughout the City as part of Culture Days. This is a partnership between Tourism Surrey and the Arts Council of Surrey with funding support from the Surrey Cultural Grants Program.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Culture Development Advisory Committee will be held on January 17, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in 2E Community Room A.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was	Moved by C. Thornley
	Seconded by N. Chima
	That the Culture Development Advisory
Committee meeting do now adjourn.	
	<u>Carried</u>

The Culture Development Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor J. Villeneuve, Chairperson