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## **DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

**Held Wednesday, March 11, 2015 in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC**

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**Present** Councillors: D. Screech (Chair), C. Plant (Vice-Chair), P. Madoff, B. Fallot, T. Ney, O. Liberchuk (for M. Brame)  
 Staff: J. Lam, Manager, CRD Arts Development, Stacey Bligh, Recorder  
 Guests: M. Sing and P. Sullivan, Arts Advisory Council

**Regrets** K. Kahakauwila, K. Roessingh

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Councillor Ney **SECONDED** by Councillor Liberchuk that subject to the addition of Correspondence and the Town of Sidney under New Business, the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

### **2. MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Councillor Fallot **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that subject to a minor amendment, the Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Arts Committee meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Councillor Ney **SECONDED** by Councillor Plant that the Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

**CARRIED**

### **3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

No Chair's Report.

### **4. ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**

M. Sing noted that the Arts Committee may wish to review bylaw 2973 in the future relative to members of the Arts Advisory Council serving multiple terms and whether or not a 'cooling off' period should be implemented.

### **5. JANUARY 2015 PROJECT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS**

J. Lam summarized the staff report providing an overview of the Project Grant program and noting that 20 of the 21 Project Grant applications were recommended for funding. A total allocation of \$90,000 is recommended for approval.

P. Sullivan provided a summary of the diverse applicants and answered questions relating to the decision making process. Governance and board independence was discussed.

**MOVED** by Councillor Madoff, **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that, subject to the specified grants being conditional on the fulfillment of the Project grant guidelines around board structure, the January 2015 Project Grants totaling \$90,000 be approved as recommended by the Arts Advisory Council.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Liberchuk requested that the comment section of the project grant committee report be made consistent in regards to providing rationales for recommended levels of support.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was tabled from the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria inquiring about the potential of borrowing funds through the Capital Regional District.

**MOVED** by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Plant that staff be requested to review this matter further and report back to the Arts Committee.

**CARRIED**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Town of Sidney**

Chair Screech reported having spoken with Sidney mayor, Steve Price and suggested Sidney may reconsider bringing its level of funding in the Arts Service to 30% of its Group 1 amount.

**MOVED** by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that staff be requested to prepare a letter to the Town of Sidney requesting that Council reconsider bringing their level of support to the 30% level.

### **Operating Fund for Organizations with Smaller Budgets**

Councillor Plant enquired about an earlier proposal to establish a small operating fund within the Project Grant program that would be set aside for organizations that do not meet the budget requirements of the operating grant program. M. Sing reported that a sub-committee of the Advisory Council had been struck to examine this issue and will report back to the Arts Committee with its findings.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chair