



**MINUTES**  
**Committee Name**  
**Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 4:00 PM**  
**Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams**

<b>Committee Members:</b> (P=present, E=excused, A=absent)			
Peter Jonassen (Chair)	P	Susan Percival	P
J.P. Ellson	P	Montana Stanley	P
Lori Kirk	P	Gregory Varano	P
Lorraine Pawlivsky-Love	P	Councillor Dana Lajeunesse	P
<b>Staff:</b>			
Laura Hooper, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services	P	Sarah Temple, Corporate Services Assistant	P

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**2. MINISTERIAL ORDER M192**

**MOVED BY: Susan Percival**

THAT the Committee is holding this meeting without members of the public in attendance under Ministerial Order M192, as Council Chambers cannot safely accommodate the unknown number of public participants wishing to attend; and

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY: Lori Kirk**

THAT the agenda for the January 7, 2021 Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY: Lorraine Pawlivsky-Love**

THAT the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Memorial Project**

**Committee discussion:**

- Clarification regarding concerns with previous design. Cost, aesthetics, and location were concerns of both Council and members of the public.
- Option for Ed MacGregor Park vs. Manual Quimper Park (at Whiffin Spit). Original location on the spit itself was subject to erosion, storm damage, and increased maintenance costs.
- Both locations offer unique characteristics and challenges.
- Quimper Park has existing memorial and interpretive items that will need to be considered.
- Working group of Susan, Lorraine, Jessica, Dana, Laura, and Gregory will meet over the next month to come up with proposed solution, including a detailed rendering, to present back to the SPA Committee.
- Once a proposal is endorsed by the committee, a recommendation will go to Council including detailed budget and technical information.
- District purchasing policies apply to procurement of any good or service over \$5,000.
- Merits of “Request for Proposal” vs. “Call to artists”. Possible combination approach to meet legislative requirements while also sharing opportunity through artistic channels.
- Desire to honour Councillor Parkinson’s original vision while also meeting community need.
- Project should be both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

**Action:** Laura to set up working group meeting, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Jan 21 at 4:00 p.m.

**6. Updates on Committee Projects/Ideas Board**

**Totem Pole:**

- Owner is comfortable with alternate locations, except for inside the roundabout.
- Discussion of Lot A (exterior) vs. Library (interior) as options.
- Totem Pole may need restoration. Its condition is unknown at this point.
- Estimated height of totem pole is 36 – 48 feet.

**Action:** Sarah to research process of accepting donations.

**Garden Club Plantings:**

- Working group has identified potential locations for plantings and drafted initial communication materials.
- Ongoing maintenance will be a challenge. Purple barrel planters throughout Sooke are now largely unmaintained by adjacent businesses.
- The Sooke Region Museum has been identified as a priority location.
- Once endorsed by the committee, a recommendation will go to Council.

**Action:** Sarah to work with Lori, Montana, and Lorraine to draft material for February SPA meeting.

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**Communities in Bloom:**

- Participation will require Council support and resourcing.
- Options for 2021 participation are not yet known.
- CiB program typical takes place in July, with registration in March.

**Action:** Sarah to contact BC Communities in Bloom regarding 2021 program and report back for next meeting.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY: Lorraine Pawlivsky-Love**

THAT the January 7, 2021, Sooke Program of the Arts Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Certified Correct:**

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**Name**  
**Chair**

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**Name**  
**Recorder**