

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

Committee Members: E. Fiss (Chair), P. Azarm Motamedi, A. Green, B. Kaiser, J. Wong; and Councillor P. Lambur attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.
Absent: N. von Meyenfeldt.

Staff: D. Niedermayer, Senior Manager, Cultural Services (Staff Liaison); and F. Costa, Cultural Services Department Secretary (Committee Clerk) attended the meeting via electronic communication facilities.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Chair informed the committee that Sue Ketler, the new Director of Parks, Culture & Community Services, will attend a future meeting of this committee.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 15, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. the January 11, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated; and
2. the January 20, 2022 Navvy Jack Point Park & Weston Park Public Art Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Councillor P Lambur joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

REPORTS / ITEMS

5. Council Liaison Update

Councillor P. Lambur had no updates to report at this meeting.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Council Liaison Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Navy Jack Point Park & Weston Park Public Art Subcommittee Report

A meeting was held with the Selection Panel (Panel) and shortlisted artists Catherine Chan and Ellie Niakan for both projects at Weston Park and Navy Jack Point Park. The artists will submit their final drawings with some revisions based on the meeting for Weston Park. This will be reviewed by the Panel and then approved by the Public Art Advisory Committee for Council's final consideration and approval.

Staff informed the committee that there are several issues regarding the proposal for the Navy Jack Point Park which was shortlisted by the Panel. Due to the complexities of the site which limit the type and location of any public art at the Park, the project proposed by the artists and shortlisted by the Panel cannot proceed. Members agreed that the concept proposed by the artists is not feasible in any format and a new call to artists may be required for the Navy Jack Point Park. The original Call to Artists/EOI did outline some of the restrictions on the site but did not clearly articulate concerns about sightlines and blocking views. This only became apparent and more clear with an on-site meeting of the Panel and artist team.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT

1. the proposal submitted by the recommended artists for Navy Jack Point Park be rejected; and
2. another call for artists be developed with more detailed information on technical and sighting limitations.

CARRIED

7. Ambleside Seawalk Public Art Update

Chair recapped previous discussions regarding potential locations for public art on the Seawalk considering the "necklace" concept for the new committee members. Eventually, a proposal outlining the "necklace" concept identifying existing and proposed locations for the area will be taken to Council for review and approval.

Chair mentioned the importance of keeping informed on the development of the Waterfront Concept Plan as well as issues around climate change/rising water levels.

Discussion was held about the priorities for the waterfront and the need to work closely with Parks to define locations, considering long-term plans. Committee agreed that the next step is to involve the Parks Department to discuss and understand the opportunities for public art on the waterfront.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the discussion regarding Ambleside Seawalk Public Art Update be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Staff Update

Staff provided an update on a number of items:

- The Heritage Advisory Committee expressed an interest in the potential for temporary public art around the fence at Navvy Jack House on Argyle Street. Members agreed the two committees should meet to discuss opportunities.
- The results of the Annual Committee Evaluation will be shared and discussed at the next meeting in March.
- The update of the Public Art Policy and Procedures will incorporate the existing Art Museum Collections Policy. The Art Museum has had a separate Collections Policy which will now be included as a separate chapter in the overall District Policy and Procedures so that all policies related to District public and municipal art are together. The Public Art and Municipal Art Collection Policy will be updated to include temporary public art and murals. Public Art Advisory Committee will have the opportunity to review the draft updates before they are presented to Council.
- On March 7th, the report requesting the additional budget for the Municipal Hall project will go to Council. Committee members are welcome to attend.
- J. Wong participated in a Selection Panel with members of the Squamish Nation and the Events Department to select a design for the Indigenous Street Banners project in Ambleside. J. Wong commented on the need to provide professional development opportunities to artists on how to create proposals responding to Calls to Artists, Expressions of Interest, etc. A discussion was held regarding the opportunity for arts organizations to offer workshops for emerging artists.

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the verbal report regarding Staff Update be received for information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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L Anderson commented on three projects that could interest the committee in regards to public art development in partnership with the Heritage Advisory Committee. She thanked the committee for their work.

NEXT MEETING

10. NEXT MEETING

Staff confirmed that the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022 at 3 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

THAT the February 15, 2022 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Chair



Committee Clerk