
Present:

Councillor Kooner, Chairperson
C. Girardi
H. Madsen
R. Pandher

Absent:

Councillor Stutt, Vice-Chair
K. Cheung
C. Henry
M. Cheema

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Culture & Recreation
R. Gallagher, Manager, Culture
J. Kuzemski, Special Events Marketing Coordinator
M. Rukavina, Film and Events Manager
S. Nichols, Deputy City Clerk
P. Yadav, Special Events Coordinator

A. ADOPTIONS**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by R. Pandher
That the agenda of the Arts and Culture
Advisory Committee meeting of October 17, 2023, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of the Minutes

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by H. Madsen
That the minutes of the Arts and Culture
Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2023, be adopted.
Carried

. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**1. Special Events Update**

Jenna Kuzemski, Special Events Marketing Coordinator and Preeti Yadav, Special Events Coordinator

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Surrey's signature events.

The Canada Day event had an expanded Indigenous Village and a new Community Hub which included a Community Stage featuring local Surrey dance groups and the very popular dance battles, food trucks, licensed area and an eating area. Over 70,000 people attended, 50% of which were first time attendees.

The Surrey Fusion Festival hosted 110,000 people during the two day event which took place at Holland Park on July 22, 2023 and July 23, 2023. The event included 50 cultural pavilions and vendors, exhibitors, non-profit organizations and corporate sponsors, and six music stages. In response to questions from the committee, staff advised that the event started with 22 cultural pavilions in 2008.

Due to popularity, the Surrey Tree Lighting Festival has been expanded to a two-day event. The 2023 event will feature the holiday market which showcases local

artisans, family entertainment, live music and dance performances, light displays and photo opportunities. The 60ft Christmas tree will be lit by Mayor and Council at 6:30pm on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

2. Public Art Updates

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting various public art projects underway and upcoming, including:

- Restoration work on Under the Double Eagle & Elder Moon artwork by Leonard Wells and Leslie Wells
- Potential mural project at the South Surrey Arena;
- Implementation of the Poetry Project which will see poems from Surrey poets integrated within the community;
- New public art opportunities on the washroom structures at Edgewood Park and Latimer Park. Artist call to be released late this year.
- Future artist call for Indigenous artists for the community living room at the Ocean Park Library;
- future artist call for the Port Kells Roundabout; and
- future artist calls for two public artworks for the new Cloverdale Sport and Ice Complex, in the south entry plaza and the main lobby.

In response to questions from the Committee staff advised that artists are compensated for their work and that there is an interactive map for arts and culture on surrey.ca.

3. Overview of Cultural Programs

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation which gave a detailed overview of cultural services and programs throughout the City.

The Committee questioned whether consideration has been given to including a photo lab, like the one at the Vancouver Public Library, in a location such as Clayton. Staff advised that they could look into this request.

4. Cultural Facility Upgrades

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on various cultural facility upgrades at the Surrey Arts Centre, and the Clayton Community Centre.

Staff advised that the Clayton Community Centre is a busy location for youth and families.

5. Cultural Grants Application Update

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the cultural grants program, noting that the 2024 grant application closed on October 3, 2023, with 77 eligible grants received.

In response from questions from the Committee, staff advised that grants funding is capped at \$10,000 within the project stream of funding.

6. Culture Days Update

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on Culture Days which launched on September 23, 2023. Staff provided information on the four events held across the City, including Culture Days Launch event at Clayton Community Centre, Harvest Fair at Elgin Heritage Park, Filipino Fest at the Museum of Surrey, and the Surrey Art Gallery Fall Exhibition Opening. Staff noted that there were over 7,700 in attendance.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Surrey Music Strategy Update 2023

File: 0330-01

The purpose of this report is to provide the ACAC with information on the Surrey Music Strategy.

It was

Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by R. Pandher

That the Arts & Culture Advisory

Committee receive the Surrey Music Strategy report for information.

Carried

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Updates

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture provided a verbal update on current events within the Culture portfolio, including:

- Everything is Still Awesome Lego exhibit at the Museum of Surrey;
- All Hope and Healing by Metis artist Tracey-Mae Chambers at the Museum of Surrey on October 17, 2023;
- Canucks Autism Network is hosting a sensory friendly event on October 29 at the Museum of Surrey;
- Surrey Civic Theatres is hosting numerous shows as part of its Presentation Series

- Metro Vancouver will be renting the atrium and theatre for their Council of Councils event; and
- Diwali Fest, organized and produced by the Diwali Celebration Society will take place at City Hall on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 21, 2023.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by H. Madsen
Seconded by R. Pandher
That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The adjourned at 6:44pm.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Kooner, Chairperson