



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES

ARTS, CULTURE AND SPECIAL EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Wurtele Room, Municipal Hall

- PRESENT:** Councillor Meagan Brame – Chair
Jamie Spears
Pamela Martin
Michael Newson
Norm Swan
Jordan Hockey
Charles Lavoie
- STAFF:** Karen Hay – Planning Technician (Staff Liaison - Recording Secretary)
Barbara Snyder – Director of Development Services (Staff Liaison)
- REGRETS:** Councillor Bruce McIlldoon
Moira Tait

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Brame called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

Election of New Chair
Orientation

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Norm Swan, seconded by Charles Lavoie that the agenda of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting of January 12, 2011 be approved as amended.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Committee around the table introduced themselves.

5. ORIENTATION

Councillor M. Brame provided a brief orientation for new members.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Norm Swan was elected for a second year as Chairperson for the year 2011.
Nominated by Councillor M. Brame, seconded by Pamela Martin.

Jordan Hockey was elected as Vice Chair for the year 2011.
Nominated by Michael Newson, seconded by Norm Swan.

7. **MINUTES**

Moved by Norm Swan, seconded by Councillor M. Brame that the minutes of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee meeting of November 3, 2010 be approved as presented.

The motion **CARRIED**.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

(1) Review of Committee Terms of Reference (TOR)

- Members were asked to review the hand out and whether they had any questions. No questions were asked.

(2) Membership List Contact Information

- Members were asked to check their own contact information for accuracy and let staff know if there were any required revisions.

(3) Committee Member Interests – What Each Member Brings to the Table

- Councillor Brame: Is interested in involving youth more in community arts and culture events, especially the very young. Likes to see intergenerational events.
- Jamie Spiers: Esquimalt High leadership student involved in a wide variety of arts and interested in having a larger role in the community.
- Pamela Martin: Has always been very arts oriented, loves the opera and “creating pretty things” (dance and skating costumes). Involved with the Canadian Pacific Ballet through her daughter who dances. Interested in promoting the many amazing artists we have in Esquimalt.
- Charles Levoie: Lover of the arts. Involved with the West Bay Association, the Esquimalt Residents association and has contacts within the Francophone community and L’Ecole Victor Brodeur. Interested in being a liaison for, and involving these other associations in Esquimalt arts and culture events.
- Norm Swan: Involved in the Esquimalt community throughout his life so has many contacts throughout the community. Is interested in the arts, was involved in school.
- Michael Newson: Was a theatre and philosophy major in university, and wanted to be involved in “the fun committee”. He has many contacts through out the community and is interested in getting new immigrants involved.
- Jordan Hockey: Enjoys event planning, is involved with the Japanese community and is a music lover, his wife is a member of the Victoria Symphony.

(4) Meeting Schedule Dates and Times

- Meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

(5) Agenda Items and Distribution

- Agenda items should be forwarded to the Recording Secretary (Deborah Liske).
- Agendas will be emailed and copies will be available at the Recreation Centre for pickup.

(6) 2010 Year End Report

- Chair Norm Swan will prepare a draft for the February meeting.

(7) Work Plan Discussion

(a) Jane's Walk

Barbara Snyder, Staff Liaison gave a brief introduction to what Jane's Walks are and the person they honour, Jane Jacobs. For more information see:

<http://www.janeswalk.net>. Last year's event was held in West Bay. Jane's Walks are always held the first weekend in May which this year can be either May 7th or 8th. Members discussed possible neighbourhoods in which to host this year's walk. The Gorge area and Old Esquimalt Road towards Vic. West were both suggested.

Members were asked to give both areas some thought along with any other areas and to think of residents that could be involved in the walk and would be willing to talk about their neighbourhood.

(b) Seniors Tea

Moira Tait will be the coordinator for this event which will be held April 9, 2011.

Jamie Spiers and Charles Lavoie are willing to contact Esquimalt High and Victor Brodeur schools for volunteers.

(c) Harvest of the Arts

Usually takes place between Thanksgiving and Halloween at the Recreation Centre; which cannot be booked this early in the year.

(d) Art in the Park

Councillor Brame mentioned that this was suggested last year and the Mayor would like to see this go forward in some form. Maybe this could be an event that could be enhanced for the Centennial year 2012. Members discussed the different forms this event or series of events could take. It was suggested that it could be a late summer event, possibly an arts festival with music, dance and visual art. Members discussed the need for renting tents. Then some looked towards the future and the possibility of building a band shell; which would have to involve Parks and Recreation, and grants.

(e) Other ideas

The opportunity was given for members to suggest other ideas.

Norm Swan suggested he would like to see an event that involved free skating for a couple of hours. It was noted the ice is taken out of the arena just before Buccaneer Days and then for the next 6 weeks. Discussion took place as to a possible theme for this event, members will think further about this and other ideas.

(8) Esquimalt High School Fine Arts Evening, January 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

- Jamie Spiers told the group about this event that will run from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The evening will involve a wide range of talents, and is sure to be very enjoyable. Tickets will be available at the door.

9. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES / WORK PLAN ITEMS

(1) Fall Harvest of Arts

- Discussed under (7) Work Plan Discussion

(2) Celebration of Lights

- Councillor Brame gave a report on the success of this event which took place Tuesday, December 7th, 2010. The parade was larger than past years with 30 entrants, there was lots of entertainment outside the Archie Browning and larger

crowds in spite of the very windy conditions. They have a website at www.celebrationoflights.ca. They are collecting Canadian Tire money for more lights in the future.

(3) National Children's Day Event

- Councillor Brame reported on this event which took place on November 20th, nationwide. It was organized locally by the Early Childhood Development Committee. Great activities: free swimming, skating and arts and crafts. The face painter which this committee sponsored, was amazing. Parks and Recreation gave, and will continue to give their support to this event. Thoughts for 2012 are for 1912 children's games and costumes.

(4) Seniors Spring Tea and Concert 2011

- Discussed under (7) Work Plan Discussion

(5) Art in the Park

- Discussed under (7) Work Plan Discussion

10. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) Thank You Card from Esquimalt Lantern Festival

- The card was circulated to all members.

11. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

No Report.

12. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS

Pamela Martin let members know about the Canadian Pacific Ballet production of Gaité Parisienne and Sleeping Beauty Act III, on February 12, 13 and 14.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:00pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Norm Swan, Chair

This 2nd day of February, 2011.