

To: **Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission**
From: **Manager of Recreation and Culture**
Subject: **ArtsAlive Piano Locations 2017**
Date: **June 7, 2017**



PURPOSE

To seek approval for the Oak Bay ArtsAlive piano locations for the summer of 2017.

BACKGROUND

The ArtsAlive program is entering its third year. Each year painted pianos have been placed out for the public to play in a variety of locations. The painted piano program has been extremely popular with Oak Bay residents and visitors.

ANALYSIS

The Public Arts Committee wishes to place five pianos in the community this year. Four of the locations would be the same as last year. These are Turkey Head, Cattle Point, Estevan Village and Loon Bay Park. These locations were well received by the public last year. The fifth location is a request to have an additional piano at Willows Beach just off of the sidewalk on the Esplanade. This location was used in 2015 and generated some noise complaints from residents. For that reason, no piano was placed at Willows in 2016. Since that time, the Arts Laureate has had many public requests to have a piano at Willows Beach once again. The pianos will be in place from mid-June to mid-September.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The painting, delivery, and covering of the pianos each day has been budgeted for in the 2017 Arts Laureate budget. No additional funds will be required.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

That approval be granted for five pianos to be placed at Turkey Head, Cattle Point, Estevan Village, Loon Bay Park and the Esplanade from mid-June to mid-September 2017 as part of the ArtsAlive program.

Option 2

That approval be granted for four pianos to be placed at Turkey Head, Cattle Point, Estevan Village, and Loon Bay Park from mid-June to mid-September 2017 as part of the ArtsAlive program.

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Janet Barclay
Manager of Recreation and Culture

Programs

Culture

ArtsAlive Public Art in Oak Bay:

- The 12 sculptures from 2016 were removed, and 13 new sculptures have been installed around the community. New, larger plaques have been created for each sculpture. The sculptures will be officially unveiled at a Bus Tour and Opening Reception on June 1, with estimated attendance of over 100 community members.
- An article about the new sculptures in ArtsAlive 2017 was published in the Oak Bay News on May 22.
- A new ArtsAlive brochure is being created for the launch and will be distributed at Oak Bay Recreation Centres, through local businesses, as well as ballot boxes along Oak Bay Avenue, and in Estevan Village.
- Painted Pianos will be returning to the community on June 28. Artists Gillian Redwood, Jim McFarland, Tanta Pennington, Jonathan Glead, and Robert Amos have painted pianos that are planned to be installed at Turkey Head, Loon Bay Park, Cattle Point, Estevan Village, and a yet-to-be-determined location.
- A new exhibit by the Island Illustrators entitled "Big Canadian Stuff- Eh!" was on display in the Neighbourhood Learning Centre from May 2 to May 30.
- A new exhibit by local artist Mayumi Nogami and photographer Margaret McCormak will be on display in the Neighbourhood Learning Centre as of May 31.

Aquatics

- The Coast Capital Free Swim was attended by 87 swimmers on Monday, May 8th from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Due to the unexpected shutdown in December, a second set of spring 2017 swim lessons were added. These lessons began on May 20th and they were the first lesson set to be inputted into, and registered through, the new Perfect Mind software.
- The Oregon City High School Marching Band came for their annual swim on Sunday, May 21st from 6:30-9:00pm. 119 high school students and 20 chaperones were in the centre relaxing, and enjoying a Kids Fun Swim, before marching in the Victoria Day Parade on Monday morning.

Community Recreation

After School Program

- NLC and Campus View programs have taken advantage of the weather to go on many more outdoor field trips including Anderson Hill and Willows Beach.
- On Friday, May 9th the children in the NLC afterschool care held a performance for their parents to show off the dance they have been working on this season.

Licensed Preschool

- Preschool Playhouse had a field trip to the Fire hall on May 3rd. Participants from both classes were able to attend.

CR Programs

- Based on the initial success of the Cooking for Fun program and feedback throughout the region, Thrifty Foods has agreed to continue the program next year. There will be more great classes and recipes coming in fall 2017.
- Registration for Summer Camps has begun. Many camps are already full including some of the favorite camps: Summer in the Park, Active Kids in the Kitchen, Superheroes, Byte Camp and Lil Scientists. This year there are

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many new camps including Directors Cut movie camp, Fairy Tales preschool camp, Dodge Dive and Kick Sports camp and Camp Comicon for the creative camper.

Golf Course

- The second set of golf lessons started May 15th. There were more people interested in children's lessons including the Monday morning lessons that run for the first time this year.

Monterey Centre

- Monterey proudly celebrated and recognized their volunteers on May 3rd. Over 100 volunteers attended and enjoyed the delicious buffet of appetizers and the milestone volunteer award presentations.
- The Merry Widows Spring Fashion Show & Tea was enjoyed by 98 members and guests on May 13th. Attendees enjoyed seeing members of the Merry Widows Club modelling the latest spring fashions from Alia and Tan Jay.
- The Monterey Drama Club performed a play called the Second Passenger on May 18th about the aftermath of the 1956 revolution in Hungary and the story of a group of Hungarian student immigrants who studied and received degrees in Forestry at UBC. Eighty members attended and enjoyed the production.
- The Monterey Wellness Committee hosted two free talks in May: Wills and Estates and Kilshaw's Antiques.
- The weekly Nursing Foot Care Service continues to be well received by members.
- Popular courses this spring include: Yang Style Tai Chi, Better Bladder Health, Readers Theatre, and Yin Yoga.
- There were 21 members who attended the Chemainus day trip May 6th for the performance of 2 Pianos 4 Hands. The participants enjoyed the story of the two dueling pianists that wanted to become professional, classical musicians.

Arena / Teens / Indoor Sports Field

Arena

- Spring Learn to Skate lessons for April to June on Saturday mornings continue to be offered. The registration is strong and helps address the demand for skating lessons. Families are enjoying the option of skating year round.

Youth

- The 10th Annual **Young Exceptional Star Awards (Y.E.S)** happened on Wednesday, May 10th and were a great success. To celebrate the 10th year of the awards they were held at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel and the Lieutenant Governor and Oak Bay council members were in attendance. There were 12 award recipients and over 120 people attending this year's event. The **Y.E.S. Awards** celebrate young people in the Oak Bay community who have dedicated themselves to utilizing their talents, who have committed themselves to helping others or who have overcome obstacles to accomplish their goals. The award recipients were from grade 6-10 and came from Lansdowne Middle School, Oak Bay High School, Ecole Victor-Brodeur, and Monterey Middle School.
- Applications were due May 8th for the 5th Summer Youth Internship program. Five interns will be selected for the program out of 16 quality applications. The program is designed to give youth aged 15-18 the opportunity to gain experience in the summer camp setting through four weeks of summer camp.

Softball

- There are 23 teams playing in the league this spring. The league continues to enjoy using school board fields throughout the community though the Joint Use Agreement for all league and tournament games. Teams are looking forward to the year-end tournament June 16-18th.

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Tennis

- Permanent pickleball nets were installed on one of the tennis courts at Carnarvon Park. This temporarily helps meet the growing demand for this sport until new planning for Carnarvon is completed.

SportsView

- During the month we have hosted numerous functions: Federal Auction of Collectables and Jewellery, Oak Bay Skaters Luncheon, Encan International Buyers of Collectables, Oak Bay Volunteers AGM and Luncheon, Bays United, Oak Bay Swimmers Luncheon, Music Nights, Engineers Luncheon and regular meetings in the small lounge.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, June 1st – **ArtsAlive Bus Tour & Launch**, Oak Beach Hotel, 2:45- 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, June 10th - **Rock Legends**, Chemainus Theatre Trip, leaving from Monterey Recreation Centre , 9:30am -6:00pm
- Saturday, June 17th - **Duncan Farmers Market Trip**, leaving from Monterey Recreation Centre, 8:45am -2:45pm
- Sunday, June 18th - **Daddy and Me Kindergym**, Henderson Recreation Centre, 10am-12pm.
- Sunday, June 18th - **Dads Golf for FREE**, Henderson Recreation Centre, 11am-1pm.
- Thursday, June 22nd - **Rewind the Decades featuring Vinyl Wave**, Monterey Recreation Centre ,5:30-9:00pm
- Thursday, June 30th – **Celebrate Canada Day**, family fun event with BBQ, Municipal Lawn, 12 noon to 2 pm.
- Thursday, June 30th - **Free Concert featuring Impulse Control**, at Willows Park 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- Saturday, July 8th - **De Vine Vineyard-Taste and Lunch Trip**, leaving from Monterey Recreation Centre 10:00am - 2:15pm.

Maintenance

- A quieter month in June. Regular preventive maintenance tasks are ongoing. Skateboard park ramps were all painted. Privacy slats around the North and East side of the 4 court bubble were also finished.
- The parking lot lines outside of the OB Recreation Centre will be painted this summer.
- New LED parking lot lights are being installed in the upper parking lot and underground parking lot at the Monterey Centre. As well, LED lights will be installed in the Henderson parking lot later this summer.

Parks

- Parks staff are now planting summer annuals at our all our garden show areas.
- The tree crew was very busy and worked late dealing with May 16th wind storm. For the most part the trees fared very well with only 2 tree failures and a lot of broken tree limbs.
- Parks staff have been installing new public art at various locations throughout the municipality.
- Parks staff are busy with tea party preparations. Staff will be again working with Noreen Taylor on the recycle program. We hope to get the Tea Party as close to a zero waste event as possible again.
- The Windsor rugby field will be closed from June 5th to June 23rd for its annual renovation.
- The golf course is in great condition with most of the rhododendrons now in bloom along the fairways.

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- Four permanent pickle balls nets have been installed at court one at Carnarvon Park.
- 70,000 lady bugs and “Aphideletes” have been applied to the trees that breed higher populations of aphids to help reduce honeydew drop.
- Parks staff are seeing some heavy winter-moth defoliating damage this year especially with Red maples, plums and cherries trees

Tree Report

Public Property

- A total of 5 trees were removed from public property. One was a Garry oak. Eleven trees were planted with three being Garry oaks.

Private Property

- Twenty two permits were issued under the Tree Protection Bylaw since the last report. Eleven removal permits were requested for the removal of trees protected under the Tree Protection Bylaw. Removal permits were issued for eleven bylaw protected trees and one request was denied. These permits were issued because the trees were dead, diseased, dying or structurally unsound or removed for construction. Two trees were removed for construction and will require replacements. One of the removal was a Garry oak and one was an Arbutus. Twelve permits were issued for pruning protected trees.

Security Deposit and Enforcement

- Four security deposits were received for a total of \$3000 and none were returned. 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 or required replacement trees. Forfeited deposits go to the Parks tree purchase account.

Work Orders

- This month we received 61 calls for service and completed 83.