



**Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee
Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Electronic Meeting via Microsoft Teams**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

J.P. Ellson
Lori Kirk (left at 5:36 p.m.)
Peter Jonassen (Chair)
Lorraine Pawlivsky-Love
Susan Percival (arrived at 4:25 p.m.)
Councillor Dana Lajeunesse (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

Staff:

Laura Hooper, Manager of Parks &
Environmental Services
Sarah Temple, Corporate Services
Assistant

Regrets:

Montana Stanley
Gregory Varano

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Ministerial Order M192

MOVED BY: Peter Jonassen

THAT the Committee is holding this meeting without members of the public in attendance, in accordance with Ministerial Order M192, as Council Chambers does not have the capacity to safely accommodate the unknown number of public participants wishing to attend; and

THAT the Committee is committed to ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility, and accountability through the submission of written comment, and the provision of opportunity to participate as a pre-registered participant in the electronic meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED BY: Lorraine Pawlivsky-Love

THAT the agenda of the December 3, 2020 meeting of the Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY: Lori Kirk

THAT the minutes of the November 5, 2020 Sooke Program of the Arts Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Memorial Project:

To be carried forward as first item of discussion at January 2021 SPA Committee meeting.

- When committee members met on site, the discussion was that a structure at Quimper Park with memorial plaques along the bottom would be the best solution.
- Also discussed Ed Macgregor Park as possible location. The existing structures on site could use some restoration. Committee members encouraged to visit site.
- Separate the memorial project from any public art piece proposed by the committee.
- Discussion of possible public art piece at Quimper Park, overlooking the spit, potentially next to and complementing a memorial structure.
- Archeological and environmental considerations, dependent on location.
- Susan, Lorraine, Jessica Boquist, Dana interested in forming working group.

6. Prioritization of SPA Committee projects – Ideas Board

Outstanding project ideas for initial discussion:

1. District Art Inventory
 - An inventory of municipally owned art was completed in 2017.
 - Sent to committee by Montana.
2. Murals
 - Lorraine has downloaded a mural kit from city of Victoria.
 - Lorraine to do research and find out more about our public art and considerations for exterior art.
 - Mural from side of Mom's Café currently being stored in the public works yard. It is in decent condition but likely needs some restoration work.
 - Will need to determine original artist and seek permission to restore, if possible.
 - Montana and Lorraine to form working group for murals and conduct further research.
3. Communities in Bloom (CiB)
 - History of SPA Committee participation in Communities in Bloom. In 2019, each SPA member was assigned a topic and asked to write a summary for the Profile Book.
 - Judges' tour was very informative. Would be nice to do something similar with SPA Committee post-COVID.

- A map of public art could also be made available for committee members to tour themselves.
 - Clarification that CiB participation requires Council support and financial resources.
 - Idea to line highway with dogwoods.
 - Sarah to send CiB 2019 profile book and photo album to committee members.
 - BC Communities in Bloom likely to make announcement in early 2021 regarding program.
4. Community Arts Bulletin – Evergreen Kiosk
- Previous SPA Committee discussed using this as a centralized location for posters.
 - The District has a license of occupation to use this area for tourism promotion. Would need to be renegotiated to change the use.
 - A new wooden kiosk in John Phillips Memorial Park can have posters attached to the back of it. Plan for more of these in local parks.
 - Once library constructed, Lot A will be a good location for centralized promotion of events.
 - Put on hold for future consideration.
5. Felt Fish Sculpture
- History of the sculpture. Was commissioned for 2010 Olympics, relocated to the Sooke Harbour House, has since spent some time outdoors.
 - Bev Petow was metal artist involved. Dana and Lorraine to speak with Bev to discuss restoration possibilities.
 - Laura to organize a time for interested parties to view the fish at the public works yard.
 - Lorraine, Dana, Peter, Susan interested in attending.
6. Whiffin Spit Sea Can
- Future of the sea can is uncertain currently. May be relocated.
 - Remove from list of projects.

Additional new projects for consideration:

1. Painting of Sooke Bridge
- Local resident contacted Council asking for advocacy assistance. Provincial Ministry of Transportation (MoT) owns the bridge and they suggested if a local group wanted to make suggestions on behalf of the community regarding the painting of the bridge, they might entertain ideas.
 - MoT has regular bridge maintenance schedule. Details of when the Sooke River bridge might be painted next are not available.
 - Environmental considerations involved in painting the bridge include hazardous materials in current paint and proximity to salmon-bearing river.
 - Possibility of lighting up bridge.
 - New dark skies initiatives may prevent addition of lights.

- Lorraine, Peter, JP to research and make suggestions.

Follow-up on items discussed November 5:

1. Oak Bay Sculptures
 - Additional information sent out by Gregory.
 - Possibility of making Sooke map with public art locations.
2. Crosswalk
 - Laura to do report on costs, expected longevity, maintenance considerations.
 - Inspiration for imagery to be based on location.
 - Committee members to consider possible locations.
3. Totem Pole
 - No additional info regarding preferred placement of possible totem pole donation.

7. Public Input:

Terry Jones, Sooke resident, spoke in support of the Evergreen Mall kiosk idea and the student art on the bus shelter across the street.

8. Next Meeting

- January 7 at 4:00 p.m.
- Electronic meeting via Microsoft Teams

9. Adjournment

MOVED BY: Peter Jonassen

THAT the November 5, 2020 SPA Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY