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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, October 14, 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, P. Madoff, T. Ney
Regrets: K. Kahakauwila
Guests: M. Sing, and P. Sullivan, Arts Advisory Council; Mary-Lynn Britt, Janet Hender, and David Brillinger, Victoria Operatic Society
Staff: J. Lam, Manager, CRD Arts Development, S. 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 Brame that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Roessingh that the Minutes of the June 10, 2015 Arts Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

C. Plant requested that a copy of the Arts Advisory Council's "Activity By Council" list be attached to the Arts Advisory Council minutes.

MOVED by Councillor Brame **SECONDED** by Councillor Roessingh that the Minutes of the June 2, 2015 and September 8, 2015 Arts Advisory Council meeting be received.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Screech

4. ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Operating Grants – council has received grant applications and are proceeding with the revised adjudication process.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Councillor Plant left the meeting at 4:35 pm

Janet Hender of the Victoria Operatic Society spoke to her letter of September 24, 2015 requesting the Arts Committee reconsider their Operating Grant submission.

MOVED by Councillor Brame **SECONDED** by Councillor Fallot that the Arts Advisory Council will accept the Victoria Operatic Society's Operating Grant submission for review.

CARRIED

Councillor Plant returned to the meeting at 4:45 pm

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AN ARTS PLAN FOR THE CRD

J. Lam reviewed his staff report with the Committee. A discussion ensued relating to an RFP for the engagement of a consultant. The Committee also discussed the composition of the steering committee, specifically, community arts councils.

MOVED by Councillor Madoff **SECONDED** by Councillor Brame that the Arts Committee approve the recommendations contained in items A-E in the report as amended.

CARRIED

7. 2016-19 ARTS DEVELOPMENT SERVICE BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN

J. Lam reviewed the Arts Development budget and service plan with the Committee. He noted the most significant item as the single supplementary item for the engagement of a consultant to carry out activities related to CRD Strategic Priority 11b, the development of an Arts plan for the region.

MOVED by Councillor Plant **SECONDED** by Councillor Ney that the 2016-2019 Arts Service Budget and Service Plan be approved.

CARRIED

C. Plant left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

P. Madoff spoke to the correspondence received from Patrick Fleck and requested comment from the Arts Advisory Council with respect to removing the in-person interview from the adjudication process. M. Sing noted that a majority of AAC members believed that the unstructured format of the interview component had become inconsistent with the application process which has evolved into a formal array of application questions and adjudication protocols.

Removing interviews is expected to provide a more balanced assessment for the wide range of organizations funded under the operating grant program. The clearer articulation of the criteria for funding, with a resultant increased ability to assess the information provided in response, is expected to result in a higher level of accountability in making grant recommendations. It was noted that the AAC will assess the success of the trial implementation which will also consider feedback from applicants.

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

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Roessingh **SECONDED** by Councillor Fallot that the meeting be adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

CARRIED