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Minutes of a Meeting of the ARTS COMMISSION
Held WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021, in Room 488 and Electronically,
625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

EP = Electronic Participation

Present: Members: J. Loveday (Chair);
(EP): S. Epp, W. Gardner, L. Hundleby, D. Lajeunesse, G. Lemon, C. Plant,
K. Roessingh
Staff: J. Lam, Manager, Arts Development Service; V. Jeevanandam, Community
Outreach Coordinator; N. More, Senior Administrative Secretary (recorder)
Also Present: Arts Advisory Council (EP): C. Heiman, Chair; M. Heinz (Finance Chair)
Absent: C. Green

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

1 Territorial Acknowledgement: Chair Loveday gave the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2 Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Gardner,
1. That the March 24, 2021, minutes of the Arts Commission be adopted as read.
2. That the April 28, 2021, minutes of the Arts Commission be adopted as read.

CARRIED

4 Chair's Remarks

Chair Loveday updated the Commission on the task of the Chair and J. Lam to work on the final outreach that this Commission will do on behalf of the CRD Board and Board initiative 12a-1 to "explore partnerships to support 100% participation" in the Arts & Culture Support Service. As discussed at the previous meeting, the letters to non-participating jurisdictions asking for a response by July 1, 2021, would be signed by Chair Loveday and sent presently.

5 Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

6 Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council Update

6.1.1 Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report (Verbal)

Chair Heiman reported that the IDEA and Incubator grant adjudications are complete and are before the Commission later on this agenda, and the April Project Grant intake adjudication has taken place and the Council's recommendations will come forward to the Commission in June. Adjudication will begin again in the fall with the next intake of Annual and Multi-Year Operating Grants.

6.1.2 Arts Advisory Council Minutes for Information: May 4, 2021

6.1.3 Arts Advisory Council Activities by Council Summary: There were none.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Lemon,
That the Arts Advisory Council Chair's verbal report, and minutes of May 4, 2021, be received for information.

CARRIED

6.2 Outreach Update: None to report.

6.3 2021 IDEA Grant Recommendations

MOVED by Member Loveday, **SECONDED** by Member Roessingh,
That the IDEA Grant recommendations concerning the Sooke Museum and Harmony Project be considered separately at the end of the meeting today.

CARRIED

J. Lam provided highlights of the report, without reference to the Sooke Museum and Sooke Harmony applications. M. Heinz spoke to the adjudication efforts, and highlighted the range of applicants among the participating jurisdictions, as well as the trend that there were more applications that fit the criteria than grant money to allocate.

On the motion as moved and seconded, the Commission sought clarification on the general trend of oversubscription of the IDEA Grant program. J. Lam provided the following points:

- Have never been under-subscribed on any grant program.
- It has now been two years since the reintroduction of the IDEA Grant program; last year the budget amount was set based on intake during the pilot phase. As the years go by, adjustments based on more data can be made.
- As the Service goes forward with the EDI initiative, there could be refinement of criteria.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Gardner,
That the \$35,000 in 2021 IDEA Grant recommendations be approved.

CARRIED

6.4 2021 Equity and Incubator Grant Recommendations

J. Lam provided highlights of the report.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,

1. That the \$25,000 in 2021 Equity Grant recommendations be approved as presented;
and
2. That the \$9,000 in 2021 Incubator Grant recommendations be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7 Correspondence: There was none.

8 New Business: There was no new business.

D. Lajeunesse recused himself and left the meeting at 4:24 p.m. due to a conflict of interest related to the Sooke Region Historical Society and the Harmony Project Society of British Columbia.

6.3 2021 IDEA Grant Recommendations [Continued]

J. Lam provided highlights from the summary about the two organizations.

He clarified in answer to a question about the support of extensions to existing programming, that if there is funding available and scoring based on the criteria merits it, a subsequent grant can be given.

MOVED by Member Gardner, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That approval of the \$35,000 2021 IDEA Grant recommendations include \$3,000 to the Sooke Museum, and non-funding of the Sooke Harmony project.

CARRIED

9 Adjournment

MOVED by Member Hundleby, **SECONDED** by Member Loveday,
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER