

September 1, 2009

Report to CRD Arts Committee

Due to a number of committee members unable to attend and a light agenda, the Arts Advisory Council (AAC) did not meet on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The loss of provincial gaming grants to most of the arts organizations in the CRD is of great concern to the AAC. The council expects that many of the CRD funded organizations will be severely impacted. With the annual operating grant application deadline on September 11<sup>th</sup>, many organizations will be struggling to reflect their suddenly changed circumstances in their applications.

The elimination of gaming grants to arts organizations on top of the previous sharp cuts to the BC Arts Council leave many local arts groups vulnerable and relying more heavily on the CRD. The AAC would like the Arts Committee and the CRD to express the need for strong provincial support of the arts to the government.

Sincerely,



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Chair  
CRD Arts Advisory Council