



MINUTES OF THE ARTS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE CKF BOARDROOM
20399 Douglas Crescent

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024, AT
7:00PM

Committee Members: Councillor Rosemary Wallace; Councillor Leith White; 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; Mandy Martens, Member at Large; Michael Paylor, Member at Large

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

Guest: Jim Foulkes, Langley Heritage Society

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 November 26, 2024, agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 29, 2024, minutes of the Arts, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION

Jim Foulkes, Langley Heritage Society member, discussed heritage in Langley City including Mile Markers 26 and 27 that are currently not installed.

ACTION: Staff to investigate the location of the markers and arrange to have them placed.

Mr. Foulkes shared interesting facts on Langley City such as the Public Schools Act of 1905 where His Majesty gifted the Township of Langley the property at the corner of 56th Avenue and 200th Street provided that it be used as a school site in perpetuity. This is currently the site of Petro Canada. It could be that records such as this were lost when Langley Prairie became the City of Langley and separated from the Township of Langley.

Langley City currently has two heritage homes: Michaud House and Wark Dumais House. The Langley Heritage Society manages the homes and there are public tours offered once per year.

Mr. Foulkes noted that with construction pressure on municipalities, it is important to recognize that once a property is gone, it is gone forever. An example is the five small cottages that used to be at the north/west corner of 56th and 200th street. Those were likely WW1 dwellings. There is also a home that is currently boarded up and waiting for demolition on the corner of 53rd Avenue and 200th Street that looks like an old school house. It currently has stucco; however, Mr. Foulkes believes it is liking covering the original clear wood siding.

Mr. Foulkes suggested that putting a story in the local paper is a way to get started in identifying and creating an inventory of heritage homes in the city. Many municipalities also offer incentives to property owners to preserve the heritage of the home such as Surrey and New Westminster.

4. STANDING ITEMS

- a. Rotary Centennial Park: road naming – no update.
- b. Rotary Park Tile Mural Project: The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services stated that eight students from grade 4 and 5 from Douglas Park Community School worked with the artist and her daughter on the final panel. Many of the students live in the Rotary Park neighborhood. The artist is hoping to have the piece completed in the new year.
- c. Langley City Film Festival: The committee met and will be following up with Ms. Magnusson. The Call Out to filmmakers has been done and sponsorship letters will be distributed soon.
- d. Sir James Douglas Review Mockup: The Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Services stated that the revisions were forwarded to the sign company, and they have come back with a draft version that will be placed on three signs. Langley City parks department is contemplating where the best locations for placement will be in Douglas Park.

The committee noted several grammatical and formatting issues that need to be addressed, as well as clarification on some of the language used to define race.

- e. 3rd Annual Music and Art in City Park. No updates.

5. **FOR INFORMATION**

- a) 2024 ARCH Annual Work Plan. Work will begin in January on the 2025 workplan. The gateway will be discussed at that time.

ACTION: Staff were asked to get examples of large gateway art and costs from other municipalities.

- b) Langley Arts Council executive report was shared by Ms. Gendron. The 2023 landscape competition winners are on display at Timms Community Centre until January 23, 2025. There are two exhibits at the Township Civic Facility: 2nd and 4th floor. The Kinsmen Community Centre opened a show called 56 artists to celebrate 56 years. The show is up until January 9, 2025. A Call to Artist is out for an exhibit titled Creating for Change. The deadline to enter is January 20, 2025. Holiday Artisan Market at Timms on December 7 and 8.

6. **ROUND TABLE**

Retired Skytrain Heritage Proposal. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Magnusson Susan said that today the music school hosted the very popular and free Tunes for Tots concert, and it was very full. This month, over \$10,000 in bursaries have been awarded and of that, at least \$1200 was for families from Raphael House.

Ms. Martens shared that Raphael House had a recent Ride for Refuge fundraiser that exceeded their goal. They are now open three days a week for the food club and trying to vet as best as possible to ensure that those in the most need are getting to the top of the list.

Ms. Maxwell had a recent art class at the Cozy Bean Bakery titled Canvas and Cookies. Volunteers at Penny Pinchers will begin wrapping gifts tomorrow to bring to patients and residents living in extended care at Langley Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Paylor has connected with programming staff and there are lots of programs coming for drop-in board games. Programming is also planned for Family Day weekend, as well as Try-It and Learn to Play.

Ms. Reams reported that the Langley Senior Resource Society had their holiday craft fair which was a great success. There are many things happening in December. Monday Morning Talk Shows are free and very interesting.

ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting adjourned 9:20pm.

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CHAIR

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RECREATION SUPERVISOR