

Arts and Culture Advisory **Committee Minutes**

2E - Community Room B City Hall 13450 - 104 Avenue Surrey, B.C. Tuesday, April 18, 2023 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Kooner, Chairperson Councillor Stutt, Vice-Chair K. Cheung C. Girardi R. Pandher

Absent:

C. Henry L. Wilks J. Hannah

Staff Present:

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Culture & Recreation R. Gallagher, Manager, Culture M. Rukavina, Manager, Film & Events K. Gallie, Manager, Performing Arts A. Sodha, Administrative Assistant

INTRODUCTIONS

A roundtable of introductions was held.

A. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was

Moved by C. Girardi Seconded by K. Cheung That the agenda of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting of April 18, 2023, be adopted. Carried

B. **DELEGATIONS**

This section had no items to consider.

C. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture, City of Surrey 1.

The Manager of Culture, provided an overview of the Cultural Services in Surrey and highlighted the work of the various sections within the Culture Division, including Museum of Surrey, Performing Arts and Surrey Civic Theatres, Surrey Art Gallery, Community Arts and Cultural Grants, Heritage Services, and Special Events and Filming. the following information:

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture, City of Surrey 2.

The Manager of Culture provided the Committee with a Public Art Policy Overview presentation and articulated the differences between the civic and private development components of the policy, selection panel recommendations, the committee's role relevant to public art, and ways to engage with public art content online.

3. Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture, City of Surrey

The Manager of Culture provided the Committee with updates for the following Civic Public Art projects:

• 2023 Public Art Street Banners by Tanya Bub, 20 Avenue Overpass, Nicomekl Riverfront Park, Newton Parket project with Studio 73, Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, Blackie Spit mural opportunity, Indigenous Carving Centre public art, and planning for future a future project at City Centre Library.

<u>As part of the Civic Public Art</u> projects update, the Manager of Culture provided a more detailed overview of public art projects at the future Bear Creek Athletics Centre and King George Bridge at Nicomekl:

Bear Creek Athletic Stadium

The public art opportunity for this project was identified as the shear walls on the east side of the new facility. The public art call for this project asked artists to consider how the new facility would fit within the surroundings of Bear Creek Park, and that the artwork should speak to the ways in which human beings are connected to and a part of the natural world. Over 60 submissions were received, and 6 artists were shortlisted to further refine their concepts. A two-stage selection process was developed for this public art opportunity, supported by a selection panel of six community members. "Seeing Nature" by artist Brandon Vickerd was unanimiously recommended by the selection panel. The design features animals affixed to the new Bear Creek Athletics Centre, interacting with patrons in an unexpected way.

It was

Moved by K. Cheung Seconded by R. Pandher That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee recommend that the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, prepare a Corporate Report to Council recommending that staff undertake a contract with Brandon Vickerd to implement a public artwork at the Bear Creek Athletics Centre.

Carried

Nicomekl Bridge

• The public art opportunity for this project consists of the railings on the east and west sides of the new bridge structure. The artwork will consist of 28 stainless steel, powder coated, panels. This was a specific public art call for Indigenous artists from Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and Katzie First Nations. An Indigenous Elders panel, similar to other public art calls specific to Indigenous artists, made the selections for this project. The two selected artists are Joan Williams and Phyllis Atkins, and one design will be placed on the east side of the bridge, and the other on the west side.

It was Moved by K. Cheung Seconded by R. Pandher That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee recommend that the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, prepare a Corporate Report to Council recommending that staff undertake a contract with Phyllis Atkins and Joan Williams to implement a public artwork at the King George Bridge on the Nicomekl River. Carried

The Manager of Culture provided updates on two private development public art plans:

Adera (Pura)

The detailed public art plan for the future Adera development was presented to the committee, including the selected artwork by Crystal Przybille. The artwork opportunity includes over 20 unique gate designs, all of which face the public sidewalks around the development. The artist described the design as an ode to the Fraser River.

It was	Moved by R. Pandher
	Seconded by Councillor Stutt
	That the Arts and Culture Advisory
Committee approve the	e Adera Detailed Public Art Plan as presented.
	Carried

Anthem (Project: Georgetown):

The preliminary public art plan, noting proposed locations and terms of reference for artist selection was shared with the Committee.

It was	Moved by K. Cheung
	Seconded by R. Pandher
	That the Arts and Culture Advisory
Committee approve the Anthem Preliminary Public Art Plan as presented.	
	<u>Carried</u>

Mary Rukavina, Manager of Special Events and Filming, and Kent Gallie, 4. Manager of Performing Arts, City of Surrey

The Manager of Special Events and Filming, and the Manager of Performing Arts, provided an overview of the Surrey Music Strategy and highlighted the following information:

- The Surrey Music Strategy aims to establish Surrey as a music industry leader that supports musician development and a thriving music economy.
- The strategy was developed through extensive community engagement and research, which identified key findings such as the need for more music venues and educational opportunities for emerging artists in Surrey.
- Economic analysis has shown that the music industry in Surrey contributes over \$90 million to the GDP and creates \$43.6 million in economic spinoff for the community.
- The strategy has identified seven strategic pillars and 23 recommendations with short, medium, and long-term actions to support them.

D. **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

This section had no items to consider.

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

Review of the Terms of Reference 1.

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference.

It was

Moved by K. Cheung Seconded by Councillor Stutt That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee support the ACAC Terms of Reference as presented. Carried

Annual Workplan 2.

The Committee reviewed the 2023 Committee Workplan Draft.

Moved by Councillor Stutt It was Seconded by C. Girardi That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee support the 2023 Committee Workplan as presented. Carried

3. 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2023 meeting schedule. Meetings are proposed to be held in person on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. No meetings are scheduled for July, August, and December.

It was Moved by Councillor Stutt Seconded by C. Girardi That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee adopted the 2023 meeting schedule as presented. <u>Carried</u>

4. Overview of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department File: 0360-06

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture provided an extract from the department's annual service delivery plan, which outlines their mission, values, and strategies for delivering services in Parks, Recreation, & Culture. The plan also includes information on the amenities and organizational structure of the department. Ms. Cavan noted that the department works closely with other areas in the organization and will provide a more detailed work plan at the next Committee meeting.

It was Moved by R. Pandher Seconded by Councillor Stutt That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee receive the report dated April 3, 2023 regarding the Overview of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department for information. Carried

5. Surrey SPARK Stages weekend celebration event May 26-28, 2023 File: 0330-01

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture, informed the Committee that the Spark Festival was launched as an enhancement of theprevious Children's Festival. The Spark Festival offers more opportunities across the year for families, youth, and children. Various performances will occur during the launch weekend, which will begin May 26 to the 28th, 2023, and continue throughout the year. It was Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by R. Pandher

That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee receive the report dated April 4, 2023 regarding Surrey SPARK Stages weekend celebration event May 26-28, 2023 for information.

<u>Carried</u>

6. Spring Exhibits at Museum of Surrey

File: 0330-01

The General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture advised that the report dated April 3, 2023 regarding Spring Exhibits at the Museum of Surrey includes an attachment that outlines the exhibits that will be coming to the museum. One of the exhibits is "Giants Dragons and Unicorns - The World of Mythic Creatures," which is expected to be popular with families and people of all ages. Another exhibit is "Weaving Cultural Identities," which will take place in the Indigenous Hall.

It was

Moved by Councillor Stutt Seconded by R. Pandher That the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee receive the report dated April 3, 2023 regarding the Spring Exhibits at Museum of Surrey for information.

Carried

F. **CORRESPONDENCE**

This section had no items to consider.

G. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

This section had no items to consider.

H. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Verbal Updates 1.

The Committee noted that there are several upcoming events and updates in Surrey, which showcase the work of different committees and collaborations:

- The regional heritage fair, taking place on April 27, celebrates heritage with student projects and displays, and will be held at Museum of Surrey.
- The Surrey Art Gallery has received grants for accessibility and programming enhancements and has just launched their spring exhibitions.
- Surrey Arts Centre has been busy this month, hosting the the Surrey Dance Festival with 5000 participants.
- Party for the Planet, the largest Earth Day celebration in Western Canada, will be held at Civic Plaza on April 29.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Stutt Seconded by K. Cheung That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Kooner, Chairperson