

Attendees: Jami Watson, Julie Schmidt – PoCo Heritage President, Kelly Brown – PoCo Heritage Museum Coordinator, Port Coquitlam Heritage and Culture, Karen Kurnaedy – First President of Friends of Leigh Square Society, Christine Malone – Art Focus, George Lukach – Wilson Centre Honeycombs, Meredith Seeton – City of PoCo Planner, Sherry Carroll – Art Focus and Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable, Deborah Solberg – Artistic Director Theatrix, Lauren Hillman – Theatrix, Tony Kosta – Polone Tri City, Alexine Law – President, Art Focus, Celia Deluca – Minnekhada Park Association, Thelka Wright – CDMF Performing Arts Festival, Michael Wright, Shermineh R.- Art Focus, Brad Nickason – Commercial Artist, Fred Hulbert, Freddy Hulbert Jr– Kwikwetlem First Nation, Ron Goyette – PoCo Rotary, Angela Andersen – What's On PoCo & PoCo Rotary, Pia Longstaffe – Art Focus, Roger Loubert – President, Arts Connect, VP TC Community TV, Carrie Nimmo – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, Robert Sullivan – Adult and Access Services/Art and Culture Coordinator, Zach Lundrie – Program Assistant, Arts and Culture City of Port Coquitlam.

Note Taker: Zach Lundrie

Goal of Cultural Roundtable: share information and resources and work together to develop new cultural initiatives. Theme for this meeting: Canada 150: heritage as a tool for connection.

1. Roundtable

- Christina M: Art Focus exhibit and children's book
- Julie Schmidt: BC Museum Week – high school students sculpture display in City Hall integrating their portrait with an element of their heritage
- Kelly Brown: Inviting the use of hashtag #bcmuseums for international Museum's Day – Heritage is collecting "what stories are not being told?" (hidden or contested history). 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge and the internment of Japanese war heroes during 2nd World War
- Sherry Carrol: Invite to Coquitlam Watershed Round Table AGM, Sat June 10, 2017 from 9am-2pm in The Outlet
- Meredith Seeton: the Downtown Action Plan is being finalized
- Deborah Solberg: Theatrix play June 1 at the Inlet Theatre
- Fred Hulbert: KWN is bringing back their heritage and sharing stories about the importance of the river, the canoe and cultural heritage of this place

- Tony Koska: Polish Fest Sun May 28, 1-9pm with special invite to all Cultural Roundtable participants to kickoff party at noon in the Outlet
- Celia Deluca: Creative Café at Minnekhada Lodge, 1st Sunday of the month
- Alexine Law: Art Focus will be at Canada Day offering the opportunity for the public to paint Canada 150 Mosaic tiles. Everyone invited to Art Demo nights, 4th Wednesday of each month
- Angela Andersen: share your PoCo event on *What's On PoCo*
<http://whatsonpoco.ca>

2. Cultural Plan Update:

Carrie Nimmo presented on Cultural Plan Update.

- Festival Development Work Plan and \$60,000 budget approved by Council
 - City staff interviewed organizers of nine festivals taking place in the Port Coquitlam to gain a better understanding of the support needed. Four key issues emerged. Festivals organizing volunteer groups require:
 1. Expertise and skill development
 2. Access to venues and public spaces;
 3. Funding and in-kind support and
 4. A streamlined event permit application process.
 - The main **actions** proposed in the Work Plan are:
 1. Select a **Festival Development Contractor** to
 - a. Develop a 3-year Festival Strategy
 - b. Provide festival information and resources such as a PoCo Events and Festival Tool Kit
 - c. Produce festival development workshops
 2. Create a **Festival Work Group)**
 - a. Role is to be the **voice of the community** and **guide the contractor and Festival Strategy** with community **relevant** initiatives
 3. Provide **funding for festivals** by expanding the Community Cultural Development Funding to include a **category for festivals**
 4. **Streamline Event Permit Process**
 - a. Develop new online event guidelines with one city staff person to shepard the application process for event permits
 5. **Promote Festival Funding and Calendar of City Festivals**
 6. Deliver **two Festival Development Workshops** in Fall 2017 for festival organizers
 7. Create a **Festival Tool Kit** that includes
 - a. event permit checklist

- b. information about grant opportunities
 - c. list of community resources
 - d. sources for equipment rental
- Overall **Expected Outcomes include:**
 - Increase the capacity of local organizations to produce events and festivals;
 - Animate public spaces and maximize facility use;
 - Increase the number of visitors and the amount that visitors spend, specifically in the downtown core;
 - Attract new festivals and events to Port Coquitlam; and
 - Develop key performance indicators to measure the success of festivals and events.
- **Call to Action:** Create a Festival Work Group
 - Send resume and letter of interest to Manager of Cultural Development and Community Services
 - Deadline: June 15th
 - Festival Development Work Plan and \$60,000 budget approved by Council
- Hall of Fame for new Recreation Centre
 - Awarded \$75,000 grant from BC Canada 150, City contribute \$20,000 from Arts and Culture Reserve
 - Celebrate Port Coquitlam Heroes through interactive digital exhibit
 - Partners: Sport Alliance and PoCo Heritage
- August 26: ***Port Coquitlam Canada 150: Celebrate our Journey***
 - Supported by \$48,500 Canadian Heritage grant
 - Lions Park celebrating Rivers and Trails with hands on activities led by environmental stewards and entertainment
 - Leigh Square celebrating music, stories, history and art including
 1. *Journey and Connections* with PoCo Heritage
 2. Kwikwetlem Canoe Stories
 3. paint a square on the ***Canada 150 Mosaic***
- Community Cultural Development Grants
 - 5 eligible applications in the project and development categories
 - Healthy Community Committee recommendation to Council for funding approval on May 23rd

3. Heritage: ***Journeys and Connections***

- What is heritage?
 - Many different perspectives from Cultural Roundtable participants including heritage as ancestral roots, language, legacy, natural and cultural environment and values and knowledge past down from elders
 - ICOMOS, defines heritage as a “broad concept and includes the natural as well as the cultural environment. It encompasses landscapes, historic places, sites and built environments, as well bio-

diversity, collections, past and continuing cultural practices, knowledge and living experiences.”

- Julie Schmidt from PoCo Heritage shared one of her *Rhymes of Times* poems, “My Journey to Canada” and then led a small group activity sharing our personal heritage
 - Where are you from? Where is your home? Tell your journey – write it on a leaf or contribute at www.pocoheritage.org

Next Meeting: June 15, 5-7pm – NOTE NEW TIME!
Leigh Square Community Arts Village
Michael Wright Gallery, The Gathering Place
200-2252 Leigh Square