
Present:

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

Regrets:

F. McLafferty
J. Kearns
U. Sharda

Staff Present:

K. Gallie, Performing Arts Manager
K. Kooner, IIC Liaison, Economic Development
L. Cavan, GM Parks, Recreation & Culture
L. Davison, Visual & Community Art Manager
R. Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Admin & Facilities
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The committee will be requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of June 20, 2017

It was

Moved by Councillor Woods

Seconded by N. Chima

That the minutes of the Culture

Development Advisory Committee meeting held June 20, 2017 be adopted as presented.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surrey Cultural Grants Program Update**

K. Gallie, Performing Arts Manager

File: 1850-20

Staff provided an update on Surrey's Cultural Grants Program. The Program was recommended by the Cultural Development Advisory Task Force and launched in 2013. The Task Force engaged local arts and heritage groups in the development of the Program.

The following comments were made:

- The Program supports and enhances arts and heritage in Surrey by building organizational capability and sustainability in each of existing and new local cultural organizations, investing in community-based cultural activities that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of arts and heritage, and encourages collaborative opportunities and partnerships.
- To date, a number of organizations have received funding which funding growth has aligned with Program uptake. The local economic impact has been significant.
- Staff noted that they are conducting a comprehensive review of the Program with Paul Gravett Consulting to develop appropriate recommendations to guide the growth and direction of the Program. There has been a substantial increase in community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by C. Thornley
 Seconded by C. Girardi
 That the Culture Development Advisory
 Committee recommend that Council consider increasing the Cultural Grants
 Program budget an additional \$100,000 during the budget process.
Carried

2. **Enhancing Access to Archives via Technology**

R. Gallagher, Manager, Heritage Administration and Facilities

File: 7800-01

Staff provided a Power-Point Presentation outlining the work of how Archives continue to enhance online public access to collections through innovative digital projects.

The following comments were made:

- Staff preserve and provide access to records which document the City's history. City records are provided from private citizens, community groups and businesses to deliver as much rare data as possible.
- SAMOA is a free, 24/7 online comprehensive database that allows the public to search archives and artifacts and access and browse the City's History and Heritage Collection. By the end of 2017, Surrey collected over 40,000 images and over 100,000 searches were made in 2016. Staff with the City's GIS team were able to digitalize, geo-reference and stitch together 351 images to make one large 1949 photomosaic which is accessible on the City's website through COSMOS.

Staff encourages interested users to follow the archives on Twitter and noted historical content can be e-mailed to archives@surrey.ca

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. Invitation to Culture Days 2017**
K. Gallie, Manager, Performing Arts
File: 7800-01

Staff extended an invitation to members to attend the City of Surrey Arts and Heritage Services celebration on Culture Days at Central City Mall on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Culture Days was created in response to the growing recognition that a vibrant arts and cultural section contributes directly to a healthy and sustainable society.

Culture Days features individual artists, diverse cultural groups, organizations, municipalities, and festivals which participate in arts and culture by featuring free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to the behind-the-scenes world of artists, creators, and historians.

- 2. Invitation to Annual Business and the Arts & Surrey Civic Treasure Awards Ceremony**
K. Gallie, Manager, Performing Arts
File: 7800-01

Staff extended an invitation to members to attend the annual Business and the Arts reception and Surrey Civic Treasure Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Surrey Arts Centre.

The event is held in partnership with the Surrey Board of Trade. Mayor Linda Hepner and Surrey City Council will present the 2017 Surrey Civic Treasure Award.

The Committee suggested the idea of an Honorary Civic Treasure Award for individuals that might otherwise not qualify for Civic Treasure Award.

RECOMMENDATION

It was

Moved by C. Thornley

Seconded by U. Maxwell-Lewis

That the Culture Development Advisory

Committee recommend that Council consider creating a category for an Honorary Civic Treasure Award as part of the 2018 Surrey Civic Treasure Awards process.

Carried

3. Invitation to Surrey Art Gallery Fall Exhibitions Opening Reception

L. Davison, Visual & Community Art Manager

File: 0330-20

Staff extended an invitation to members to attend the Opening Reception that celebrates the launch of Surrey Art Gallery’s fall season and two exhibitions *Ground Signals* and *Shift*.

The event is being held at the Surrey Art Gallery on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Reports

- Fusion Festival is this weekend, July 22 and 23 at Holland Park with gates opening at 11:00 am.
- At the request of Emergency Management BC, a Regional Reception Center opened up to offer emergency social services offered at the Cloverdale Arena to the evacuees of BC interior forest fires. To date, the Cloverdale Center has registered 1,125 individuals as of 2:00 pm.
- The Beach House Theatre in Crescent Beach, White Rock will be presenting *The Heart of Robin Hood* and *The Commedia Tales of King Arthur* this August.

I. NEXT MEETING

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Woods
 Seconded by C. Thornley
 That the Culture Development Advisory

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Culture Development Advisory Committee adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor J. Villeneuve, Chairperson