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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, January 8, 2014 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. Loveless, M. Milne and V. Sanders, A Bryson (Board Chair, ex-officio).

Guests: R. Thompson, Arts Advisory Council, P. Sandmark, ProArt Alliance

Staff: J. Lam, D. Vanmoerkerke and S. Bligh (Recorder)

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

1. AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Sanders, **SECONDED** by Councillor Loveless, that the Minutes of the October 23, 2013 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Madoff, **SECONDED** by Councillor Milne, that the Minutes of the October 1, 2013 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Screech welcomed the CRD Board Chair, Alastair Bryson, to the Meeting.

The Chair reported that Patrick Fleck will complete his maximum 8 years of service to the Arts Advisory Council in March and has stepped down as Chair. The Arts Committee will send a thank you card to Mr. Fleck acknowledging his contributions to the Arts Service.

4. 2014 OPERATING GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Lam spoke to his staff report and reviewed the adjudication process.

Of the 34 applicants that were received, 32 were from current recipients and two were from organizations not currently receiving operating support. For the first time since 2009, there was a small increase in the Operating Grant budget; however, the total requests for funds exceeded the budgeted allocation by \$270,780. Three organizations were recommended for reductions and 29 organizations received recommendations for stable or increased support. Neither of the

two new organizations was recommended for funding however both will be encouraged to seek continued support through the Project Grant program.

Robert Thompson introduced himself as a relatively new member of the Arts Advisory Council. He provided his observation that the grant application adjudication process conducted by the Arts Advisory Council is an excellent example of criteria based evaluation and after providing comments on the decision making process invited questions from the Committee.

Following a discussion the Committee thanked Mr. Lam and the Arts Advisory Council for the tremendous amount of work that went into the grant application reviews and the report itself.

MOVED by Councillor Loveless, **SECONDED** by Councillor Green that the 2014 Operating Grants in the amount of \$2,065,720 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. CAPITAL REGION MUSIC AWARDS SOCIETY

Correspondence from the Capital Region Music Awards Society was reviewed that responded to the Arts Advisory Council's request for assurance that, if Victoria hosts the 2015 Western Canada Music Awards, there would be adequate representation of local artists as well as the opportunity for the Arts Committee to appoint a representative to the organizing committee.

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Loveless that the request for support as originally proposed by the Capital Region Music Awards Society be approved, contingent on a successful bid to host the 2015 Western Canada Music Awards.

CARRIED

6. TOWN OF SIDNEY

MOVED by Councillor Green, **SECONDED** by Councillor Sanders that the correspondence from the Town of Sidney be received.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE – THANK YOU LETTER

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Green that the thank you letter from Viva Youth Choirs be received.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

A discussion ensued relating to the next joint meeting between the Arts Advisory Council and the Arts Committee. Mr. Lam will discuss this with the Arts Advisory Council and report back to the Arts Committee.

Councillor Loveless invited the members to Sidney's waterfront to view the 12 sculptures currently on display and to participate in online voting for their favorite sculpture.

Councillor Green noted the appointment of Oak Bay's first arts laureate, Barb Adams. Adams will be working with the Oak Bay Community Initiatives Committee and Tourism to promote the arts and artists in Oak Bay.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Milne, **SECONDED** by Councillor Green, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED

Chair