



## MINUTES OF THE ARTS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE ARDRON ROOM  
LANGLEY CITY LIBRARY  
20399 Douglas Crescent

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024, AT  
7:00PM

**Committee Members:** Diane Gendron, Langley Arts Council Representative; Susan Magnusson, Langley Performing Arts Representative; Lin Maxwell, Member at Large; Andrew Palmer, Youth Representative; Sandra Reams, Seniors Representative

**Staff:** Kim Hilton, Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services; Michele Payne, Recreation Supervisor

**Regrets:** Councillor Rosemary Wallace; Councillor Leith White; Mandy Martens, Member at Large; Michael Paylor, Member at Large

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The land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations

### 1. AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 29, 2024 agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### 2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the July 23, 2024 minutes of the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

### 3. **FOR DISCUSSION**

Heritage Buildings: the committee discussed heritage buildings in the city and the process to receive official heritage designation. This item will be added to the 2025 workplan.

**Action:** Staff will invite representatives from the Langley Historical Society and Langley City's Development Services department to discuss which buildings in Langley City could receive heritage site designation, and what the process is to apply and receive designation.

### 4. **STANDING ITEMS**

- a. Rotary Centennial Park: road naming – no update.
- b. Rotary Park Tile Mural: Ms. Gendron and Ms. Maxwell shared their experience in participating in the mosaic mural project which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services has tentatively reserved a room at Timms Community Centre on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm for the last the mosaic workshop. The artist will confirm the number of participants, and which date will work best. The Director asked which group we would like to invite to participate. After a discussion, the committee decided to invite Douglas Park Community School students.

**Action:** Staff to contact Douglas Park Community School about participating after workshop details are confirmed.

- c. Langley City Film Festival: no update.
- d. Sir James Douglas Heritage Sign: The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services met with Mark Forsythe, Vice President of the Langley Heritage Society in August and he put together the write up that the committee is reviewing.

The Director confirmed that the number of signs will be determined by the content that is chosen. Additional information could be available through a QR code that links to the City of Langley website.

Page 1: Douglas Park: The Man Behind the Name. Remove the title and the map; keep the content.

Page 2: Mixed Race: Scottish & Creole.

Page 3: Amelia Douglas: Remove the title. Use the photo. Reword the first paragraph. *On April 27, 1828, James married Amelia Connolly whose mother was Cree and likely also Metis. James and Amelia raised 6 children to adulthood (she gave birth to 13). They would become the first multicultural family in Victoria.*

Page 4: Change in the Wind. Keep content and photo.

Page 5: Gold Rush! Remove the last sentence of the first paragraph. Do not use acronyms for Hudson Bay Company. Change the last sentence in the last paragraph to read "A war was averted when a truce was declared".

Page 6: Blacks Arrive. Ensure this language is appropriate. Keep the picture and find out what year this took place.

Page 7: A New Colony. Do not keep the photo.

Page 8: Douglas Departs: Get clarification from Mark Forsythe on this page as there is conflicting information online about who established the reservation system in British Columbia. Keep the photo.

- e. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Music and Art in City Park: Ms. Magnusson confirmed that the event is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in July. July 18, 2025.

## 5. **FOR INFORMATION**

- a) 2024 ARCH Annual Work Plan: updated detail to Objective #7: Heritage Markers
- b) Langley Arts Council executive report was read by Ms. Gendron.

## 6. **ROUND TABLE**

Mr. Palmer commented that he enjoyed being a part of the Langley City Connects Open House and connecting with the public. The Director will compile the feedback and share it with committee members.

Ms. Magnusson shared that the Langley Community Music School has a new portable that will be used primarily for drumming. Upcoming concerts include Concerts Café Classico Series on November 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Canadian Music Festival on November 23.

Ms. Maxwell commented that she enjoyed participating in the mural workshop and getting the chance to meet the artist. Ms. Maxwell will be having a landscape class at the Cozy Bean Bakery on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Reams shared that the Langley Seniors Resource Society are raising their membership fees, however, there is a subsidy available to those with low income. The centre is now open on Saturday's from 9am to 2pm and the feedback has been positive. The centre has a list of approximately 20 seniors who are food insecure that can be sponsored. If anyone is interested in that connection, please speak with her.

Ms. Gendron shared that she was also delighted to participate in the mosaic workshop, as well as attending the open house and connecting with people.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

That the meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

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CHAIR

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RECREATION SUPERVISOR