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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, June 12, 2013 in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: **Councillors:** D. Screech (Chair), P. Madoff (Vice-Chair), M. Brame, A. Dobb, C. Green, M. Milne and V. Sanders
Guests: P. Fleck (Chair), R. Nicholson (Funding Chair) Arts Advisory Council
Staff: J. Lam and D. Vanmoerkerke (Recorder)

ABSENT: Councillor M. Loveless

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda under Item 9, *New Business*:

(a) Arts Committee Profile

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

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Brame, **SECONDED** by Councillor Green, that the Minutes of the April 10, 2013 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Madoff, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the Minutes of the April 2, 2013 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was good participation at the launch of the artsVest program in the Capital Region on June 11, 2013 with 39 arts organizations represented. Mr. Fleck and other Arts Advisory Council (AAC) members were also in attendance.

4. ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

As requested by the Arts Committee, the AAC will review the IDEA grant program now having completed its third and final pilot year. A subcommittee chaired by Mr. Nicholson will review the program and provide recommendations that will be presented to the Arts Committee in the fall. Members were requested to provide their input and comments pertaining to the IDEA grant program to Mr. Lam to collate for the AAC's subcommittee review.

MOVED by Councillor Green, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the Arts Advisory Council Chair's report be received.

CARRIED

5. MAY 2013 IDEA GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

The May 2013 IDEA grant recommendations summary was distributed. Mr. Lam spoke to the grant process. Of the nine applications received by the deadline, seven grants were recommended for a total of \$12,000. Including the February IDEA grant disbursement of \$19,500, a total of \$31,500 will be disbursed from the 2013 IDEA grant fund. The total 2013 approved amount from reserve is \$50,000.

There has been an increase in the number of applications received over the three years that the grant program has been available (i.e., 2011 = 15; 2012 = 17; 2013 = 22).

Mr. Fleck and Mr. Nicholson explained why two organizations did not receive grants and how they could qualify for an IDEA grant in the future. Mr. Lam clarified only arts organizations can qualify for the Project grant program. It was suggested that values of the IDEA grant program (e.g., unique) be re-considered during the AAC subcommittee's review.

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Green, that the IDEA grant recommendations be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. MAY 2013 PROJECT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

The May 2013 Project grant recommendations summary was distributed. Mr. Lam spoke to the grant process. Of the 16 applications received by the grant deadline, 13 grants were recommended resulting in the disbursement of the remaining \$64,800 from the Project grant budget for 2013.

The AAC Funding Committee used the RANC evaluation process to assess and compare how well each project fulfilled the goals of the IDEA and Project grant programs.

Mr. Nicholson provided a summary of the project grant recommendations. Reasons for non-recommendations were explained. As requested, Mr. Lam summarized the policy to be followed when an organization does not meet the approved purpose of the grant application and funding.

MOVED by Councillor Green, **SECONDED** by Councillor Madoff, that the May 2013 Project Grants for an amount totaling \$64,800 be approved as recommended by the Arts Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

7. WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON GROUP 2 FUNDING

Reference was made to the Arts Committee Chair's Memorandum on the working group's discussion on Group 2 funding and the three funding scenarios for Group 1 and Group 2 participation that were requested by the working group and distributed with the agenda.

Following discussion it was recommended that each Group 2 member seek agreement on the proposed funding structure from their councils and ensure there is sufficient support by their respective CRD Board member. With these assurances, staff would then be directed to draft a revised Arts Service bylaw for approval by the Arts Committee and consideration by the CRD Board.

Discussion followed on the merits of the 30% proposal for Group 2 participation. Incremental increases may help current Group 2 participants achieve 30% contribution as well as encourage participation from non-participating municipalities. Arts organizations within Group 2 participating municipalities benefit from the full range of funding.

After considering how to approach Group 2 member councils to increase funding to 30%, Councillors Milne and Dobbs agreed to take the issue back to their respective councils and will send feedback via email to Mr. Lam. Chair Screech and Mr. Lam will consult with Councillor Loveless to see how she wants to approach her council.

Once feedback from Group 2 councils has been received, the Arts Committee can then decide on how to move forward.

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Sanders, that the report be received.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Councillor Madoff, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the correspondence from the Friends of Music Society, Mount St. Mary Foundation and Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson's Centre be received.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Arts Committee Profile

Over the summer members were asked to consider issues around the Arts Service profile in general, and with the CRD Board in particular. Mr. Lam will provide members with an update on the work plan for the Arts Service 2012-2014 Strategic Plan.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lam will keep members apprised on items of interest that come up during the summer.

MOVED by Councillor Dobbs, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Arts Committee meetings in July and August will be at the call of the Chair.