



CITY OF MERRITT

AGENDA

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C.

Monday, August 25, 2014
At 6:00 pm

Mission Statement: The City of Merritt is a progressive, attractive, economically viable City that is socially responsible and environmentally sustainable.

Council

Mayor Susan Roline

Councillor Dave Baker

Councillor Mike Goetz

Councillor Neil Menard

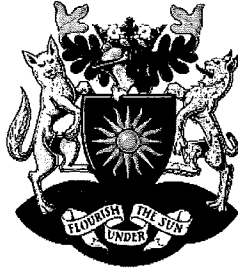
Councillor Kurt Christopherson

Councillor Harry Kroeker

Councillor Clara Norgaard

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A G E N D A

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014

AT 6:00 PM

1. PRESENT

2. CALL TO ORDER

3. GENERAL MATTERS - Delegation

NICOLA VALLEY
COMMUNITY ARTS
COUNCIL
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3.1 Robert Miller on behalf of the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council Board of Directors to discuss the state of uncertainty and potential shut-down of the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council

- Leisure Services Manager's June 03, 2014 Memorandum
- "DRAFT" Arts and Culture Policy

File: 6820

4. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Nicola Valley Community Arts Council is in a state of uncertainty and potential shut-down due to several factors including:

- *Recent resignations of the President and some Board Members due to personal and work circumstances;*

- *The Gallery Director resigned in June, due to medical circumstances and relocation to another community. Currently there is no Gallery Director and the position is under review and the Gallery is currently closed for the month.*

- *There is no depth of succession planning / new volunteers*

- *There is a persistent communication and resource support 'gap' with local government*

- *There is uncertainty as to local governments intention for tangible support of the arts (as addressed in Cultural Mapping Report of 2013) and the subsequent base-line document for a City of Merritt Arts, Culture and Heritage Policy (outstanding); local government reduced our grant this year.*

- *The Community Concert Series has cancelled this year's season due to three primary issues which are:*
 - *Absence of a (lead) Committee Chair;*
 - *Lower than needed attendance;*

- *Non-discounted or comp'd costs such as Civic Centre Rental, Sound and Media (promotions)*

Without more and realigned support, there is significant concern from past directors and the current board that the NVCAC may have to cease its operations. With over 30 years in this community it would be unfortunate to lose another organization. So what can be done?

While we have some challenges there we have been successes. The City Arts Task Force has delivered an Arts, Culture and Heritage Policy to the City administration and it is currently being developed into City Policy. We have received funding from the Kamloops Foundation for this year's Art in the Park event, there is support for a Kite Festival, the 2nd Annual Art Walk partnership with the Chamber is successful; and, there is potential for new opportunity – but, this can only arise through transparency and presence – rather like a healthy personal relationship. We look forward to your contributions and attendance.

I am extending an invitation as a director of the NVCAC to figure out the next steps so if you or someone you know may be interested in keeping the NVCAC going please join us:

Date: Wednesday, August 20th at 7 pm (for 1hr of facilitated discussion)

Location: Community Room @ City Hall

RSVP: Required

We hope to see you Aug 20th

Rob Miller on behalf of the NVCAC Board of Directors

NVCAC Board Member
For all things Arts Council check out:

Facebook
Twitter

Merritt Report



City of Merritt

File Number: 0387

To: Policy and Bylaw Review Committee
From: Larry Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager
Date: June 3, 2014
Subject: Arts and Culture Policy

Executive Summary:

Please find attached the draft version of the City's Arts and Culture policy for the City's Policy and Bylaw Review Committee's review.

Background:

The process to create the policy thus far has involved:

2010 - Cultural Mapping exercise

2012 – City hired the NVCAC to review the Cultural mapping report and develop recommendations in regards to Arts and Culture in the community.

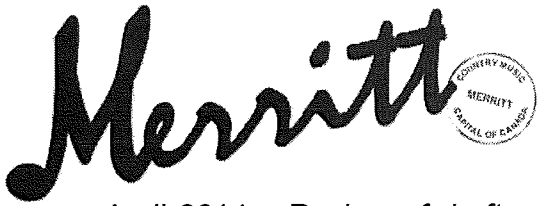
August – 2013 to January 2014 – City commissioned a Task force to be created and headed up by the NVCAC with a mandate to develop an arts and cultural policy for the City.

Jan. 2014 – NVCAC presented the draft arts and culture policy to City Council.

February 2014 – Council discussion on the arts and cultural policy review process during Council's strategic planning workshop. Direction given to staff regarding the process going forward.

March 2014 – Committee of the Whole Workshop to review the draft arts and culture policy.

Reviewed by:			
Administrator:	Financial Services Mgr:	Public Works Mgr:	Other:

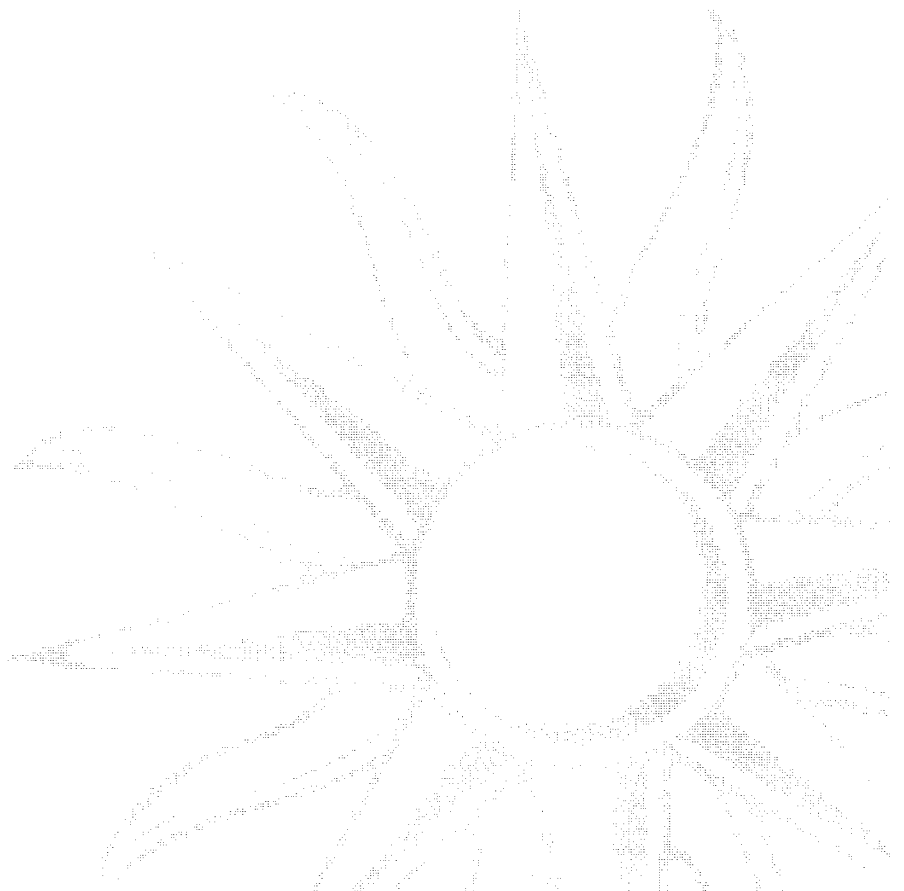


April 2014 – Review of draft arts and culture policy with City staff and representatives from NVCAC.

June 2014 – Draft arts and culture policy fitted into City policy format and ready for review by City’s Bylaw and Policy Review Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Plotnikoff
Leisure Services Manager



Reviewed by:			
Administrator:	Financial Services Mgr:	Public Works Mgr:	Other:



**CITY OF MERRITT
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

" DRAFT "

POLICY TITLE: Arts and Culture Policy	Our File:
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ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION No.

Revised: June 3, 2014 Resolution No.

Policy Statement: The City of Merritt will be a pro-active champion of arts and culture in Merritt emphasizing; new and existing cultural initiatives; accountable financial resourcing of stakeholder driven initiatives and a regionally inclusive mindset.

Policy Background:

Arts and Culture play an essential role in formulating a community's character and identity and in creating quality of life for its citizens. While the promotion of arts and culture may be driven by local community groups and organizations, the City recognizes that sustainable support is an important factor in maintaining a healthy and vibrant arts and cultural community. Through the City's support, local arts and cultural organizations and groups, may be able to secure grants and engage in other activities that may be utilized to secure additional sources of funding.

Policy Goal:

For the City to provide sustainable support, when resources are available, to the local arts and cultural community in order to maintain and advance arts and cultural initiatives in the City and where possible, the Nicola Valley.

Policy Objectives:

The City's objectives of this policy will enable the City to provide support to the arts and culture community by way of various means;

- Engage in tangible partnerships.
- Recognize a regional perspective in matters pertaining to arts and culture.



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- Demonstrate leadership and collaboration with stakeholders.
- Provide effective tangible support, when resources are available.
- Utilize where feasible, “best practices” as recognized by other communities.
- Ensure mutual accountability between the City and stakeholders.
- Work towards establishing a sustainable arts and cultural community.
- Ensure that the support and promotion of local arts and culture is inclusive and reflective of the local arts and cultural community at large.
- Provide support and contributes information to community event calendars.
- Maximize community usage of various City owned public amenities.