



## *ArtsAlive Oak Bay*

Be part of Art in Oak Bay....

As I look back at the last four years as Arts Laureate, I am excited at the accomplishments and very appreciative of the support from the Commission, Council and the community. The three goals I had at the outset and worked on with the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) have all been accomplished for the most part or are on-going:

1. We have Parks, Recreation and Culture Department with a part-time Arts & Culture Programmer.
2. There is now a Public Art Policy which sets out clear details concerning:
  - Vision, Purpose, Definitions & Principle
  - Governance
  - Municipal Funding Mechanisms for Public Art Policy
  - Guidelines for Roles and responsibilities
  - Project Recommendation
  - Project Procurement-Gifts and donations
  - De-accession of Public Art

The Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC), including myself, is very appreciative of this policy. In addition the PAAC has also suggested the inclusion of some provision of funding, other than municipal, for public art, which, may be considered by Council in its revision of the Amenities By-laws for commercial, multi-family buildings or multiple house projects.

As part of the establishment of this policy the PAAC meets monthly on the second Wednesday in the Municipal Hall Boardroom at 3 pm unless it is in use, and the members of the committee will be renewed or sought through the same process as other volunteer committees.

3. **ArtsAlive** Oak Bay 2017 has been exciting and eventful:

January 2017:

-11 of 13 sponsors signed up to sponsor an artist in the Sculpture Walk again: Winchester Galleries, The Avenue Gallery, RBC & Edward Gee, The Clive, Barclay's Fine Jewelers, Vis a Vis, RE/MAX, Leslee Farrell, Marc Owen-Flood, BIA, and Abstract Developments. Two new sponsors came aboard: Urban Core Ventures and Scott Piercy of Engels & Volkers. So far 4 of the 13 have renewed for 2018.

- 14 sculptures were part of the 2017 **ArtsAlive** Sculpture Walk. 12 sculptures were part of the voting for "People's Choice Award, 1 was included for exhibition only, and 1 sculpture, The Hunt, stayed in place for a second year supported by its popularity in the community.

February 2017:

- The winner of the 2016 People's Choice Award, The Sleeping Giants (the acorns) was purchased by the municipality.

- the first Acorn Arts Award was presented to Pat Martin Bates by the Mayor at a celebration of her achievements. The well attended event was in the Council Chambers.

March 2017:

- **ArtsAlive** received a one-time Provincial Government grant for the purpose of purchasing public art.

- Confirming locations for sculptures was worked on in conjunction with Parks and Public Works. New ballot boxes designed for voting locations.

- Call for artists to paint pianos, confirmation of schools interested in having an artist paint a piano. Sourcing free pianos.

April 2017:

- On-going installation complexities worked on resulting in relationship building with UVIC. Ballot boxes being constructed. New sculptures arrive starting late April. Press release developed.

- Confirmation of artists for Art Pianos, and available pianos sought. Organize pick-up and delivery of pianos, and painting schedules in schools done.

May 2017:

- Removal of 2016 sculptures and installation of 2017 pieces. Photos, brochure and ballot designed and produced. Media inclusion in set-ups confirmed. Ballot boxes installed.

June 2017:

- Opening Bus Tour of **ArtsAlive** Sculpture Walk and Reception at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, sponsored by Experience Victoria and the Hotel.

- Confirm locations for the pianos and set up pick-up and delivery schedule.

- Plan Arts & Culture Week Events

July 2017:

- Art Piano Bus Tour and Reception in Estevan Village sponsored by Cheryl's Gourmet and Crumsby's

- Confirm details of Arts and Culture Week events

- Review Call for Artists for 2018 for updates.

#### August 2017:

- Arts and Culture Week opening at the Brush-up large cake provided by Fairway Foods. Finale Bus Tour of Sculptures and Art Pianos outside OB Village in the morning, and, in the afternoon, Guided Art Tours by Robert Amos of the sculptures in OB Village and interviews with the painters and sculptors in action on the street. Lunch for the artists was sponsored by Chef-on-the Run

- Worked with OBMG to include artists and piano as part of their Open House on the Turkey Head parking lot.

#### September 2017:

- Confirm changes to 2018 Call, which now can be filled out on line. Call went out in late September with a due date of December 10, 2017.

- Art Pianos removed from the street and stored at OB Marina. Artists and Allison Piano check over pianos in preparation for the **ArtsAlive** Piano Cabaret.

- Work on sourcing Charities wanting an Art Piano and donors to buy Art Pianos for a tax receipt. Pre-sold two pianos. One piano had to be disposed of due to some damage it received at Cattle Point.

#### October 2017:

- Piano Cabaret and Auction sponsored by OBMG at the Dockside Café and Deli. College of performing Arts Alumni performed on all three pianos to the delight of those who attended. The third piano was auctioned for a record amount of \$2000.

- Acorn Arts Award Call updated and put on line

#### November 2017:

- People's Choice Award voting tallied and Lunar Transitions by Fred Dobbs won and will be considered for purchase by the municipality following the established process.

- Donors from the community were solicited or stepped forward to provide the funds necessary to purchase "The Hunt" by Ken Hall. A request to purchase will be presented to Commission and Council in January.

December 2017:

- A donor from the community, brought to the PAAC by Mayor Jensen, has offered to sponsor a sculpture in Oak Bay for the community as a gift of appreciation of the good life he has lived in Oak Bay. Trish Lortie, from the PAAC, and myself are:

- working with Murray Rankin and Andrew Weaver re permission to use the location in Oak Bay. Other locations are being considered if the first choice does not work
- working with the donor and PAAC to develop theme and process
- will work with Parks and Public Works to confirm installation and safety details

- A letter to sponsors to thank them for their contribution and to ask if they wish to renew their sponsorship for 2018 went out mid-November. The leadership shown by these businesses and individuals is very commendable and central to the development of an enriched community.

28 submissions from artists for 2018 **ArtAlive** Sculpture walk received by December 10.

- the PAAC met on December 13 to review submissions and cut. Meeting with Public works on Dec 20 and Parks on Jan 3 to review for technical concerns. PAAC choices will be confirmed December 27.

- Artists Sponsorship confirmation and solicitation is ongoing. We have 4 confirmed so far.

In conclusion:

1. There are three areas the PAAC would like to be addressed:

- a. Continue with **ArtsAlive** program with the addition of one new location.
- b. Move towards having a performance/meeting area at Turkey Head to complement "The Salish Sea" sculpture.
- c. Consider an additional method of funding specifically for public art in your revisions of the amenities bylaws

2. Your support of ArtsAlive shows leadership in engaging the community in the development of a rich and desirable lifestyle. The Art seems to have fostered more visits to the Oak Bay Village, and Estevan Village by locals and tourists. It is our hope the Art will encourage more memorable experiences for all in Oak Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Adams

Oak Bay Arts Laureate

## **Programs**

### **Aquatics**

- Recreation Oak Bay hosted a “Swim with Santa” on Saturday, December 15th, where Santa helped run games and activities with the lifeguard “elves” throughout the afternoon. Some of the fun included reindeer races in the pool, scavenger hunts, and Santa going down the drop slide! As always, the swim was very well attended and everyone had a fantastic time.
- December has been a great month for Advanced Aquatics with 40 registrants to date. Nineteen recertified their Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Award, nine recertified their National Lifeguard Award and twelve will become certified Lifeguards for the first time. There are also 14 registered in a Bronze Medallion- Bronze Cross Combo course during the holiday schedule in early January. Oak Bay continues to be the only pool in the city offering this flexible option over the holidays for busy young people.

### **Community Recreation**

- Oak Bay Parks, Recreation and Culture and the Rotary Club of Oak Bay put on yet another great Merrython event on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 100 people participating in the main run/walk and 40 children in the Kids’ Fun Run around the Henderson Centre chip trail.
- Paddington Daycare children went for a walk to the Municipal Hall to mail their letters to Santa.
- The children at Paddington Daycare celebrated Christmas and the holidays with a concert at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Santa paid a visit and parents were able to socialize and enjoy snacks with friends afterwards.
- Beginning in January, Afterschool Care is introducing Friday art lessons for Grades 1-3 at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre and dance lessons for the Henderson program.
- Preschool Playhouse at Windsor had their annual holiday party on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Over 60 families enjoyed the Santa’s Kindergym surprise on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Children enjoyed activities, crafts and a visit from Santa.
- Mindful Yoga and Eli Pasquale Basketball camps ran during the Christmas break at Windsor and Henderson Centre.
- Skidaddle is running over the Winter Holidays, December 27-29<sup>th</sup>. There are many fun trips planned, including a trip to Butchart Gardens and the Royal BC Museum. The children will also enjoy skating, playing in the gym and having a pancake breakfast in the Neighbourhood Learning Centre.
- Registration for the winter and spring sessions started December 1<sup>st</sup> and many of the popular programs have filled up fast, including Preschool Preparation, Music Together and Cooking for Fun. The new Petit Francais Morning Munchkins has continued to be a success with many people returning for another session of French based songs, games and free time play.
- The Community Recreation department is offering a new contracted program; Engineering for Kids. On Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be an afternoon Dragster Car Challenge class to demonstrate what the program is about. Engineering for Kids offers programs for 4-12 years of age to learn engineering in a fun and interactive way.

## **Fitness**

- The Fitness Department is offering three sessions of personal training for \$155 as a special that runs until December 31<sup>st</sup>. There have been 29 packages sold to patrons as a special gift, as a New Year's resolution for themselves, as well as clients who regularly work with a trainer taking advantage of a deal.
- The Times Colonist 10 KM run is happening on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Training clinics start in January on Tuesdays evenings at Henderson Centre and Thursday evenings at Windsor Pavilion. The clinic registration fee includes all the pieces to get participants set for the start line including; race entry, race t-shirt, 14 week run training program, training tools and expert tips, technical training shirt, all levels of runners and walkers are welcome.

## **Monterey Centre**

- Monterey hosted a number of Christmas party rentals in December including, the Contract Bridge Association, the Kidney Foundation, Oak Bay Emergency Program, and Alliance Francaise.
- Almost 200 people attended the Members and Clubs Holiday Luncheon on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Guests enjoyed dressing in Christmas themed attire and being entertained by carolers in costume from the Canadian College of Performing Arts. A singing Santa and Mrs. Claus were surprise guests. The turkey meal with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all.
- People Meeting People and Monterey Recreation Centre joined forces to host the Holly-Daze Dinner and Dance on December 17<sup>th</sup>. One hundred and forty attendees dined on a Greek chicken dinner and pumpkin pie dessert before dancing to the band MC2.
- December trips included a visit to Butchart Gardens on December 9<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Lights Tours December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Oak Bay High School Grade 12 English Students interviewed a number of Monterey Members on what life was like for them when they were graduating from high school. The intergenerational project created podcasts of the interviews for the senior's families to enjoy.

## **Arena / Teens / Indoor Sports Field**

- The Indoor Sports Field is very busy in December, particularly over the holiday break. The Bays Juniors Soccer Association hosts the two annual youth soccer tournaments. Tournaments run all day from December 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> in the Indoor Sports Field. The Bays Seniors offer their adult tournament starting on New Year's Day which runs in the evenings until January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Learn to Skate numbers continued to be strong for November and December. January will mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> lesson set and will run until the beginning of March.
- December the department hosted two free, public skates on the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Tim Horton's sponsored the 7:30-8:45pm Everyone Welcome Public Skate. The session was well attended with over 250 skaters. December 10<sup>th</sup> was Canada 150 Skating Day across Canada. The Oak Bay Figure Skating club, as a member of Skate Canada, hosted a free Family Skate at Recreation Oak Bay with grant monies from Canada 150. Skate Canada hosted skating events in cities from coast-to-coast with hundreds of communities across the country participating. Over 300 skaters came out throughout the session. Recreation Oak Bay also received a donation of 30 CSA, CCM Helmets and 30 new rental skates for the skate shop. It was a hugely successful event.



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- Over 200 skaters attended the annual Skate with Santa on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. This popular themed skate had Santa skating with the children, handing out prizes and posing for photos. There were also coloring stations, face painting and on ice games including "Pass the Present" at center ice and skating with Santa.
- Christmas Skate on December 25<sup>th</sup> and the New Year's Day Skate on January 1<sup>st</sup> will both be free to the public for admissions and rentals. Big crowds will be expected for both sessions.
- Victoria Minor Hockey will be offering tournaments over the holidays from December 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>st</sup>.
- In addition to the regular public skates that are scheduled, eleven extra skates for the public were added over the holidays.
- Special December events at the Youth Centre included evening table tennis tournaments and an evening of holiday baking with Christmas movies. Both events were well attended with up to 15 youth.

## Tennis

- Tennis court block bookings were held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The online system for registration was trialed and received positive feedback.
- The Junior New Year's Classic Tournament will not be held in December this year as it was moved to November to allow families time to play over the holidays.

## Upcoming Events

- Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Santa's Kindergym Surprise**, 9:30-10:30am & 11am – 12pm, Henderson Recreation Centre.
- Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, **Walk with Mayor and Council** and **free New Year's Day activities** including Jazzercise, Swimming, Skating and fitness orientations. The walk leaves from the recreation centre lobby at 12:30 pm. Mayor and Council will then welcome residents to the Sports View Lounge for tea, coffee and cookies at 1:30 pm.
- Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, **Terry Robb and The Blue Hearts** perform, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.
- Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, **Burns Dinner**, 5:30pm, Monterey Centre.
- Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, **The Clover Point Drifters** perform, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.
- Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, **Oak Bay Volunteer Fair**, 1:30-4:00pm, Monterey Centre.
- Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, **Big Dave** performs, Oak Bay Recreation Centre - Upstairs Lounge. Doors open 6pm, Music 7:30pm.
- Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, **We Jam, an Evening of Music**, 5:00pm, Monterey Centre.

## Maintenance

- The final inspection on the Henderson roof project was completed. New skylights will be installed by the end of December and the project will be finished.
- The new lighting in the Garry Oak room has been installed and is working well while saving energy. The controls for the lights have been harder than expected to program and the contractor has gone back to the manufacturer to get a better solution.
- The updated Ammonia Exposure Plan will go to the Municipal Safety Committee for approval. Once complete staff will move ahead with implementation of the new procedures.

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- The LED tennis bubble lights have been shipped from the USA and are expected in the building before Christmas. The actual replacement of the lights will take place in January.

## **Parks**

- The garden behind the Rose Garden continues to be improved with additional plantings and bulbs.
- Parks staff are busy with seasonal maintenance, mainly dealing with leaves in garden and parks areas.

## **Tree Report**

### **For the month of December.**

The tree crew finished putting up Christmas lights and returned to pruning and tree donation plantings. We have planted five memorial trees this month, three of which are Garry oaks.

### **Public Property**

Parks staff removed 9 trees from public property this month. One was a Garry oak with root rot.

### **Private Property**

28 permits were issued under the Tree Protection Bylaw. 10 removal permits were received for the removal of 12 trees protected under the Tree Protection Bylaw and two removals were denied. These permits were issued because the trees were dead, diseased, dying or structurally unsound or removed for construction. 4 of the trees were Garry oaks. Two replacement Garry oaks are required. 18 permits were issued for pruning protected trees. Three protected trees were removed for construction

### **Security Deposit and Enforcement**

One security deposit of \$1000 was collected this month. None were forfeited due to non-compliance with conditions on deposits as required by the bylaw. The bylaw requires security deposits to ensure care of required replacement trees; deposits are held by the Municipality for 3 years pending satisfactory planting and care of required replacement trees. Forfeited deposits go to the Parks tree purchase account.

### **Work Orders**

In this period we received 15 calls for service and closed 23.