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Meeting Minutes Arts Committee

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Room 107

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** C. Plant (Chair), O. Liberchuk (for M. Brame), B. Fallot, J. Loveday (4:34), T. Ney (4:40), K. Roessingh, D. Screech, K. Kahakauwila
Regrets: Member M. Brame
Guests: M. Sing, Chair and P. Sullivan, Funding Chair, Arts Advisory Council
Staff: J. Lam, Manager, Arts Development; A. Boyd, Senior Administrative Secretary (recorder)

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Chair Plant requested under new business, that staff provide an update on the Strategic Plan Request for Proposal process.

**MOVED by Member K. Kahakauwila, SECONDED by Member K. Roessingh,
That the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED**

2. Minutes

2.1 Draft Minutes of the January 5, 2016 Arts Advisory Council

**MOVED by Member K. Roessingh, SECONDED by Member K. Kahakauwila,
That the draft Arts Advisory Council minutes of January 5, 2016 be received for
information.
CARRIED**

2.2 Minutes of the January 13, 2016 Arts Committee

It was noted that item 5.0 2016 Operating Grant Recommendation, paragraph four, should read *"P. Sullivan provided additional comments, noting that the Art Advisory Council had a clear and fulsome discussion on every application and on the decision of what level of funding to recommend for each."*

**MOVED by Member K. Roessingh, SECONDED by Alternate Member O. Liberchuk,
That the Arts Committee minutes of January 13, 2016 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

3. Chair's Report

Chair Plant welcomed alternate Member O. Liberchuk from Township of Esquimalt. He thanked staff for including the Arts Advisory Council activities, and extended congratulations to the Arts Advisory Council Chair and Funding Chair on their recent acclamations.

Chair Plant noted the discussions to take place during other agenda items and the background information provided. He welcomed committee members to bring forward items for future agendas.

Member J. Loveday entered the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

4. Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report

Chair Sing noted that at the January meeting Council confirmed the removal of the interview component from the operating grant adjudication process. It was noted that this is within the Advisory Council's authority to act as an arm's length adjudicating body for the Arts Development Funding Programs.

She also noted that there are up to four vacancies on the Arts Advisory Council. Applications were closed at the end of January and telephone interviews are currently underway with the applicants.

5. Presentations / Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business:

6.1 Background - Non-group 1 participation in the Arts Service

J. Lam reviewed his report summarizing the funding structure and contribution history of non-group 1 participants.

Member T. Ney entered the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the history of the current 2-tiered funding structure
- issues related to adopting changes to non-group 1 participation
- the likelihood of current non-group 1 members transitioning to group 1 and potential models for doing so
- the process for amending the Arts Service establishing bylaw and current participation levels
- quantitative vs qualitative benefits of the arts accruing to the region
- the incentives for non-contributing municipalities to participate
- the availability of audience statistics by municipality (via postal code)

Staff, responding to a question, noted it would be difficult for many organizations to provide detailed statistics on audience distribution based on municipal residency, and that the most reliable proxy of this type of information has been from organizations with ticket box offices.

Member K. Kahakauwila and Member K. Roessingh agreed to consult their respective Councils on transitioning to full group 1 participation in a series of increments over 5 years. Members will report back at the next Committee meeting.

Member B. Fallot agreed to consult with her Council on becoming a 30% contributor in increments over three years, and following that, to become a group 1 participant in a series of increments over 5 years.

**MOVED by Member J. Loveday, SECONDED by Member K. Kahakauwila,
That staff report back with estimates on the level of funding that would result from
group 1 participation for each of the five non-participating municipalities (Colwood,
Langford, N. Saanich, C. Saanich and Sooke).
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Member K. Roessingh, SECONDED by Member J. Loveday,
That the Arts Committee receive the report, Non-group 1 participation in the Arts
Service, for information.
CARRIED**

6.2 Previous strategic planning initiatives – Summary Reports

- 6.2.1 2001 Regional Arts Strategic Plan Implementation Summary Report
- 6.2.2 2009-2012 Strategic Priorities Work Plan Summary Table
- 6.2.3 Staff Report: Results of 2012-2014 Work Plan
- 6.2.4 2012-2014 Strategic Priorities Work Plan Summary Table

J. Lam summarized previously circulated reports on past planning activities and outcomes.

**MOVED by Member K. Kahakauwila, SECONDED by Member D. Screech,
That the Arts Committee receive the summary reports on previous planning initiatives
for information.
CARRIED**

6.3 Approaching non-contributing municipalities (verbal)

Chair Plant noted that he has had some informal discussions with N. Saanich and Colwood, and that they are open to having a meeting regarding participation in the Arts Service. He also noted that he intends to approach Sooke, Colwood, Langford, and Central Saanich, but would not do so until Arts Committee discussions on participation levels are complete.

It was suggested that the ideal state would be to achieve full participation from each municipality in the region and that Committee Members should continue to have informal discussion on this matter with colleagues and counterparts.

It was suggested to have the amended bylaw approved in July or August and then have a plan to approach and present to non-contributing municipalities.

7. Correspondence:

No correspondence.

8. New Business

Staff Update: Strategic Plan Request for Proposal (RFP)

J. Lam provided a verbal update on the RFP for an Arts Plan consultant noting the Scope of Services had been finalized and the document is being reviewed by other staff in preparation for posting.

It was noted that a sub-group of the Arts Committee or designates would review the applicants coming forward as a result of the RFP.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Member D. Screech, **SECONDED** by Member K. Kahakauwila,
That the meeting adjourn at 5:36 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER

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