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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE
Held Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Present Councillors: D. Screech (Chair), P. Madoff, M. Brame, K. Kahakauwila, K. Roessingh, B. Fallot, T. Ney, C. Plant
Staff: D. Lokken, General Manager, Finance & Technology, J. Lam, Manager, CRD Arts Development, Stacey Bligh, Recorder
Guests: M. Sing and P. Sullivan, Arts Advisory Council

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

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Election of Vice Chair

K. Kahakauwila nominated C. Plant to the Vice Chair position. C. Plant accepted the nomination. The Chair called for other nominations; there being no further nominations, C. Plant was appointed Vice Chair.

3. Minutes

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that the Minutes of the September 10, 2014 Arts Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Kahakauwila that the Minutes of the September 2, 2014 and January 6, 2015 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Report

Chair Screech welcomed the new members to the Committee expressing his expectation for a productive joint planning meeting and upcoming four year term.

5. Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report

M. Sing of the Arts Advisory Council also extended a welcome to the new committee members.

6. 2015 Operating Grant Recommendations

Due to potential conflict of interest, Councillor Roessingh left the meeting.

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

Of the 33 applicants that were received, 32 were from current recipients and one was from an organization not currently receiving operating support. The total requests for funds exceeded the budgeted allocation by \$197,320.00.

Councillor Plant noted that his wife is an administrator with the Victoria Operatic Society. A discussion ensued as to conflict of interest relative to voting on the recommendation as presented.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Kahakauwila that the recommendation from the Arts Advisory Council to approve the operating grants as presented be split into two such that the Victoria Operatic Society grant will be considered separately.

CARRIED

It was noted that Blue Bridge Theatre Society's recommended funding is subject to receipt of final versions of financial statements and business plan.

Suddenly Dance Theatre and VIVA Choir were removed from the operating grant program due to consecutive yearly budgets falling below the minimum requirements of the program. VIVA Choirs was directed to the Project Grant program beginning in 2015. Suddenly Dance received a recommendation for transitional support in 2015 and is referred to the Project Grant program beginning in 2016.

The primary grant recommendations total \$2,086,980 and the secondary recommendations totaled \$2,151,800 representing an estimated gap in available funding of \$64,820.

MOVED by Councillor Ney **SECONDED** by Councillor Plant that the 2015 recommended operating grant, less the allocation to the Victoria Operatic Society be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Due to potential conflict of interest, C. Plant left the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Brame **SECONDED** by Councillor Kahakauwila that the 2015 operating grant to the Victoria Operatic Society be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Roessingh and Councillor Plant returned to the meeting.

Councillor Brame noted the great diversity in applicants and recommendations.

A press release will go out announcing the 2015 Operating Grants.

7. Cultural Events Access Authorization Bylaw

Chair Screech informed the new members of the purpose of this bylaw. D. Lokken spoke to the history of the Cultural Events Access Authorization Bylaw.

8. Joint Work Plan meeting with Arts Advisory Council

J. Lam discussed the purpose of the joint meeting and requested input on availability. A meeting request will be sent out to survey both committees.

9. Correspondence

MOVED by Councillor Brame **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that the correspondence be received as presented.

CARRIED

10. New Business

Councillor Plant suggested the desirability of scheduling a discussion relating to municipalities and districts that do not participate in the Arts Service. Chair Screech suggested that the Committee discuss this at the joint meeting with the Arts Advisory Council and this will be added to the agenda.

11. Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Kahakauwila that the Committee close the meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a position appointed by the Committee.

CARRIED

Chair