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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, October 23, 2013 in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: **Councilors:** D. Screech (Chair), P. Madoff (Vice-Chair), M. Brame, A. Dobb, C. Green, M. Loveless, M. Milne and V. Sanders
 Guests: Chris Coleman and Lloyd Fitzsimonds et al
 Staff: J. Lam and L. Bodor (Recorder)

ABSENT: P. Fleck (Chair), Arts Advisory Council and A. Bryson (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. AGENDA

Changes to the agenda were proposed to address continuity and discussion related to the presentations.

MOVED by Councilor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councilor Green, that the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councilor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councilor Madoff, that the Minutes of the September 11, 2013 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councilor Madoff, **SECONDED** by Councilor Milne, that the Minutes of the, September 3, 2013 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair had no report but welcomed the guest presenters:

- Chris Coleman and Kyara Kahakauwila representing the Capital Region Music Awards Society (CRMAS)
- Lloyd Fitzsimonds, Executive Director and Judy Scott, Vice-president of the Royal and McPherson Theatres Society, and Shereen McNeilage, Assistant to the Producer, Centennial Festival

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2015 WESTERN CANADA MUSIC AWARDS

Mr. Coleman made a brief presentation based on a previously circulated handout requesting a financial contribution of \$25,000 to support the hosting of the 2015 Western Canadian Music Awards, Breakout West Music Festival and related events. Several points were noted

including the economic and other benefits, that efforts would be made to stage events in various municipalities, that a successful bid and event could leverage support for hosting the Juno Awards, and that local interests could be managed through representation on the host committee. The Society is looking for a commitment of funds only if they win the bid to host the awards.

After answering questions from the Committee Mr. Coleman and Ms. Kahakauwila left the meeting at 4:28 pm.

4.2 THE ROYAL THEATRE & MCPHERSON THEATRES SOCIETY, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, MAY 2014

Mr. Fitzsimonds, Ms. Scott and Ms. McNeilage spoke to their proposal requesting \$10,000 in support of this event. Mr. Fitzsimonds provided a brief description of the history of the theatres and their important role in the cultural life of the region. He also described the rationale for the festival and outlined the organizations and events that will make up the week-long celebration which is scheduled for May 18 - 25, 2014. After responding to questions Mr. Fitzsimonds, Ms. Scott and Ms. McNeilage left the meeting at 4:38 pm.

5. BUDGET UPDATE

Speaking to his report Mr. Lam noted that \$20,830 in new funds were available as a result of increased contributions from non-group 1 Municipalities. Citing his report he also noted that the operating grant allocation has been unchanged since 2010; that a small increase to the operating grant fund had been approved for 2014, the second year of the current three-year budget; and that adding the additional funds would bring the total 2014 operating grant fund to \$2,065,720.

MOVED by Councilor Madoff, **SECONDED** by Councilor Dobbs, that \$20,830 in supplementary contributions be allocated to the approved 2014 operating grant budget.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATIONS

There was concern expressed about the use of Arts Service funds to support proposals not within the traditional scope of the Service. Mr. Lam reminded the Committee of the legacy monies contained in the Commonwealth Legacy Fund as an alternate source of funds.

2015 WESTERN CANADA MUSIC AWARDS

Following discussion the Committee expressed conditional support pending further information on the framework and structure of the local committee, the processes for selecting artists and information on the number of local artists featured, and the opportunities for a member of an Arts Service related committee member to be involved in these processes.

Action item: Mr. Lam to distribute the information once received from the proponents.

MOVED by Councilor Loveless and **SECONDED** by Councilor Brame that one-time support of \$25,000 be provided to the Capital Region Music Awards Society to host the Western Canadian Music Awards, conditional on receipt of additional information as specified and upon completion of a successful bid, with funds to be drawn from the Commonwealth Legacy Fund.

CARRIED

RMTS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Councilors Green and Madoff left the meeting at 5:09 pm citing a conflict of interest, as both represent their respective councils on the RMTS Board of Directors.

Following a discussion it was

MOVED by Councilor Loveless and **SECONDED** by Councilor Sanders that one-time support of \$10,000 be provided to the Royal and McPherson Theatres Society for their Centennial Festival, with funds to be drawn from the Commonwealth Legacy Fund.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED by Councilor Loveless, **SECONDED** by Councilor, Milne that correspondence from the Pandora Arts Collective Society and the Flamenco de la Isla Society be received.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn, by Councilor Sanders, **SECONDED** by Councilor Milne, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

CARRIED

A November Arts Committee meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Chair