



The **Minutes** of the **Cultural Resources Commission** meeting held in the **Conference Room** at the **Mission Leisure Centre** on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Michelle Demers-Shaevitz - Chair
Marilyn Davidson
Karen Murtagh

Members Absent: Annie Charker
Angel Elias, Councillor

Others Present: Carol Hamilton, Councillor
Mark Haney, Manager of Arts and Culture
Ken Herar, Councillor
Rachel Kleindienst, Parks, Recreation and Culture Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by M. Davidson and seconded by K. Murtagh,

That the agenda of the Cultural Resources Commission meeting be amended to add the introduction of Councillor Hamilton to the Commission and to discuss the Council recommendation at the April 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting of the review of the Terms of Reference for the Commission as well as the proposed meeting schedule as item **2 (b)**.

CARRIED

(b) Terms of Reference & Meeting Schedule

The Chair welcomed Councillor Hamilton as a new appointee to the Commission and thanked Councillor Herar for his participation the past 6 months.

M. Haney shared with the Commission that the Cultural Resources Commission has officially been deemed a *Committee of Council*. The name of the Committee will not change but the Terms of Reference will be reviewed and updated over the next few months and the meeting schedule will move to bi-monthly once the Terms of Reference

are completed and current projects are tabled. The Commission will continue to take the lead on three initiatives: Culture Days, Celebration of the Arts and Public Art.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved by K. Murtagh and seconded M. Davidson,

That the minutes of the March 15, 2023 meeting of the Cultural Resources Commission be approved.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

a) Arts & Culture Survey - Responses

M. Haney updated the Commission that just over sixty responses have been received so far and approximately forty of those have expressed interest in attending the Arts Conversation on May 25th. The level of sharing of the survey by organizations is lower than expected. Ideally the survey will be shared with all creators, artists and businesses related to the arts. The survey will remain open until May 15th.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) CRC Capacity

M. Haney queried Commission members of the level of involvement and commitment available for special events.

Discussion ensued and Commission members voiced the need for:

- Understanding the role of the Commission;
- Alignment with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan as well as Council's Strategic Plan;
- Undertake a recruitment strategy; and
- Evaluating who should be at the table moving forward.

Commission members are willing to help and participate at any CRC designated events.

b) Creative Conversation Involvement

M. Haney shared his vision for the Creative Conversation Event on May 25th at the Clarke Theatre. The evening will start with guest speaker, Gracie Kelly, delivering a presentation on "Seven Ways to Honour Indigenous Living" and then participants will move into "break-out" groups to discuss the future of arts in Mission. A concern in the Mission Arts Community is the perception that an artist needs to be wealthy to be successful which leads to financial motivation being a sole purpose when creating, this can lead to a decline in the creation of expressive, rewarding and meaningful art. The Manager of Arts & Culture would like to encourage a shift away from art and events being profitable to equal success.

c) Forestry – Downtown Banner Project

The Executive Director of the Downtown Business Association has asked the Manager of Arts and Culture to be involved in creating new banners for First Avenue representing trees from our landscape that will be displayed from September – December.

M. Haney would like to expand the application process for banner designs to invite applicants to not submit sample artwork but to express their rationale for creating the artwork. The chosen applicants would then join artists, Paula Jardine and Cathy Stubbington, along with a member of the Forestry Department to tour the Municipal Forest and derive a monochromatic design based on one tree which can then be turned into the banners to be displayed downtown.

(d) Nakatani Gong Orchestra

M. Haney introduced the idea of bringing the Nakatani Gong Orchestra to Mission in October 2023. Tatsuya Nakatani is the creator of the orchestra and is described as an avant-garde, sound artist, composer and master percussionist. The distinctive sounds of the Gong Orchestra are created using a bowed gong, drums, cymbals and singing bowls. The Orchestra is essentially a “large ensemble touring contemporary sound art project” that will share their skill with community members in a teaching environment and then showcase the learned skill in a free performance for the community. The ideal location, to capitalize on reverberation and echo, would be a place like the Heritage Park Community Gym.

The Manager of the Mission Archives has been consulted and briefed on the event as well.

6. NEXT MEETING

May 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Davidson and seconded by K. Murtagh,

That the meeting of the Cultural Resources Commission be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.