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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 4:30 pm in Meeting Room 107, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Present Councillors: D. Screech (Chair), C. Plant, B. Fallot, M. Brame, K. Roessingh
Regrets: P. Madoff, K. Kahakauwila, T. Ney
Guests: M. Sing, Arts Advisory Council; D. Jarvis, Pro-Art Alliance; Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre (Brian Richmond, Rebekah Johnson, Jeb Gordon, Michael Solomon, Brian Linds, Vicki Kuhl); Breakout West (Deb Beaton-Smith)
Staff: J. Lam, Manager, CRD Arts Development, Stacey Bligh, Recorder

Chair Screech called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Fallot that the Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Arts Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the Minutes of the April 7, 2015 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Screech reported on his presentation to Town of Sidney Council relative to Sidney's contribution and request that they increase their level of support equivalent to 30% of their group 1 level. It was noted that Council referred the matter to staff.

The Chair thanked Councillor Plant for proposing priority item 11b as part of the CRD Strategic Priorities for 2015-18 which reads "Work with municipalities, electoral areas and partners to develop a comprehensive arts and culture strategy." The priority was ratified as part of the overall plan at today's CRD Board meeting.

4. ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

M. Sing reported that Lara Tomaszewka is resigning from the Arts Advisory Council due to a family move. The Committee discussed the matter and proposed that J. Lam contact a previous applicant and report back to the Committee on June 10.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

5.1 Blue Bridge Repertory Theatre

Brian Richmond spoke on behalf of the organization. B. Richmond introduced the guests in attendance and thanked the CRD Arts Development for its support over the years. B. Richmond reviewed some of the financial challenges facing the Blue Bridge. A discussion ensued relating to financial and legal matters. J. Lam reviewed the operating grant process with respect to the content and timing of their 2015 grant application and funding.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the Arts Committee not reverse its decision to withhold 2015 funding to Blue Bridge Theatre Society and that staff respond to Blue Bridge in writing with regard to this decision and to the organization's eligibility for this fall's operating grant application.

CARRIED

5.2 BreakOut West 2015

Deb Beaton-Smith provided an overview of BreakOut West and the upcoming WCMA to be held in Victoria. It is a 3 day conference at the Delta with 300 to 400 delegates expected to attend. There is also a three day music festival that will run concurrently with the Rifflandia festival. J. Lam reminded the meeting that the Arts Committee had requested that someone from the AAC or AC be permitted to assist with the event if possible. D. Beaton-Smith will provide staff with the appropriate contact information.

6. PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY

J. Lam reviewed the staff report outlining the limitations of the current guidelines with regards to organizational eligibility. No adjustment to the project grant allocation is proposed but noted that removing the prohibition of support for ongoing operating expenses would recognize the changes that have taken place in funded organizations and provide increased flexibility in the range and scale of the programming that can be supported under the program.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the Project Grants – Statement of Purpose be amended as recommended by staff.

CARRIED

7. NOTICE OF CONCERN POLICY – OPERATING GRANT PROGRAM

J. Lam reviewed the staff report and noted that the Notice of Concern policy will formalize current administrative processes.

MOVED by Councillor Plant, **SECONDED** by Councillor Roessingh, that the Notice of Concern Policy be adopted and that Staff be directed to revise the 2016 Operating Grant Guidelines accordingly.

CARRIED

The Committee thanked the Arts Advisory Council and Staff for the effort in moving this matter and the Terms of Eligibility under Agenda Item 6, forward.

8. 2015-18 ARTS WORK PLAN

J. Lam provided a verbal update relating to the 2015-18 Work Plan which is in early draft form and will be finalized over the next several months.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Fallot that the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 pm.

CARRIED