



The **Minutes** of the **Cultural Resources Committee** meeting held in the **Conference Room** at the **Mission Leisure Centre** on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Michelle Demers-Shaevitz – Chair
Sharon Clark
Marilyn Davidson
Carol Hamilton, Councillor
Karen Murtagh

Members Absent: Annie Charker
Angel Elias, Councillor

Others Present: Mark Haney, Manager of Arts and Culture
Rachel Kleindienst, Parks, Recreation and Culture Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the Cultural Resources Committee meeting held on March 20, 2024 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved by S. Clark and seconded by Councillor Hamilton,

That the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting of the Cultural Resources Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

a) Master Plan Update/Engagement Sessions

The Manager of Arts and Culture reported that the Master Plan Engagement sessions have been going well. The kick-off event at the Clarke Theatre on February 12th produced a lot of feedback and ideas that have been voted on and added to by the community at the Family Day event at the Leisure Centre as well as the seniors at the Boswyk Centre and youth at the Youth Centre.

A survey will be going out to the community on March 25th via the Communications Department (engage.mission.ca) asking for feedback on the entire Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan update.

b) Annual Report to Council

The Manager of Arts & Culture and Chair of the Committee will compile a summary of CRC highlights and events from 2023 and bring to the Committee at the May meeting for review before going to Council.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Culture Compass Discussion

M. Haney proposed the idea of developing an on-line “community engagement, inventory and mapping tool” for Mission similar to the one set-up by the North Vancouver Community Arts Council called the North Shore Culture Compass. This “site” would be embedded in the City of Mission website and would be a one-stop shop for the community searching for; arts venues, archival sites, heritage sites, trails, rental spaces, etc. The project would be funded by the Growing Communities Fund.

b) Community Art Engagement

M. Haney shared with the Committee the vision for the 2024 Art Engagement Project called “The Mission Record”. The plan is to commission songs from four local artists that will be written about Mission’s history. Recording time for all four artists will be booked at a professional recording studio to record their work. The songs will be showcased on August 23rd in conjunction with the H₂O Follies end of summer event being held at the Leisure Centre and Leisure Centre grounds. The timeline for the contest is:

- Application submissions, April 15 – May 1
- Review and selection, May 13/14
- Announce chosen participants, May 15
- Field trip to Archives for inspiration
- Record songs by mid-August.

Artists will receive a \$1,000 commission fee as well as a performance fee. Discussion ensued and the Committee suggested incorporating the songs/performances into local Culture Days activities.

c) Culture Days

The Committee discussed their level of involvement for 2024 Culture Days. The thought is to take on more of a promotional role and encourage participation from the community. Culture Days runs September 20 – October 13, 2024. Outreach over the next few months needs to take place and promotional ads will run in the newspaper July and August.

d) Canada Day

The Manager of Arts & Culture shared with the Committee that plans for Canada Day at Fraser River Heritage Park are moving forward. The 2024 theme of “Your Stories, Our Mission” will be highlighted and centered around welcoming newcomers.

6. NEXT MEETING

May 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Mission Leisure Centre.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by M. Davidson,

That the meeting of the Cultural Resources Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.