



## **Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

July 9, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Gallery Room, White Rock Community Centre Council Chambers  
15154 Russell Ave, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6

**PRESENT:** Jim Black, Community Member  
Gary Kennedy, Community Member  
Marnee Williams, Community Member  
Karin Bjerke-Lisle, White Rock Museum & Archives Representative  
Helmut Gruntorad, Semiahmoo Arts Society Representative

**COUNCIL:** Councillor Michele Partridge, Chairperson (non-voting)  
Councillor Elaine Cheung, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)  
(left meeting at 4:35 p.m.)

**GUESTS:** Dr. Emily Newhouse, Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health  
(left meeting at 4:35 p.m.)  
Shaina Schafers, Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health  
(left meeting at 4:35 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** Abhinav Singh, Community Member  
Art Beaulieu, Community Member

**STAFF:** John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture  
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number: 2025-PACAC-029:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for the July 9, 2025 meeting as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number: 2025-PACAC-030:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Public Art and Culture Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the June 11, 2025 meeting as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

4. **PARK ACTIVATION DISCUSSION WITH HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES**

The Vice-Chairperson introduced Dr. Emily Newhouse, Medical Health Officer, and Shaina Schafers, Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health, representing the Healthier Communities Partnership (HCP) Committee. They presented community health data for White Rock/South Surrey to support Committee discussion around enhancing the use of the City's parks and recreation spaces.

During the subsequent roundtable discussion, it was suggested that promoting intergenerational recreational activities/workshops could be beneficial for improving community health and engagement. The lack of a dedicated City gymnasium or recreation centre was also discussed, with the observation that such a facility could offer more opportunities for residents of all ages.

**Action Item:** Director of Recreation and Culture to invite staff from his department to attend a future meeting to present ideas around potential programming opportunities that could be offered to residents if the City had an additional gymnasium/recreation space.

The Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Newhouse and Ms. Schafers left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

## **5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

### **5.1 Yacht Club Legacy Project Working Group**

G. Kennedy, working group member, provided an update, noting that the group recently met with the Director of Recreation and Culture at Bayview Park – the initially proposed site for a sundial legacy project for the International Yacht Club of BC. After observing the area's heavy tree cover, sloped landscape and collection of picnic tables, they suggested a new location slightly west along the promenade may be more suitable.

The group will develop three sundial design concepts to present at a future meeting for consideration.

### **5.2 Rotary Partnership Working Group**

The Director of Recreation and Culture shared an update following a meeting with Communications staff and the White Rock Business Improvement Association (BIA) to discuss ideas for a tourism map. A follow-up meeting, including the Rotary President, is planned. Staff expect to provide further updates at the Committee's next scheduled meeting.

### **5.3 Waterfront Wayfinding and Crosswalk Improvement Working Group**

Staff noted that the BIA has funds to contribute to a wayfinding signage update in collaboration with the City. Further discussions between the City and the BIA to review concept designs, including designs presented by the working group during the last meeting, will be necessary going forward.

## **6. STAFF REPORT**

The Director of Recreation and Culture provided an update regarding relevant developments and events happening in the Recreation and Culture department.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

A Committee member shared positive feedback regarding the brightly painted benches by the West Beach Parkade. He has observed several unpainted benches located in an under-utilized alcove on Marine Drive and suggested that they could also be painted in bright colours and placed in more strategic locations.

**Action Item:** Staff to inquire with the City's Parks Department about whether additional bench painting and re-location would be feasible, and to bring forward an update at a future meeting.

**8. INFORMATION**

**8.1 COMMITTEE ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING**

Corporate Administration provided the action and motion tracking document for information purposes.

**9. 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was previously approved by the Committee and was provided for information purposes:

- September 10, 2025;
- October 8, 2025; and,
- November 12, 2025.

All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Council Chambers at White Rock Community Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**10. CONCLUSION OF THE JULY 9, 2025 PUBLIC ART AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was concluded at 5:04 p.m.



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Councillor Partridge, Chairperson

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Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk