



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

SEPT 21, 2017

MICHAEL WRIGHT ART GALLERY, 5PM – 7PM
Gathering Place #200 – 2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam, BC

Attendees: **Christine Malone** – Art Focus, **Sherry Carroll**, **Julie Schmidt** – President, Port Coquitlam Heritage and Culture, **Carrie Nimmo** – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, **Sandy Battle** – Community and Civic Events Coordinator, **Nikki Hillman** – Recreation Leader Arts & Culture/Writer, **Pandora Ballard** – TriCity Wordsmiths, **Joy-Ann Lee** – Stage 43, **Roger Loubert** – TriCities Community TV, **Kim Nguyet** – Moon Festival, **Anna Loster** – Fraser Valley Regional Library (Terry Fox), **Brad Nickeson**, **Deb Solberg** – Theatrix, **Rob Sullivan** – Adult Access Services, **Zach Lundrie** - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, **Lesley Perrie** – Recreation Leader Arts & Culture, **Chris Moreno** – ShowTech, **Athena von Hausen** - Development Services, **George Lukach** – Wilson Centre Honeycombs, **Cllr. Mike Forest**.

Note Taker: Nikki Hillman, Recreation Leader, Arts & Culture

Goal of Cultural Roundtable: share information and resources and work together to develop new cultural initiatives.

Theme for this meeting: Animating City Spaces

Zach Lundrie – Animating Spaces is one of the goals of the city's Cultural Plan.

1. Integrate culture into community life.
2. Animate community spaces.
3. Build capacity.
4. Enhance Communications and Marketing.

Lesley Perrie – Pianos on the Street Project Report

- This year we added 3 pianos to the project. We now have 4 pianos in various locations to animate Port Coquitlam's outdoor spaces. One at Hyde Creek, Lions Park, Veterans Park (our first piano installation in 2016) and Settlers Park.

- The project launched July 13 and the pianos were outdoors until Sept 5. Artist Elvira Gonzalez, the artist who designed and painted the Veterans Park piano, joined us on July 13th, along with Marya Ricker (Musical Director and Owner of Tri-City School of Music) who played the piano. We held a contest for community members to video themselves performing on the pianos for a chance to win \$150; Hector Benitez was our winner with a fabulous rendition of Hallelujah mixed with Canada's anthem. We placed ads in the Tri-Cities News and at Emily Carr University of Art and Design calling for artists to submit design proposals for painting the pianos. We received 20 submissions from local artists and chose the artists designs based on how their theme related to

PoCo and how the theme fit the space. Special thanks to artists Ashley Carpenter, Katelyn Sieb, kwikwəłəm First Nation youth and Ashley Mazawi.

Update on Summer Events:

Anna Loster (Community Librarian at Terry Fox Library)

- Library held a summer reading club and because of construction on the Rec. Centre, held the medal ceremony at Leigh Square Band Shell. Mayor and Council attended.
- Also have a book chariot for a bike so they can take the library to various locations such as Hyde Creek, Amica, etc.

Sandy Battle (Program Coordinator of Community and Civic Events)

- Celebrated Canada 150 at Lions Park (12-4pm)
- Accessed a grant for the 150 Celebrations and delivered on all priorities including a naturalist aspect at Lions Park we included our annual Rivers and Trails Festival which helped bring people to this brand new standalone 150 event.
- We partnered with Maple Creek Stream keepers and Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable. Maple Creek brought in over 10 groups with environmental displays and Coquitlam Watershed led nature walks along the trails educating about invasive species and distributed native plants, roving Voyageurs entertainment, Children's activity passport stations including Gold Panning and Alex Wells (Hoop Dancer) opened the festivities.
- There was a pop up dance performance at Lions Park; the goal was to bring performance to the public in unusual spaces. Freddy Fuddpucker led the parade to the Skate Park to see dual skateboard choreography and then led people along PoCo trail. We also had ballet performances along the trail, opera on a balcony, Tricoter (Interactive Dance Incorporating Knitting Art) next to Waves and stilt walkers performing at Veterans Park. This was well received by the public and audience members expressed positive and enthusiastic feedback.

Zach Lundrie (Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture)

- Leigh Square held Can 150 celebrations 2-9pm. With performances of live music, dance, food, and craft drinks.
- We celebrated diversity and animated spaces that had never been used before for events. Performances included the Jodi Proznick Quartet, Alex Wells, Full Spin, Atomic Swing and Delhi 2 Dublin closed the day.
- There was mini-golf, bike valet, Tumble Bus, kwikwəłəm First Nation Station speaking about traditional canoes, Theatrix held children's activities, Art Focus displayed their Can 150 painting, Heritage took commemorative Can 150 photos, interviewed people on film about their Canadian journeys and offered an interactive postcard activity to commemorate Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, Kinsmen ran the beer/wine sales and the locally owned West Coast Cider partnered with Kinsmen to offer Cider.
- There was a great response from the culturally diverse audience with the dance floor packed. Delhi 2 Dublin was super fun and energetic.

- At peak time, we estimate at least 1500 people watching the band and we added viewing area in the alley and a screen in Veteran's Park for extra viewing.

Lesley Perrie – Canada 150 Mosaic Mural

- This project began around Christmas 2016 with the initial concept
- July 1st we attended the Canada Day celebrations at Castle Park and invited the public to paint tiles. We had 200 tiles to be painted and they were all completed within 2 hours!
- During the Can 150 celebration on Aug 26, we offered 600 tiles to be painted by the public. Judith Fox painted and presented a tile for the Terry Fox portion of the mural.
- During the event, Phil Alain (artist) laid the tiles out so people could view the mural in progress.
- Special thank you to the Youth Volunteers for helping.
- Please join us on Sept 30, 12:15-12:45 for the official unveiling of the mural.
- The mural has been installed on the South side of the Outlet building.
- Art Focus, kwikwəłəm First Nation and Youth Committee attended all meetings and each provided input for the design. There were four different drafts representing environment, lifestyle, Terry Fox and we integrated the kwikwəłəm First Nations symbol.
- Each mural is on a train car which connects communities together across Canada.

Public Art Maintenance:

- Purpose is to look after our existing public art
- Currently working on the River Mosaic Project – raising the sunken areas and re-inlaying the mosaics
- May Pole in Leigh Square – replacing new glass leaves along the bottom
- Salmon mural behind Europe Bakery is peeling so we are looking at ways to preserve it.
- *Roger Loubert suggests heritage info signs along trail need replacing/revitalizing. Julie Schmidt (PoCo Heritage) replied Heritage has received funding for upgrading signs. Steve S. did the original graphics so he will be involved.
- *Rob Sullivan also thanked Christine Malone for input regarding salmon benches along McAllister, they will be re-varnished.

Culture Days

- 12-4 at Leigh Square, Activities
- 9:30-5 Heritage will have Terry Fox: Running Into the Heart of Canada display open
- 11:15-3 Creative Writing Workshop
- 12-3 Family Drop in Art
- 12:15-12:45 Official unveiling of the Canada 150 Mosaic Mural at the Outlet

- 1-4 Cutie Circle will have an open Uke jam in the Gathering Place
- 12-4 Dictionary Project with Rotary at the Terry Fox Library, along with a Makerspace
- Julie from Port Coquitlam Heritage – on Sat people will be able to fill out postcards and visit the Terry Fox Display (up until Nov 29).

Call for Exhibitions for 2018 and Artist in Residence

- We are looking for exhibitions for our 2018 program along with Artist in Residence.
- We are also calling out to people to join our Exhibition Committee who will help decide on the exhibits, etc.
- Applicants for any of these opportunities can email: submissions@portcoquitlam.ca

Open floor: Do you have an update on arts, culture or heritage?

- **Note:** regarding Mosaics along PoCo Trail. Val Bordian was involved in the project. Riverside Secondary sponsored a mosaic to commemorate their 10th anniversary – it is in their Atrium.
- **Make Connections with Each Other**
Roger Loubert – Tri-Cities Community TV uses the Gathering Place once a month as a production studio. They focus on storytelling and enabling community groups to tell their stories. This occurs the third Sunday of the month.
- **Kim Dinh – Moon Festival** would like help to organize a moon/lantern festival. Contributes to culture of the area. She started a festival in the Yukon and would like to have one in PoCo. She has support from Vietnam. Maybe this is possible next fall 2018.
- **Sherry Carroll - Attended** the Kwikwəłəm meeting in the Gathering Place Sept 20 which was a full house. They are building a Health and Wellness Centre, she urges everyone to go see it. She is looking for poetry submissions for an art project re: Riverview, how it makes you feel, etc.
- **Julie Schmidt – Port Coquitlam Heritage** Local schools created a snapshot in time comparing the past and present, this is on display at the City Hall. This was started for the Canada 150 to connect students to heritage. This is a way for Heritage to contribute to bringing Arts, Culture and Heritage together with schools.
- **Sandy Battle - Program Coordinator of Community & Civic Events** Terry Fox Run event coming up. There will also be the Halloween Howl, Remembrance Day, Hyde Creek Watershed event. Then the Winter Artisan Market Nov 24&25 followed by CP Holiday Train.
- **Pandora Ballard – Tri-City Wordsmiths** They have 32 members and have been holding information sessions at the TF Library for 3 ½ years. They meet every two months and this month's presenter will be Rhea Rose, a spec fiction writer.

- **Anna Loster – Community Librarian (TFL)** Animated spaces by holding summer programs at the Leigh Square band stand. Held a pop-up book event with the book bicycle at Hyde Creek and Astoria.
- **Christopher Moreno – ShowTech** Art tech consultant. Matches artists and technology together. Also repurposes equipment afterward. Also does recurring art shows and partners with cities and developers to provide art installations within the community.
- **Joy-Ann Lee – Stage 43** will be performing at Evergreen Cultural Centre. Three plays coming out. Oct – A Bench in the Sun, Jan – Fantasticks, May – The Ladies Foursome. This year the board decided to choose a nonprofit to donate \$1 to from each play.
- **Deb Solberg – Theatrix** Partnered with Arts and Culture Dept. during the Aug 26, Canada 150 event. Will partner again for the Salmon Festival.
- **Lesley Perrie – Arts and Culture** has formally accepted the position of Arts and Culture Co-coordinator for Pitt Meadows. Will stay on casual with City of Port Coquitlam. Pitt Meadows has officially split from Maple Ridge. They are creating new programming and asks for any ideas for programming the South Bonson Community Centre site.
- **Zach Lundrie – Recreation Program Assistant for Arts & Culture** Please join the exhibition committee and we are looking for people to submit for AIR program.
- **Christine Malone – Art Focus** The next demo is Wed Sep 27, everyone is welcome. Oct 27, 28, and 29 will be their annual art show. February will be their art exhibit in the Michael Art Gallery.
- **George Lukach – Honeycombs Group** will be having a show on November 9.
- **Nikki Hillman – Recreation Leader Arts and Culture** excited to be launching the Heritage Children's history book *Sarah and Michael Explore Port Coquitlam*, on Oct 14th, 1-4pm at the Terry Fox Library.
- **Rob Sullivan – Adult Access Services** Would like to recognize Lesley and staff for all of their hard work.
- **Deb Solberg** – acknowledged that Cllr. Mike Forrest joined the group. Also producing Rent in February which will tie in with the acknowledgment of LGBTQ community.
- **Carrie Nimmo – Cultural Manager** Thanked Staff for holding the Cultural Roundtable in her absence. She was attending the Healthy Community Committee meeting. There is some festival development funding and the City will be sending out an expression of interest to the larger community to join the festival committee. Please watch the web site.

Adjourned – 6:50pm