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Minutes of a Meeting of the Arts Committee

Held Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Present: Councillors D. Screech (Chair), P. Madoff (Vice-Chair), C. Green, L. Hundleby, M. Milne and V. Sanders

Also Present: P. Fleck (Chair), R. Nicholson (Funding Chair), Arts Advisory Council

Staff: J. Lam, R. Sharma and G. Andrews (Recorder)

Regrets: Councillors A. Dobb and M. Loveless

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Agenda

Chair Screech noted that Item 8 should be included under item 6, the Closed portion of the meeting, and that item 6 will proceed as item 2.

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hundleby, that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Sanders, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter*, Part 4, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a position appointed by the Committee; and (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

3. Rise and Report

Councillor Green left the meeting.

The Committee reported on the following appointments and reappointments to the Arts Advisory Council:

- That Robert Thomson and Jessica Van der Veen be appointed for initial one-year terms ending April 2013, subject to reappointment according to the terms of the bylaw.
- That Susan Stevenson be reappointed for a three-year term ending March 2015.
- That Randy Nicholson, Joel Goldsmith, and Jerri Carson each be reappointed for two years ending March 2014.
- That Patrick Fleck be reappointed for a final term of two years ending March 2014.

4. Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hundleby, that the Minutes of the January 11, 2012 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Sanders, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the Minutes of the January 3, 2012 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

5. Chair's Report

None.

6. Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report

None.

7. Project Grant Recommendations – January 2012 Deadline

Mr. Lam outlined the structure and aspects of Project Grant adjudication and the staff involvement. Of approximately \$141,000 in the 2012 budget, and with the majority of applications being received at the first intake, the AAC is recommending expenditure of approximately 70% of the budget at this time. Twenty-one applications were received, four of which had not received previous funding; one of the four was previously funded through the IDEA Grants program and has now applied successfully for their first Project Grant.

Mr. Nicholson, Chair of the AAC Funding Committee, then spoke to the project summary and provided an overview of the applicant interview process. He stated that the variance in funding levels occurs as a result of balancing the funding requests with an assessment of the public support required to make the events happen, and in consideration of available funding. The 4-member sub-committee examined each application in considerable detail taking into account capacity, demonstrated ability, staffing levels, ability to carry events to completion, financial status - including costs and revenues, and the overall impact to the arts community and the CRD community as a whole.

Members expressed appreciation for the work and depth covered by the AAC in the adjudication process. Councillor Milne noted the contribution to the Metchosin Arts & Culture Association and stated that this would be brought to the attention of Metchosin Council. It was then:

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Sanders, that the Arts Advisory Council's recommendation for January 2012 Project Grants be approved as recommended, for a total expenditure of \$97,000.

CARRIED

8. Memorandum: Chair and Vice Chair's Meeting with Small Arts Organizations

As background, Mr. Lam reminded members that, at the January meeting, the Committee passed a motion that staff, Chair and Vice-Chair meet with representatives of the local arts community. The request arose from a December 2011 media article focusing on a unified group of local arts organizations, spearheaded by Ian Case, and the issues small performing arts groups are currently facing. The memorandum provided a summary of that meeting and noted that an update on the status of organizations and gaming grants will be provided after March 31st.

The need for developing administrative capacity within small organizations was discussed; what tools are presently available and ways in which CRD Arts Development could assist further.

MOVED by Councillor Hundleby, **SECONDED** by Councillor Sanders, that the memorandum be received.

CARRIED

9. Draft Agenda AC/AAC Joint Meeting March 31

Mr. Lam distributed the Facilitator's version of the draft agenda which provided time structure for the agenda items. Background documents as well as the 2009 Strategic Plan will be circulated to participants prior to the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hundleby, that the draft AC/AAC Joint Meeting agenda be received.

CARRIED

10. Correspondence

MOVED by Councillor Madoff, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the correspondence from Ensemble Laude Choral Society, Victoria Symphony, Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival and Pacific Opera Victoria be received.

CARRIED

11. New Business

Mr. Lam circulated to the members, copies of the 1-page Arts Update summary for distribution to all their fellow councillors.

MOVED by Councillor Hundleby, **SECONDED** by Councillor Sanders that, in addition to circulation of hard copies to the participating municipalities, the Arts Update be emailed to both participating and non-participating municipalities, to the attention of Mayor and Council.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

Chair