



CITY OF MERRITT

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014

AT 6:00 PM

1. PRESENT:

Mayor Susan Roline
Councillor D. Baker
Councillor K. Christopherson
Councillor M. Goetz
Councillor H. Kroeker
Councillor N. Menard
Councillor C. Norgaard

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. A. Chabot, Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer
Ms. C. Fraser, Deputy Clerk/Human Resources Manager
Mr. K. Ostraat, Financial Services Manager
Mr. L. Plotnikoff, Leisure Services Manager

Merritt Herald

5 members of the public

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roline called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. REPORTS

NICOLA VALLEY COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

- 3.1 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

Dr. W. Edmonds advised Council he is the newly elected president of the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council. Dr. Edmonds and Ms. C. Dooley discussed with Council the following issues facing the Nicola valley Community Arts Council:

- Revamped Board of Directors for the Arts Council with six members on the Board (Mr. Miller has resigned from the Nicola valley Community Arts Council)
- Lack of volunteers
- Finances - with a Vancouver Arts grant and matching funds from the City in the short term the Arts Council should be stable
- Pop-Up art shows
- Implementation of recommendations from the cultural plan
- General feeling of the Arts Council if the Courthouse Gallery was the property of the City it would put the Arts Council in a positive light
- Open dialogue with the City for use of the Civic Centre for the concert series and art shows at reduced rates
- Arts Council has approximately 80 members
- Arts Council plan is to build from the bottom up
- What type of load is put on volunteers of the Society
- 20% of art sales at Art Shows goes to the Arts Council
- Arts Council needs to come back to Council with definite issues rather than such a broad scope
- Grant-in-Aid discussion and process
- Arts Council currently pays \$500 monthly plus monthly utilities of approximately \$175
- Can the Arts Council web page be linked to the City web page
- Sound system for the Civic Centre and proper operator

The Merritt Herald and representatives from the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council left the meeting at 6:44 p.m. leaving one member of the public in the gallery

Council to consider:

- Have staff hire professionals to assess the sound system currently at the Civic Centre and have conversation with the School District regarding a student program through the High School.

Council engaged in a conversation regarding conflict of interest when the member in a perceived conflict has valuable information to share, another member from the organization can share the information with Council or answer Council's questions. The Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer provided Council with information regarding the statute of a declaration of a conflict of interest and the steps that are required if no longer in conflict.

4. **TERMINATION OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7:27 p.m.

Certified correct in accordance with Section 124 (2) (c) of the Community Charter.

Deputy Clerk

Confirmed on the 09th Day of September 2014

Mayor