

The **Minutes** of the **Cultural Resources Committee** meeting held in the **Conference Room** at the **Mission Leisure Centre** on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025 commencing at 5:00 pm.**

Members Present: Carol Hamilton, Councillor, Chair  
Sharon Clark  
Marilyn Davidson

Members Absent Annie Charker  
Michelle Demers-Shaevitz  
Angel Elias, Councillor

Others Present: Andrew Crowe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture  
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 5:00 pm.

## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by S. Clark and seconded by M. Davidson,

That the agenda of the Cultural Resources Committee meeting held on April 16, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

## **3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved by M. Davidson and seconded by S. Clark,

That the minutes of the Cultural Resources Committee meeting of January 15, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

## **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **a) OCP Draft & January Creative Conversation**

M. Haney expressed his appreciation to M. Dickinson and the Planning Department for their thoughtful inclusion of arts and culture in the OCP Draft. The comments and information shared by the Cultural Resources Committee and at the January Creative Conversation were received and resulted in action items and policy implemented into the draft.

The January Creative Conversation was also successful in developing a working group dedicated to a "Venue Development Strategy". The first scheduled meeting of the group is April 17, 2025. The goal is to have a feasibility study ready by Q1 2026 and over the next few months the group will work together to craft a concise and consistent message to be shared throughout the arts & business communities.

**b) Creative Conversation – April 29**

The focus of the April 29<sup>th</sup> Creative Conversation will be Culture Days. Staff will ask community partners to produce events, specifically collaboratively produced events, that promote community engagement and then share the event on the "Mission Hub". In return staff will support these events with marketing and budget. By offering these supports, staff are hoping to spark deeper collaboration within the creative community.

**c) Wayfinder Discussion**

The official launch of the Wayfinder is scheduled for Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> with an event at Fraser River Heritage Park. Engagement boards will be displayed with instructions on how to navigate the Wayfinder and use the populated data.

M. Haney presented the Committee with the question of including individual artists on the Wayfinder. The Wayfinder has three main categories to search from; nature, culture and heritage. The hesitation with including individual artists on the Wayfinder is the lack of studio or storefront space for people to visit. Discussion ensued and the Committee agreed that due to the lack of physical space for people to visit and the fact that the Wayfinder is essentially a map, that individual artists are not a cohesive fit for inclusion due to the focus of culture and not specifically art/artists. Specific artists/type of art can be sourced through the Mission Arts Council. The inclusion of individual artists will be re-addressed in one year.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) 2025 Artist Calls**

Artist Calls are currently listed on the Arts and Culture page of the City of Mission website. The two requests being advertised are submissions for 1) an audio walk of the Silverdale Creek Wetlands and 2) leaders for Word-Art based workshops.

An audio walk is a narrative or ambient interpretation of a particular location, trail, park or environment. Keeping focus on the Word Art theme for 2025 the submission needs to connect to or reflect on the Silverdale Creek Wetlands through text.

The Word-Art based workshops will be scheduled in the summer or early fall. Proposals are open to perspective and some examples of Word-Art are, oral storytelling, slam poetry, blackout poetry or visual art that incorporates words. Committee members will share this information with the two Writer's Groups in Mission.

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the Mission Leisure Centre Conference Room.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by S. Clark and seconded by M. Davidson,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.