



Notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

**PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(PAAC)**

**July 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting held electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192**

**AGENDA**

**1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2.1 Adoption of the Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2020**

**2.2 Adoption of the Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2020**

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Public Art Proposal: 618 Carnarvon  
– Michael Bjornson, studioHuB Architects**

A public art work is being developed for a mixed use development at 618 Carnarvon. A presentation about the project will be provided to PAAC for information and feedback.

**4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**No Items**

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**No Items**

**6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

**No Items**

**7.0 NEXT MEETING**

October 1, 2020 – To be confirmed.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**



## **PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAAC)**

**March 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
Committee Room 2, City Hall**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eryne Donahue

- Chair

Artist of Recognized Standing in New Westminister

Councillor Mary Trentadue

- Council Representative

Kathy Curry

- Arts Professional Representative

Neal Michael

- Community Member

Stephen O'Shea

- Arts Professional Representative

Autumn Sweet

- Urban Designer

David Vivian

- Arts Professional Representative

Craig West

- Urban Designer

#### **MEMBER REGRETS:**

Kendra Johnston

- Community Member

Peter Leblanc

- Arts Commission Representative

Janice Meehan

- Community Member

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Todd Ayotte

- Manager, Community Arts & Theatre

Tobi May

- Project Manager, Civic Buildings & Properties

Carilyn Cook

- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Stephen O'Shea assuming the Chair prior to the election of the new Chair.

**Procedural note:** Item 3.1: Orientation and Oaths of Office was addressed prior to the start of regular agenda Items.

## EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Committee immediately following the Regular Meeting of Committee on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1) (a) of the Community Charter:*

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## 1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

### **1.1 MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Agenda for the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for March 5, 2020 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## 2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

### **2.1 Adoption of the Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2020**

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the January 22, 2020 Public Art Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

### **3.1 Orientation and Oaths of Office**

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk, commenced with her presentation which included the role of advisory committees, the terms of reference, meeting attendance and quorum, meeting conduct, City policies & freedom of information, and, lastly, oaths of office.

**Procedural note:** At this point in the meeting, New Business Item 5.1: Election of Chair and Alternate Chair was addressed.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 New Westminster Aquatic and Community Centre (NWACC) Public Art Call Update**

Tobi May, Project Manager, Civic Buildings & Properties, provided a short update on the NWACC Public Art Call, advising that the four finalists presented their artwork to staff and the selection committee on February 27, 2020. She advised that, in the near future, the PAAC will forward their recommendation for the selected artist/artist team to Council for their final decision.

### **4.2 Mazarine Mural Legacy Project Update**

Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts and Theatre, summarized the on-table Queensborough Special Programs Committee (QSPC) summary report of which Committee members received a hard copy.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee provided the following comments:

- PAAC is pleased that QSPC will be proceeding with an arts-based community engagement project in Queensborough;
- Currently, there is no mechanism within the Public Art Policy to support these kind of partnership projects. Specific guidelines and clarity of roles and responsibilities would need to be developed;
- PAAC expressed concerns regarding the growing scale of the proposed public art component of the project from a budget perspective and the significant impact this would have on the existing public art reserve if PAAC recommended allocation of funding for the project;
- As a possible stand-alone public art project/location, this project would need to be considered within the context of the overall public art plan, which includes prioritization of locations for future projects, taking into account existing projects already sited in the community; and,
- PAAC is not prepared to recommend advancing the project at this time.

### **4.3 Queens Park Washroom Public Art Project Update**

Tobi May, Project Manager, Civic Buildings and Properties, informed the Committee that the artist commissioned for the Queens Park Washroom has submitted her revised design and has been compensated in full for her work. Ms. May advised that she will provide quotes for the work at an upcoming Committee meeting for members to review.

### **4.4 Sportsplex Public Art Call Update**

Tobi May, Project Manager, Civic Buildings and Properties, announced that the Sportsplex public art selection panel has shortlisted three artists and that each of the artists will receive a \$1,000 honourarium for their work. Ms. May advised that the selection panel's final recommendation will be coming to the Committee for consideration at the May 7, 2020 meeting and then to Council prior to the start of summer.

## **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Election of Chair and Alternate Chair**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT Eryne Donohue be elected as the Chair for the 2020 term of the Public Art Advisory Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

*THAT Neal Michael be elected as the Alternate Chair for the 2020 term of the Public Art Advisory Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Commission present voted in favour of the motion.

**Procedural note:** Ms. Donohue assumed the Chair and agenda Item 1.0 – Additions/Deletions to the Agenda was addressed followed by the rest of the agenda items.

## **6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

There were no items.

## **7.0 NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, May 7, 2020 in Committee Room 2 at 5:30 p.m.**

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.  
Certified Correct,

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**Eryne Donohue**  
**Chair**

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**Carilyn Cook**  
**Committee Clerk**



## **PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAAC)**

**May 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting held electronically under Ministerial Order No. M139**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eryne Donahue

- Chair/Artist of Recognized Standing  
in New Westminster

Councillor Mary Trentadue

- Council Representative

Kathy Curry

- Arts Professional Representative

Peter Leblanc

- Arts Commission Representative

Janice Meehan

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Neal Michael

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Stephen O'Shea

- Arts Professional Representative

Autumn Sweet

- Urban Designer

David Vivian

- Arts Professional Representative

Craig West

- Urban Designer

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jacque Killawee

- City Clerk

Todd Ayotte

- Manager, Community Arts & Theatre

Tobi May

- Project Manager, Civic Buildings & Properties

Carilyn Cook

- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **1.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **1.1 MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Agenda for the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for May 7, 2020 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

### **2.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

There were no items.

### **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

There were no items.

### **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items.

### **5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Council Directive from the April 27, 2020 Council Meeting: Discussion Regarding Temporary Murals by Local Artists on Boarded Storefronts**

Todd Ayotte, Manager, Community Arts & Theatre, provided a presentation regarding a motion from Council on the possibility of implementing temporary murals in response to boarded storefronts and increased graffiti and tagging during the pandemic. The presentation included information on the murals developed by the Gastown Business Improvement Association in response to a significant number of boarded storefronts in that neighbourhood.

Discussion ensued and Committee members provided the following comments:

- Boarded storefronts are not seen as a growing issue in New Westminster, with only one instance noted to date in the downtown area;
- Since it is expected that the City's business community will start opening up over the next few weeks, the timing may not be right for this;
- The public art reserve is not intended to fund temporary projects on private property;
- Other funding sources such as the Vancouver Neighbourhood Small Grants may be an appropriate way to support a program like this;
- A larger scale mural program similar to the Mural Festival that takes place in Vancouver is something PAAC could consider, in partnership with the Arts Council and the local business community;
- Implementing a program like this would take extensive planning and lead time and we should not stray from the established processes;
- Graffiti and street art is seen in other communities as a vital form of urban creative expression, and a response to street art and graffiti should be addressed in the Public Art Policy; and,
- PAAC should revisit this idea in the future, and consider establishing a working committee to develop recommendations, working alongside the local business community and other not for profit arts partners.

In response to a Committee member's query regarding staff resources that would be required to pursue this initiative, Mr. Ayotte confirmed that staff resources are challenging at this time, given the priority of addressing essential services during the pandemic. At this point, a number of active and planned public art projects have been put on hold temporarily. Additionally, he noted that Vancouver is considering expanding their program outside of the City and possibly partner with other municipalities, which New Westminster could take advantage of, but that additional planning would have to go into the program if the Committee were to be involved.

Carilyn Cook, Committee Clerk, will add this item to a future agenda, and Mr. Ayotte will invite someone from the City of Vancouver to attend the meeting to provide more information on their program.

In response to Council's request that the Public Art Advisory Committee investigate the possibility of the City hiring local artists to develop works of art on buildings which have been covered by panels, the Committee passed the following resolution:

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the Public Art Advisory Committee advises Council that, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and an uptake in graffiti in New Westminster, there is no need to pursue a mural project in the near term; however, the Committee is interested in exploring this concept in more detail, including fostering partnerships with organizations that could deliver a project of this magnitude.*

**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

**6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

There were no items.

**7.0 NEXT MEETING**

To be determined.



## **8.0 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

### **MOVED and SECONDED**

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**CARRIED.**

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Certified Correct,

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**Eryne Donohue**  
**Chair**

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**Carilyn Cook**  
**Committee Clerk**