Attendees: Carrie Nimmo – Cultural Development and Community Services Manager, Patrick McCarthy – PoCo Arts Council (formerly FLSS); Christine Malone - Art Focus; Angela Anderson – What’s on PoCo Magazine, Nikki Hillman - Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, Lesley Perrie – Recreation Program Assistant, Arts & Culture, Councillor Nancy McCurrach – City of Port Coquitlam, Kim Dinh – Moon Festival, Peter Laight, Sherry Carroll – Art Focus, Julie Shmidt – Former President PoCo Heritage; Deb Solberg – Theatrix Youth Theatre, Lauren Hillman – Theatrix Youth Theatre, Robi Smith – Arts and Culture Coordinator, Christine Conroy – Terry Fox Library, Linda Dore – Hyde Creek Watershed Society, Madelaine Wong - Riverside Secondary, Emily Dickson - Riverside Secondary, Jacklyn McIsaac, Dayna Longquist, Erica McArthur – SD43, Tony Kostka - Polonez Tri-City Polish Association BC.

Cultural Roundtable Goals:

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

Presentation: CCD Grant Information Session

Note Taker: Nikki Hillman

Agenda:
5:00 - 5:10 Welcome and Introductions – Who’s in the Room
5:10 - 6:00 Workshop: Community Cultural Development Investment Grants Presentation
6:10 - 6:20 Refreshments and Networking
6:20 - 6:40 Cultural Plan Update
6:40 - 7:00 Roundtable

Carrie Nimmo, Manager of Cultural Development and Community Services: Welcome to the Cultural Roundtable. I'd like to re-introduce Robi Smith, our Arts and Culture Coordinator. She comes with 20 years of experience managing projects and is also an artist and Lesley and Nikki, our Arts and Culture Program Assistants. This is an inclusive meeting and we welcome you to introduce yourself in your preferred pronoun. Please also sign in and share your email. This meeting welcomes everyone interested in arts, culture and heritage.
The city has been able to fund the following programs:
- Jessica Nelson received funding to work on her programs as Artist in Residence at The Outlet.
- The Friends of Leigh Square received funding to help the group with strategic planning.
- Theatrix Youth Society received a grant to help with their succession planning.
- Kim Dinh received funding for a Lantern Making Workshop and Moon Festival.
- The Polonez Tri-City Polish Association B.C. received funding, as well as Poco Heritage and Cultural Society.
- The City of Port Coquitlam does not fund fundraisers.

The following questions were brought forward by participants.

Q. If an organization has two projects, can we include them together?
A. In 2018, the Jury did consider two similar projects.

Q. Could you clarify what exactly the “production supplies” category entails? Can we request funding to hire someone to help us move supplies?
A. “Production supplies” refers to things like garbage cans and barricades, which may be provided by the City if requested sufficiently in advance of your event.

Q. If two groups are collaborating on the same project, can they both apply for the grants?
A. It would be considered double dipping if it was for the same project, but two groups can apply if they are participating in the same event but responsible for difference aspects of activities. For example, say Poco Heritage has a project planned and PoCo Heritage Trees would like to develop a project as a festival but also partner with Heritage on a display that would work.

**Update on the City’s Cultural Plan**

Robi Smith, Arts and Culture Coordinator: A quick update on the Terry Fox statue in front of the Terry Fox Library: The Terry Fox statue was safely moved and is temporarily being stored during the construction of the new Port Coquitlam Community Centre. The City used a fine art company to crate the statue and put it in storage at the Public Works yard. We will be looking at possible spaces for this statue and will provide updates. The Rivers and Trails Festival is coming up on Sunday, September 22, 2019. It’s held in Lions Park and includes family friendly activities celebrating our rivers, trails and natural environment. The event runs 11am-3pm with fantastic musicians, the Secret Life of Trees 2.0 tours, and lots of other activities. Go green and walk or cycle to Lions Park, there’s a bike valet available and a water station to fill your own bottles. This event is part of the International World Rivers Day.

We also have some upcoming opportunities for artists. Right now, our call for art exhibitions in the Outlet and Michael Wright Art Gallery is open. The applications are on line and the deadline is October 15. We are currently revising the Artist in Residence program and the opportunity to apply will be available in a couple of weeks. New this round will be an opportunity for an Eco Arts Residency in Lions Park. The artist will use the fieldhouse building as a base. If you would like more information on both of these activities, we will be holding the following registered information sessions:
**Artist in Residence info session**  
October 5, 1:30-3:00pm  
Registration #39281

**Exhibition info session**  
October 5, 3:30-5:00pm  
Registration #39280

The 2020 Community Banner Program, titled Naturally PoCo, is accepting submissions of photos that reflect the beauty of nature in our community. The deadline is October 6, 2019. Submission details and the form are on-line at portcoquitlam.ca/banners. When you submit images, you can also choose to include your photos in other City of Port Coquitlam publications.

**Roundtable Portion**

**Kim Dinh** – during the last two weekends, September 7 & 14, we held a Lantern Making workshop and a Moon Festival. This festival is a traditional festival for children and families in Vietnam. We received a lot of support and the festival was very successful and included performers, dancing and music. We are planning for next year and hope that Port Coquitlam will become the place for the Moon Festival every year.

**Erica McArthur** – works with SD43 and is looking for Outdoor Classroom space, and hopes a grant may be able to support them.

**Angela Anderson** – *What’s On Port Coquitlam* is adding 16 pages to its next issue. The deadline is September 28 and they are looking for content. *What’s On* wants to promote all organizations in the community.

**Julie Schmidt** – Poco Heritage is looking for funding for next year’s Carol Hubbard Memorial Exhibition titled *Rivers*. Heritage is currently offering art with nature programs, coinciding with their current exhibition titled *Naturally Poco*. Heritage is also offering art with nature activities during Culture Days, happening next weekend, September 28.

**Christine Malone** – Art Focus Art Association was pleased to receive a CCD grant to continue Art Focus’ ongoing programs. Art Focus is currently partnering with Poco Heritage on their upcoming exhibit. The last demo night featured mixed media artist, and former Port Coquitlam Artist in Residence, Dorothy Doherty. Art Focus has its Fall Art Show coming up on Oct 25, 26 and 27, everyone is welcome to attend.

**Tony Kostka** – Polonez Tri-City Polish festival is held the last Sunday of May of each year. The festival includes an art exhibition in Port Moody. For 2020, the exhibition will be in a closed area as it’s an exhibition for adults only. The festival in Port Coquitlam offers traditional Polish dancing and music.

**Patrick McCarthy** – Poco Arts (formerly Friends of Leigh Square Society). What’s On Port Coquitlam has been very supportive in raising funds for a Youth Art Drop In. The Friends of Leigh Square have officially changed their name to Poco Arts Council. This was recently passed by the members and board. This will help the organization apply for more grants. Poco Arts Council was involved with the Endless Summer event in Aggie Park, where we provided a mini Chalk Festival. One of the chalk artists was invited by Art Focus to give a demo at one of their meetings, so this proves that the cultural roundtable really does help to build connections.
Patrick McCarthy - TriCity Community TV shoots once a month in the Michael Wright Art Gallery. The shoots highlight artists and art groups within the community. If you would like to be interviewed for an 8 minute piece, please contact us.

Chris Conroy – Terry Fox Library. The library is now open in the new Port Coquitlam Community Centre. The library appreciates that the City has put up a sign about the Terry Fox statue as people do ask questions about the statue.

Linda MacBeth – An artist, writer, involved in theatre and community projects and has recently joined Art Focus Artist Association.

Deb Solberg – Really excited about the upcoming partnership projects between the City of Port Coquitlam and Theatrix Youth Theatre.

Lauren Hillman – Upcoming projects include a registered program for children to develop a musical of Narnia. Children will write the script, songs and also star in this, with a performance in December. Theatrix school programs at local schools have begun, with Lunch Box and Spotlight Theatre at schools. Theatrix is very excited to be partnering to add new programs in winter 2020 with the City of Port Coquitlam.

Linda Dore – The Hyde Creek Watershed Society and Fish Hatchery are holding their 20th anniversary Salmon Festival on November 17, 2019. Hyde Creek Watershed Society will also be in attendance at the Rivers and Trails event September 22, 2019.

Madelaine Wong and Emily Dickson - Riverside Secondary Students

Lesley Perrie – we have an exciting performance coming up for children ages 3-5 years old. Titled Paper Playgrounds, this performance is a fully immersive, sensory experience created especially for children five and under. Set on a large paper carpet, participants are invited to dance and draw while immersed in live music and projections. This playful and interactive dance performance is designed for children to join in and explore, because that’s what young ones do best! Open to children ages 3-5 yrs, parent participation is required. Performances are on October 4 & 5 at various times, please see portcoquitlam.ca/register for more information.

Future Roundtable Meetings
Participants were invited to provide feedback on topics and speakers they’d like to have for upcoming roundtable meetings. Ideas collected on the sheets provided include:

- How to get news or better advertising
- How to raise awareness of our events, specifically for “multicultural” events
- More information about each organization
- Speakers on youth and art or youth and culture
- Learning more about the current Artist-in-Residence, and hearing from the artists in residence
- Hearing from the Terry Fox Library about what the new library provides and how libraries have changed over time
- Hearing from Patrick and TriCity Community TV – show us what they’ve filmed over the years
- Learning more about the successes of other groups (recruitment, events)
- Learning more about playwriting and publishing
• Having tablecloths that we can colour and doodle on, then go around and see each others’ thoughts/doodles
• More small group discussions

Many people indicated that they appreciate the Roundtable portion of the sessions, sharing information and learning from each other. There was a request to start the meetings at 6 pm.

**Adjourned: 7:04pm**

**Next Cultural Roundtable: October 17, 2019**

For more information on arts, culture and heritage programs offered at Leigh Square, call 604-927-8441 or visit [portcoquitlam.ca/leigh square](http://portcoquitlam.ca/leigh square)