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Minutes of a Meeting of the ARTS COMMISSION
Held May 19, 2023, in Room 488, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

EP = Electronic Participation

Members Present: M. Alto (Chair); D. Cavens, D. Lajeunesse, G. Lemon

EP: P. Brent, S. Epp, K. Roessingh, C. Smart

Staff: Chris Gilpin, Manager, Arts & Culture Service; H. Heywood, Administrative Assistant (recorder)

Also present: S. Donaldson, Arts Advisory Council Funding Chair

Regrets: C. Plant

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

1 Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Alto provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2 Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Member Roessingh, SECONDED by Member Cavens
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

3 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Member Cavens, SECONDED by Member Smart,
That the minutes of the March 29, 2023, Arts Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4 Chair's Remarks

Chair Alto commented on the recent Arts Champions Summit, saying it was an amazing event and profoundly thanked staff, the event planner, and the volunteers who made the event possible. Input from the community will be very helpful to the Arts Commission in determining a direction for the future. Feedback will be gathered and, to ensure that it is fully considered, the What We Heard report will be pushed back from June to a July meeting of the Arts Commission.

5 Presentations/Delegations – None

6. Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council (AAC) Update

6.1.1 Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report

The AAC Chair provided a written report which was received for information.

6.1.2 Arts Advisory Council Minutes and ABCs, May 9, 2023, were received for information.

6.2 Manager's Report

C. Gilpin thanked all those who were able to attend the Summit noting feedback received so far has been positive. A post-Summit evaluation form will be sent to all attendees.

The second project grant application deadline was April 20th. Recommendations will come forward at the June meeting.

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V. Jeevanandam has left the CRD for a new position but did leave us very well organized for the Arts Summit and for the Impact Report. We are currently in the process of hiring a new Community Outreach Coordinator.

After discussion with the Chair of the Arts Commission, it was recommended to push back the delivery of the Impact Report and What We Heard Report by one month. The Arts Commission will now receive these reports in July.

6.3 2023 Incubator and Equity Grants Recommendations

C. Gilpin provided an overview of the Incubator and Equity reports, noting one Equity application was deemed ineligible. Two Incubator applications and 14 Equity applications were assessed by an adjudication team that included two external adjudicators. Recommendations were reviewed by the Arts Advisory Council on May 9th.

S. Donaldson, AAC Funding Chair, noted the two Incubator applicants are both new organizations. She thanked the jury and commented that the AAC appreciated the input from the external adjudicators. Some grants were scaled to enable funding to as many organizations as possible.

Chair Alto thanked staff for the extensive report and support material.

**MOVED by Member Roessingh, SECONDED by Member Lajeunesse,
That The Arts Advisory Council recommends to the Arts Commission:**

- 1. That the 2023 Incubator Grant recommendations be approved as presented.**
- 2. That the 2023 Equity Grant recommendations be approved as presented.**

CARRIED

6.4 2023 IDEA Grant Recommendations

C. Gilpin highlighted the staff report noting fourteen applications were received however one application was deemed ineligible; eleven organizations are recommended for funding. As a result of the recommendations, \$2400 would be re-allocated to the April Project Grant budget. Recommendations were reviewed by the Arts Advisory Council on May 9th.

Commission members discussed the IDEA grant program and asked staff to conduct a review and to consider the maximum grant limit prior to the next deadline.

**MOVED by Member Lemon, SECONDED by Member Cavens,
The Arts Advisory Council recommends to the Arts Commission:
That the 2023 IDEA Grant recommendations be approved as presented.**

CARRIED

Member Smart left the meeting at 12:25 pm

6.5 Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards Funding Request from ProArt Alliance

C. Gilpin provided an overview of the staff report advising members that this request cannot be funded through a current grant program.

Members reviewed the request from ProArt Alliance of Greater Victoria (dated May 4, 2023) for \$6,000 to support the 2023 Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards and the CRD Arts Commission Regional Impact Award.

**MOVED by D. Cavens, SECONDED by G. Lemon,
That \$6,000 be provided from the Arts and Culture Support Service operating budget, using the operating reserve, if necessary, to ProArt Alliance of Greater Victoria to support the 2023 Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards to convene and celebrate the CRD arts community with \$5,000 dedicated to funding the CRD Arts Commission Regional Impact Award and \$1,000 dedicated to supporting the production of the event.**

CARRIED

6.6 CreativeMornings Funding Request from Victoria Arts Council

C. Gilpin referred to the report noting the speaker series came about due to feedback from the 2018 Arts Summit. Initially in partnership with the City of Victoria, the series was launched in 2020 to continue offering the arts community opportunities to convene and make connections.

Members discussed the request from the Victoria Arts Council noting the return to in-person events.

**MOVED by Member Brent, SECONDED by Member Lajeunesse,
That \$8,000 be provided from the Arts and Culture Support Service operating budget, using the operating reserve, if necessary, to Victoria Arts Council to support the CreativeMornings series to assist networking, capacity-building and professional development in the CRD arts community for a monthly event from July 2023 to June 2024.**

CARRIED

6.7 CRD Corporate Plan

C. Gilpin provided an update of the 2023-2026 CRD Strategic Plan, advising there are three arts-related items in the plan. Members discussed opportunities to connect with non-participating jurisdictions.

**MOVED by Member Cavens, SECONDED by Member Lemon,
That staff be directed to work with the Chair of the Arts Commission to send letters to non-participating jurisdictions, providing a summary of the value proposition of supporting the arts through a regional approach, and arranging a time to present to their councils or electoral area directors on the costs and benefits of joining the Arts and Culture Support Service.**

CARRIED

7. New Business - none

8. Correspondence - none

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Member Lajeunesse, SECONDED by Member Roessingh
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 pm.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER