



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

MAY 17, 2018

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

Attendees: **Linda Sliworsky** - Vice President of the Heritage Society, **Angela Anderson** - Owner/Publisher of What's On Magazine, **Christina Malone** - Art Focus, **George Lukach** - Wilson Centre, **Roger Loubert** - Minnekhada Park Association & Creative Café, **Sherry Carroll** – Artist, **Kelsey Taylor** – Kwikwetlem First Nations Community Planner, **Jacquelyn Collins** – Teacher, **Helen Ramsay** – Artist, **Carrie Nimmo** – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, Arts & Culture, **Klara Manhal** – Arts & Culture Coordinator, **Rory Erickson** - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, **Nikki Hillman** – Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture

Cultural Roundtable Goals:

1. Share information and resources
2. Work together to develop new cultural initiatives

Presentation: Port Coquitlam Downtown Wayfinding Workshop

Presented by Maria Stanborough and Phred Martin

Note Taker: Nikki Hillman

Agenda:

1. 5:00 - 5:10pm: Welcome and sign in

Introduction of Carrie Nimmo and staff

Acknowledging that we are meeting on ancestral and unceded territory of Kwikwetlem First Nation [kwikwəʔəm].

Establishing that this is an inclusive meeting

- a. Inclusion comes from the word to be included - research - important for building healthy and creative communities.
- b. Recognize and include all people regardless of their age, gender, race, culture, language, religion, sexual orientation, family structure, socio-economic background, appearance or ability.
- c. We support the use of gender pronouns – feel free to introduce yourself with your preferred pronoun. I prefer to use the pronouns she and her

Goals of Cultural Roundtable

- share information and resources
- work together to develop new cultural initiatives
- Arts BC – The hotline and website as excellent resources

- Working with Metro Vancouver and attended a Lifecycle workshop about the cycle of nonprofit organizations: growth → pinnacle → decline → renewal!
 - o Bringing the presenter to Port Coquitlam on October 13th, 2018.
- May Days was an exciting and fantastic event for the community. New marketing has rolled out for May Days.
- The Rainbow Project: there has been work done with other departments to find a suitable space for the artwork, and 7 sites were found.
- An interactive touch screen has arrived at Hyde Creek Recreation Centre to display the history of sport in Port Coquitlam.
 - o The PoCo Heritage Museum has collected stories for the interactive display in the hope that it will inspire youth.

Agenda:

- d. Today's Presentation – **The Cultural Roundtable Wayfinding Workshop**
 - e. Roundtable
 - f. Networking
- 2. 5:10 – 6:00pm: Port Coquitlam Downtown Wayfinding Workshop**

The Cultural Roundtable Wayfinding Workshop: This facilitated workshop will be a one-hour hands on exploration of how downtown Port Coquitlam can become easier to find and find your way around, including hidden gems of the downtown.

Facilitators:

Maria Stanborough is an urban planner and facilitator with more than ten years working in municipal planning; she focuses on creating sustainable, vibrant communities.

Phred Martin is a designer who loves creating spaces and places where people feel connected and welcome.

- 3. 6:00 – 6:10 pm: Break: refresh and network**
- 4. 6:10 – 6:20pm: Cultural Plan Update**
- 5. 6:20 – 6:50pm Roundtable – Introduce yourself and what is coming up for you or your organization (1 minute each)**

Cultural Plan Update:

- i. Rainbow Project: During the focus group at the Cultural Roundtable meeting in November, participants communicated that a more robust community engagement process was necessary in order to give voice to a more diverse range of perspectives including youth. Three additional focus groups were completed working with Youth Services, PoCo Youth Crew, MPowerment Fraser, Riverside Secondary School's LGBTQ2+ youth group and PLEA's Generation Out – Tri-Cities.

Between November 2017 and March 2018, a total of 48 community members were engaged in this process including 29 youth.

Staff have compiled community input to put a Recommendation forward to Council that the \$9,000 Rainbow Project budget be allocated to a public artwork installation celebrating the LGBTQ2+ community as selected by a committee that includes LGBTQ2+ community members, in response to a call for submission

Rainbow Project – additional \$11,000 approved at Finance and Budget Committee for a total budget of \$20,000.

Next steps:

- Determine a suitable site
- Request proposals

- ii. Wayfinding RFP is up – seeking proposals to develop a wayfinding strategy for Downtown PoCo including Leigh Square

- iii. Developing a new Marketing Plan for Recreation, Arts and Culture
 - New branding for Recreation, Arts and Culture
 - New branding for signature events such as May Day

Roundtable Portion:

Sherry Carrol

Brought in examples of woodcarvings from the Woodcarving Association based out of Wilson Centre.

Linda Sliworsky

Heritage participated in the May Day parade and the Continuum project opened on May 13th along the trail with Kwikwetlem First Nations. On May 24th there will be an evening at the museum where you can bring your May Day memories.

Klara Manhal

Summer Camps will be running this summer with offerings including: Nature Camp, Theatre & Art Making, and Magic Camp for ages 5-7 & 8-12. Contact Rory or Nikki for more information.

Angela Anderson

What's On has an article about Leigh Square. The end of May is the time to submit for June and July.

Christine Malone

Art Focus has a Demo on May 23rd with Afsaneh. On Canada day at Castle Park there will be opportunities for children to paint.

Jacquelyn Collins

Riverside and Terry Fox secondary schools paired up for the current Exhibit being displayed in Leigh Square. They are now working on drawings and paintings for their upcoming Coquitlam show.

Rory Erickson

Pianos on the Street submissions have closed and the pianos will have their grand opening on July 13th alongside the Grand Prix.

Kelsey Taylor

The National Indigenous Day will be held on June 21st from 5-7pm at Riverview. There will be dancers, food and activities.

Helen Ramsay

Has two images in the banners that are being displayed.

Roger Loubert

The Friends of Leigh Square Newsletter has been distributed, and the Creative Café at Minnehada Lodge occurs on the 1st Sunday of the month.

George Lukach

Wilson Centre had a great Poco's Got Talent show and had over 140 attendees.

6. 6:50 – 7:00pm: Cultural Roundtable Feedback

Next Meeting: June 21, 5-7pm