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**REPORT TO ARTS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY JULY 14, 2010**

SUBJECT **Changes to Participation in the Arts Service**

ISSUE

Changes are being considered to the definition and conditions for participation in the Arts Service. This report is to advise on the status of staff research into incorporating such changes into the Arts Service bylaw.

BACKGROUND

At the June 9, 2010 Arts Committee meeting the following motions were carried:

... that the committee approve in principle, that new members become full participants on an incremental basis within 5 years of joining, subject to staff review regarding the viability of this arrangement.

and

... that the committee approve in principle that existing non-group 1 participants increase to full participation on an incremental basis within 10 years, subject to staff review regarding the viability of this arrangement.

Corporate Services, Finance and Arts Development staff have had initial discussions on the feasibility of incorporating the contents of the motions into the establishing bylaw. It has become apparent that this option requires advice from the CRD solicitor as well as research into precedents in order to assess its legal viability. The option of implementing such requirements through committee resolutions is also being assessed.

Senior staff has recommended that political advocacy take place prior to implementing any changes.

ALTERNATIVES

That the Arts Committee receive this report for information.

CONCLUSION

Pending advice from the CRD solicitor, Corporate Services, Finance and Arts Development staff expect to be able to provide a report by the October Arts Committee meeting or earlier.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Arts Committee receive this report for information.



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