

Present:

Councillor Kooner, Chairperson
Councillor Stutt, Vice-Chair
M. Cheema
K. Cheung
C. Girardi
C. Henry
H. Madsen
R. Pandher

Absent:**Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager Parks Recreation & Culture
R. Gallagher, Manager of Culture
L. Saffery, Museum Manager
S. Meng, Administrative Assistant

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

It was Moved by Councillor Stutt
Seconded by C. Girardi
That the agenda of the Arts and Culture
Advisory Committee meeting of September 13, 2023, be adopted.
Carried

2. Adoption of June 20, 2023 Minutes

It was Moved by C. Girardi
Seconded by R. Pandher
That the minutes of the Arts and Culture
Advisory Committee meeting held on June 20, 2023, be adopted.
Carried

B. STAFF PRESENTATION**1. Public Art Updates**

Ryan Gallagher, Manager of Culture, City of Surrey

In attendance to provide a presentation on Public Art Updates.

- The bronze sculpture, Kneeling in Remembrance, was vandalized in March 2023 and is now fully restored. Veteran's Affairs Canada provided financial support for some of the restoration work. The sculpture was reinstalled in early August 2023 and the Cloverdale Legion hosted a rededication ceremony on August 19.
- Totest Aleng: Indigenous Learning House is a new City of Surrey facility located in Elgin Heritage Park in South Surrey. The pavilion space within the facility is going to feature a new public artwork by Semiahmoo First Nation artist Leslie Wells. The artwork will be a painted wood carving that is 5 feet in diameter with a design depicting the sun.

It was

Moved by Councillor Stutt

Seconded by K. Cheung

That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee recommend that the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, prepare a Corporate Report to Council recommending staff undertake a contract with Leslie Wells to implement a public artwork at Totest Aleng: Indigenous Learning House.

Carried

- Public Art has been partnering with the Engineering department on a pilot project which involves wrapping 8 utility boxes at 4 intersections in Newton between 72 Avenue and 76 Avenue. These utility boxes will have anti-graffiti coating, making the graffiti come off easily if vandalized. Staff worked with four local artists (Kiranjot Kaur, Natache Gabriel, Sahil Mroke, Cara Guri) to complete designs for this pilot project in Newton.
- The 2024 Public Art Street Banners Artist Call will be released later this fall, with the banners to be installed in Spring 2024 at approximately 100 locations across the city.
- Staff are scoping a potential project at Surrey Libraries - City Centre Branch. The Artist Call will be a directed call for Indigenous artists in Fall 2024. Multiple concrete columns on the busy first floor have been identified as a suitable location for various artworks.
- Staff provided an update about the TransLink R6 project, which will feature public artworks on various bus stops along the route. There will be four total bus stops two bus stops featuring artwork designs by Jesse Sohpaal and Angela Aujla.
- A Metro Vancouver project located in Meagan Anne MacDougall Park will feature a new reservoir structure. This new facility will include artwork on the glass windows designed by Kwantlen First Nation Elinor Atkins.
- Staff provided a private development public art update, noting that City Centre 3 development by Lark had now completed its public art installation. The artwork was designed by Crystal Przybille from the Okanagan. This artwork consists of 7 bronze sculptures varying in size based on the sphere and is located by Surrey Memorial Hospital.
- General Manager, Parks Recreation and Culture expressed that pilot project in Newton to wrap utility boxes with artwork is in alignment with the initiative that is underway from Council (Focus Newton Task Force)..

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Surrey Civic Theatres 2023-24 Presentation Series

File: 0360-06

Surrey Civic Theatres will offer a full season of live presentations beginning in 2023 and into 2024. The Civic Theatres staff team has put together an exciting full season of professional, transformative, performing arts experiences, including the welcome return of the Arts Club on Tour series after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the Surrey SPARK Stages program launched in 2022 enters its second year of providing exciting programming for children and families.

It was

Moved by K. Cheung

Seconded by Councillor Stutt

That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee receive the report dated August 30, 2023 regarding the Surrey Civic Theatres 2023-24 Presentation Series for information.

Carried

C. Henry joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

2. Culture Days 2023, September 22 – October 15

File: 0360-01

Culture Days is a National annual event that features individual artists, diverse cultural groups, organizations, municipalities, and festivals old and new that come together to catalyze and inspire greater participation in arts and culture by featuring free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to the behind-the-scenes world of artists, creators, historians, and story tellers. Culture Days 2023 will offer a three week-long, cross-country celebration beginning Friday, September 22 and continuing through until October 15.

It was

Moved by Councillor Stutt

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee receive the report dated August 18, 2023 regarding Culture Days 2023, September 22 – October 15 for information.

Carried

3. **Surrey Art Gallery Fall Exhibitions & Programs**

File: 0330-01

This Fall, Surrey Art Gallery exhibitions consider themes of relative arrivals, local and dislocated species, and embedded colonial histories. The Gallery is pleased to present *Swapnaa Tamhane: No Surface is Neutral*, guest curated by Deepali Dewan, the Dan Mishra Curator of the Global South and Asia at the Royal Ontario Museum. Additional exhibitions include *all roses sleep (inviolable light)*, a multisensory installation by Alana Bartol and Bryce Krynski, and *Kampala to Canada*, a community commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Ugandan-Asian migration to Canada. These exhibitions will be complemented by a series of events, educational opportunities, and other programs throughout the fall.

It was

Moved by H. Madsen

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee receive the report dated August 30, 2023 regarding Surrey Art Gallery Fall Exhibitions & Programs for information.

Carried

4. **Fall Exhibits at Museum of Surrey**

File: 0330-01

This Fall, Museum of Surrey will be welcoming the following exhibitions to its Feature Gallery, Indigenous Hall and Surrey Stories Gallery:

- Feature Exhibit: Everything is Still Awesome (Oct 17, 2023 – March 31, 2024)
- Indigenous Hall: Legacy of Hope (October 17 – December 23, 2023)
- Community Treasures: Connecting Generations (September 19 – December 23, 2023)

Museum of Surrey will be hosting an exhibition opening event on Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Committee members are welcome to attend this event.

It was

Moved by R. Pandher

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Arts and Culture Advisory

Committee receive the report dated August 18, 2023 regarding Fall Exhibits at Museum of Surrey for information.

Carried

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Verbal Updates

General Manager, Parks Recreation and Culture provided the following verbal updates:

- Surrey Tree Lighting Festival is planned for Saturday, November 25th, and 26th and will be a full weekend event taking place in the plaza and atrium at Surrey City Hall. The plaza will include a large tent, featuring artisans and various entertainers. Start and end times for both event days are estimated to be from noon until 8 p.m.
- Historic Stewart Farm will have their Harvest Fair on September 23rd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be co-hosting with Totest Aleng: Indigenous Learning House. This will be a unique celebration of the harvest and will consist of demonstrations, harvest themed crafts and a vendor market featuring local makers and organizations.
- Roxanne Charles and Chalise McCallum-Dolan of Semiahmoo First Nation are the inaugural artists-in-residence for Totest Aleng: Indigenous Learning House. They are working on a project called “Honouring Our Grandmothers Healing Journey.” They will also be engaging with members of the Semiahmoo First Nations on their artist and residence initiatives. Staff will have more dialogue with the Metis Nation to ensure they are aware of this new facility.
- In terms of community arts initiative, there is an annual youth music event called Band-Aid. This event will take place on Saturday, October 14th at the Clayton Community Centre. This event invites youth who are interested in music and being involved in bands to attend various workshops from a few industry professionals.
- The City's cultural grants have been launched and will include a streamlined online application form this year. This will reduce the amount of paperwork, mailing, and tracking. The City will also hold a number of workshops throughout the fall season to help organizations understand how to apply for the grants.

2. Tour of the Museum of Surrey

After the meeting adjourned, the Museum Manager gave the committee members a tour around Museum of Surrey.

E. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023 and will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

F. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk

Councillor Kooner, Chairperson