

Alberni Valley Museum
and Heritage Commission



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Meeting of Wednesday December 7, 2016
7:00 pm in the AV Museum

Minutes

Attending:

Bert Simpson
John Douglas
Judy Carlson
Penny Cote
Gareth Flostrand
Pam Craig
Marta Williamson
Nancy Blair
Dan Washington
Jamie Morton, Manager of Museum, Heritage and Culture

Regrets:

David Taberner
Libby Manson
Neil Malbon
Jolleen Dick
Paul McDougall

Called to order 7:00 PM.

1. Moved by Marta Williamson that the agenda of the November 2, 2016 meeting be approved.
2. Moved by Judy Carlson, seconded by Pam Craig, that the minutes of the November 2 meeting be approved.
3. Correspondence
 - No correspondence.

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4. Updates:

a. McLean Mill Society:

- i. Application for registration under the Societies Act has been submitted.
- ii. Three new members have been appointed by City Council, with the Board of Directors now numbering seven.
- iii. Still many details to iron out, concerning restaurant development and payment of amounts owing, operational structure between the City of Port Alberni, McLean Mill Society, and WWIIHS, etc.

b. Arts, Culture, and Heritage Plan:

- i. Pam Craig summarized the December 5 meeting, missed by a number of members of the stakeholders' group. A second meeting has been called for Monday, December 12 at 9:00 AM.
- ii. At the December 5 meeting, consultant Nene Kraneveldt presented the plan for a Community Engagement Day on Saturday, January 21, at Echo Centre, which will gather together the various organizations in the sector for interactive public presentations, with the goal of eliciting community input concerning attitudes and desired levels of support for arts, culture, and heritage

5. Reports:

5.1 Marta Williamson reported for the Community Arts Council

- Arts Administrator Melissa Martin attended a Gaming Grant Writing Workshop, to assist with submitting the next application for funds.
- Promoting the CAC Membership Appreciation Days – including 20% discounts at the Mistletoe Market, December 8-9 – everyone should join the CAC!
- The Mistletoe Market runs until December 23, with late opening on December 9 & 16.
- Membership will now provide artists with a listing on the CAC website, with a short biography and samples of their work
- Nancy Blair noted that the Rollin Art Centre gardens were dry and in good condition, providing a nice place for seasonal visits.
- Marta Williamson announced that this would be her last official meeting as a Heritage Commissioner, with Nancy Blair to take over as the CAC representative to the Commission. Thanks were expressed to both Marta Williamson, for her past service, and to Nancy Blair for her assumption of the position.

5.2 Gareth Flostrand reported for the Community at Large.

- The Blue Marlin's Christmas Sail Past on December 4 was a great addition to Christmas events – the fireworks were spectacular!
- The Classical Concert Series requires more subscriptions to be purchased.
- The Alberni Valley News Annual Story Contest is open, with classes for K-12 students and for adults – the deadline for entries is 5:00 PM December 14.
- The Capital Theatre is presenting *Musical Memories: Celebrating 80 Years* on December 16, 17, 30, and in January 2017.
- The Winter Artisan Market will be held at the Art Matters Art Centre at Harbour Quay on December 17 & 18.

- The "Sing Your Heart Out" musical event will be held on Friday December 23, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at Trinity Church.

5.3 Pam Craig reported for the School Board

- It's an extremely busy time at the schools – for instance with Christmas programs at EJ Dunn and AW Neill Schools.
- The School Board hosted a public meeting on November 29 to discuss the sale of the former Girls' Project property on 10th Avenue – it has been underutilized for some time, so disposal is being considered.

5.4 Penny Cote reported for the ACRD

- A reminder that it is budget time at the ACRD – so grant-in-aid proposals should be submitted soon.
- Elections will be held on Friday – the last Board meeting of 2016.
- The airport project is progressing well.

5.5 Dan Washington reported for the City of Port Alberni.

- Reported that Nene Kraneveldt's presentation to Council about the Arts, Culture, and Heritage Plan went well – Councillors overall seemed receptive and supportive of the initiative.
- December 5 had been the annual organizational meeting, and the last Council meeting of the year will be held on December 12.

5.6 Bert Simpson [for Neil Malbon] reported for McLean Mill.

- Under the Parks Canada Cost-Sharing Program, the mill crew had been re-hired to work on truss replacement above the Green Chain.

5.7 Bert Simpson reported for the WVIHS.

- The Santa Train event is taking place this weekend – ticket sales are strong, with few seats available – because the #7 Baldwin steam locomotive is undergoing maintenance work, the #11 diesel-electric locomotive will be used this year.
- "Bertha" – the society's primary highway tractor – is under repair for the driveline issues that occurred this summer.
- A couple of volunteers are working on the recently-acquired 1941 International fire truck – intending to convert it into a parade vehicle.

5.8 John Douglas reported for PAMHS

- Noted that the part-time coordinator – Nicole Shanks-Startup – who has contributed a great deal with operations over the summer and fall, is leaving to take another full-time position – the PAMHS board hopes to recruit a replacement coordinator.
- The PAMHS Board will be doing strategic planning early in the New Year.
- The New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim at Canal Beach will have a 1:00 PM start this year – everyone is invited to participate.

5.9 Judy Carlson reported for the ADHS

- Christmas cards have been sent to members and lapsed members – hoping to bring some of the latter back into the society.

- January 20 will be the first luncheon workshop of 2017.

6.8 Jamie Morton reported for the AV Museum.

- Heritage Awards preparation – next event – always a pleasant event, and deserving recipients.
- The Winter 2017 season of the AV Museum's Film Fest is coming up – tickets produced and for sale soon – a four-film series, with three already chosen, and one surprise choice for the last one.
- Gareth Flostrand noted that the film showings were on Jan.29, Feb.26, Mar.26, and Apr.23 – all Sundays, at 5:00 PM.
- The travelling exhibit from the Royal BC Museum – "BC's War: 1914-1918" – has been popular, with a well-attended opening on November 9, and a large number of school tours visiting.
- The related program to learn to knit WWI-pattern socks has been popular also, with an additional session added in the New Year – strong interest in this sort of program.
- In-Museum filming started on Nov.28 for the Shaw TV Community Access program dealing with local heritage produced and presented by Gerald Labute, focussing on WWI and the Alberni Valley – location shooting, editing etc. still to take place – will be showing on Shaw early in January.
- Penny Cote noted that the Island Agricultural Show was being hosted in the Alberni Valley in February, and the AV Museum had offered museum tours for participants.

6. Next Meeting

- 7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at the AV Museum.

7. Adjournment

- Moved at 7:00 by Pam Craig to adjourn the meeting.



Gareth Flostrand, Chair
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Davina Hartwell, City Clerk
City of Port Alberni