



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES

ARTS, CULTURE AND SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall

- PRESENT:** Norm Swan – Chair
Moiria Tait – Vice Chair
Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Bruce McIldoon
Charles Lavoie
Avrille Gosling
Nick Brame
- STAFF:** Karen Hay – Planning Technician (Staff Liaison)
Deborah Liske – Recording Secretary
- GUEST:** Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Departed at 7:39 p.m.)
- REGRETS:** Barbara Snyder – Director of Development Services (Staff Liaison)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Charles Lavoie that the agenda of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting of April 7, 2010 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. GREETING FROM MAYOR DESJARDINS

Mayor Desjardins greeted members of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee and thanked them for their participation on the committee. Mayor Desjardins expressed her enthusiasm about the committees work plan and noted her planned attendance at the senior's tea and concert planned for this weekend. Mayor Desjardins encouraged the committee to keep up the good work and noted the benefits the community is experiencing from the activities of the advisory committees of Council. People in the community are very excited and engaged in the happenings of the community; this effect will carry over to other communities and assist with how non-residents look at Esquimalt. Mayor Desjardins noted her appreciation of the work the committee has accomplished and is looking forward to future events the committee undertakes.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Brame, seconded by Charles Lavoie that the minutes of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting of March 3, 2010 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- (1) From the March 3, 2010 Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting
 - (a) Referred by Council, Email dated January 20, 2010, Re: Vancouver Island Action for Children

Councillor Brame reviewed information about National Children's Day and suggested organizing an event to promote the positives of children. Councillor Brame suggested displays such as an art exhibit for the hallways of the municipal hall and the atrium in the recreation centre.

Committee members discussed additional ideas which included:

- Art displays in the library.
- Partnering with the Esquimalt Photography Club to have children take photographs (from their perspective) to display.
- Contact recreation programmers to include children and teens from recreation programs.
- Contact Transition House as a resource for information.

Councillor Brame requested committee members brainstorm ideas to discuss further at the next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Esquimalt Lantern Festival
 - (a) Email from Vicki Klyne, dated March 16, 2010, Re: Committee Created Installation

Committee members discussed sponsoring a lantern in the festival. Charles Lavoie volunteered to speak with Eleanor Calder about the committees' involvement in the festival.

Moved by Councillor McIldoon, seconded by Councillor Brame that Charles Lavoie attend a future meeting of the Esquimalt Lantern Festival Society as a representative of the Esquimalt Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee to discuss participation in the lantern festival. The motion **CARRIED**.

- (b) Letter from the Esquimalt Lantern Festival Society, dated March 18, 2010, Re: Request for Artist Contacts

Mr. Lavoie will also discuss the request for artist contacts with Ms. Calder.

8. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES / WORK PLAN ITEMS

- (1) Seniors Spring Tea and Concert

Vice Chair Tait reviewed the following arrangements for the event:

- Esquimalt High School jazz band will be performing.
- RSVP's are up to 69; have ordered food for 75.
- Esquimalt Garden Club is donating two table top flower arrangements.
- Sweets and fruit trays have been ordered from Country Grocer.
- Children's art is completed and ready for display.
- Piano is tuned and ready.
- Volunteer students from Esquimalt High and Ecole Brodeur Schools will assist at event.
- Hampton Choir is excited to participate.
- Mayor Desjardins will make a welcoming address.

(2) Buccaneer Days

Councillor McIldoon reported lots of changes are planned for Buccaneer Days this year and it will be bigger and better. People will be able to catch a harbour ferry to Head Street terminal and then be transported via a mini-bus to the Sports Centre area.

Mayor Desjardins noted it is the desire of the Buccaneer Days committee to draw people from the downtown core of Victoria to Esquimalt.

Charles Lavoie suggested Ecole Brodeur School be invited to participate in the downtown welcoming program Esquimalt High School is participating in to welcome visiting sailors here for the naval anniversary.

Mayor Desjardins departed the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

(3) Walking Events

(c) “So Easy to Explore” Walking Tours

Chair Swan will contact the Esquimalt Gorge Park Walking Tour organizer and the Esquimalt Walking Group to discuss partnering / participating with the committees walking tours.

(d) Jane’s Walks

Karen Hay, Staff Liaison reported Barbara Snyder, Staff Liaison has been working on organizing the “Jane’s Walk”. A map has been created, Habitat Acquisition Trust will be providing a narrative and the event will be advertised in Experience Esquimalt.

(e) Garden Tour

Vice Chair Tait reported she has become a member of the Esquimalt Garden Club and will continue to work on acquiring suggestions from the club.

(4) Fall Harvest of Arts

Councillor Brame reported she will book a room once room scheduling is complete.

(5) Celebration of Lights

Councillor Brame reported the celebrations of light website will be up and running soon; noting sponsorship on the website will be a large way to raise funds for the lights committee. The celebration of lights committee will also be selling t-shirts as a fundraiser and sponsors are very welcome.

9. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

Karen Hay reported Esquimalt has applied to co-host the Creative City Summit in 2012. The Creative City Summit is an opportunity for public sector employees to share information on arts, culture and heritage policy, planning and development. The host city, or in Esquimalt’s case, the co-host city, will have the opportunity to showcase Esquimalt’s unique culture and heritage.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS

Vice Chair Tait reported federal grants are available through New Horizons Seniors Projects for non-profit seniors’ organizations. Contact Vice Chair Tait if you know any organizations that may be interested.

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Norm Swan, Chair

This 4th day of May, 2010