



MEETING MINUTES

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Committee:	Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee		
Date:	Wednesday, October 26, 2016	Call to Order Time:	9:30 am

Attendees:

Drew Johnston, Chair	P	Lorna Cospers	P
Councillor Brenda Parkinson	P	Linda Bristol	A
Bob Tully	P		
Brianna Shambrook	P		
Frederique Philip	A		
John David Russell	A		
Linda Anderson	A		

P-Present, A-Absent, G-Guest

Approval of the Agenda:	October 26, 2016	Moved	√	Carried	√
Approval of Minutes:	September 28, 2016	Moved	√	Carried	√

Agenda Topic:	Update: Communities in Bloom Report
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bruce Hobin, Communities in Bloom judge, presented a plaque, banner and report to Mayor and Council on October 24, 2016.The recommendations for improvements and judges' comments were raised. The judges were critical of the report in terms of its order of factors and missing sections. The problems with the contracted writer were discussed.Discussion focused on whether the District should participate every year or every two years. Need for greater staff support and input and funding for it.	
Motion: <p>The Sooke Program of the Arts Committee (SPA) recommends that the District participate in the 2017 Communities in Bloom, provided the District provide adequate funding (up to \$6,000) and staff support.</p>	

Agenda Topic:	Update: Telus Proposal Update
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Telus proposal and letter were discussed. • It was agreed that it needs to be approved by District staff first and it commits the District to some support and SPA may no longer exist in a month. 	

Agenda Topic:	Update: Policy Review Update
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft policy recommendations were reviewed and discussed. • A question was raised as to how municipalities handle performing arts (apps for grants etc.) as they are not usually relevant to arts policies. Members are encouraged to review other municipalities to determine. • It was agreed that members should be given one additional week to comment on the materials. Following that, it will be forwarded to Council and staff for consideration. 	

Agenda Topic:	Update: Inventory Update
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brianna Shambrook was contacted by District staff to possibly create a digital inventory of District artwork. • No update at this time. 	

Agenda Topic:	Update: Publication Update
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is still a need to take more pictures of area artwork, i.e. 5 more from 127 taken. • The cost implications are still to be determined. 	

Agenda Topic:	Update: Banners Update
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The banners would have to be printed and priced out as they can't be done in Sooke. 	

Agenda Topic:	Update: Future of Committee
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that Drew Johnston contacted the District twice on the question regarding the future status of SPA. • It is understood that the Committee's term expires in December, with the last meeting scheduled for November 30th. • While it is understood that the District is reviewing the future of all committees, members commented that it would be courteous if the District advised its volunteers in advance. • The policy report has recommended SPA become a staff rather than a Council Committee resource, as is the case in many other municipalities. 	

Next Meeting:	November 30, 2016 at 9:30 am				
Adjournment Time:	11:30 am	Moved	√	Carried	√

Committee Chair