

## **Reinvigorate Arts / Culture / Recreation**

**Mar 23, 2017 – Town Hall Meeting Room**

The session for reinvigorating the arts, culture and recreation communities was held on Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Town Hall Meeting Room. An active discussion with participation by the group attending identified numerous initiatives that were identified as being valuable for supporting this priority.

Summary notes from the session are briefly noted in point form.

- **Devoted space for the Arts (could be a dual purpose i.e. farmer's market)**
- **Communicate where and when art shows or displays are held**
  - Chamber of Commerce, Avon Events, ART Guild Society
  - Hants County Arts Council (? Tacha Reid)
  - Central Space
  - "Go-to" space "calendar of events"
  - Town / Municipal Sites
  - Dill Park Board - "reinvigorate"
- **WBES Concert Series – Local Talent – Friday nights, Summer**
- **Skate boarders / Kayak, Ski**
  - Feature of talent / success (? Ben Warren)
  - More competitions?
  - Young people / new starters
- **New Movies / Mermaid option does not appear feasible (use of facility / equipment requirements and so forth)**
- **Theaters QaW / KES / Mermaid**
  - Timeliness / Costs
  - Plant roots (Performances and Rehearsals)
- **Outdoor Movies?**
  - Armories
  - Community Center
    - Basic to start and evolve it option
- **Full Circle Music – Pair with it**
- **Bike Tour Rally – (M. Wood)**
- **Fort Edward lands**
- **Jewish Legion Project**
- **Disc Golf Funding**
  - Haliburton House

- **Nova Scotia Music Week**
  - Back to H Donahue
- **Farmer's Market - HC Ex versus Waterfront**
- **Expansion of Martial Arts – Timing and Location considerations**
  - Possible shared space partners
  - Gymnastics Group – (Hugh Smith)
- **Martock** – Advertise - Central Location
- **KES** – seek adjusted costs for use of facilities – however private institution and little
- **Informal Gathering Spaces**
  - Bench / Picnic Tables
  - Garbage Bins – Distance
    - Locations identified / Victoria Park / Wentworth Road / Downtown per block etc
    - 4 streams / Appearance of Bins
- **Fort Edward – Scott Brison / Parks Canada**
  - Refurbish / clean up the area
  - Feedback that the local rep responsible and responsive
- **Tourists on 2 Wheels**
  - Shand House history / 1<sup>st</sup> Historic bike race Halifax to Windsor /
  - Wine Tour on Wheels / graves / Wine and Craft Beer Festival
- **More Winter Festivals**
  - Winterfest (WBES) (Winter)
  - Long Pond Classic (Winter)
  - Winter Carnival (Winter)
  - Avon River Days (Summer)
  - Pumpkin fest (Fall)
  - Pumpkin Weigh-off (Fall)
- **Festivals versus Local Events**
  - Festival = \$ Economic draw to the local region
  - A Plan ie Lunenburg? Wooden Boat Festival / Historical
  - ID Windsor's best points and sell it hard
    - Most of QaW's visitors are from away / outside of the region / town
  - Winter Arts Festival (**V. Lentz**)