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Minutes of a Meeting of the ARTS COMMISSION

Held Wednesday, April 27, 2022, in Room 488, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

Present: **Members:** J. Loveday (Chair); **Electronic Participation:** C. Green, L. Hundleby, D. Lajeunesse, G. Lemon, C. Plant, K. Roessingh

Staff: N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; Chris Gilpin, Manager, Arts Development Service; V. Jeevanandam, Community Outreach Coordinator; N. More, Senior Administrative Secretary (recorder)

Also Present:, **Arts Advisory Council:** J. Verano, Chair (Electronic Participation)

Absent: S. Epp, W. Gardner

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

1 Territorial Acknowledgement

2 Approval of Agenda

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

CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Green,
That the minutes of the March 23, 2022, Arts Commission be adopted with the following correction on page 4: Member Hundleby returned to the meeting.

CARRIED

4 Chair's Remarks

The Chair recognized the work of the Arts Advisory Council and remarked on the increase in grant applications and the return of arts events and arts events audiences. There was ambitious work ahead, important grants that are fueling the uptick in events, and important equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) work. Staff and the EDI subcommittee are working hard on this, perhaps the most important and lasting work of this Commission, in terms of this sitting of the body, so we must keep our focus on the items of work that are underway.

5 Presentations/Delegations There were none.

6 Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report (Verbal)

Chair Verano reported on the work of the Arts Advisory Council and EDI subcommittee.

6.2 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Implementation Framework (Verbal)

C. Gilpin reported on implementation of the EDI Framework since January 2022 approval of the Framework.

6.3 2023 CRD Budget Planning Process

C. Gilpin provided highlights of the report. CFO Chan spoke to the report, with a summary of the process during a local general election year. The Commission sought clarification on the effects of the compressed budget timeline.

MOVED by Member Plant, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That staff be directed to report back to the Arts Commission at the May 2022 meeting on the implications and possible next steps of reviewing service planning and budget levels so that the Arts Commission could provide feedback that would be considered in the CRD provisional budget.

CARRIED

6.4 Plan for Future Arts Champions Summits

C. Gilpin provided highlights of the report.

MOVED by Member Plant, **SECONDED** by Member Roessingh,

1. That staff be directed to begin planning the next Arts Champions Summit, together with an Advisory Planning Committee of arts community members, to be held in spring 2023 with the main purpose of informing the next Arts and Culture Support Service strategic plan.
2. That the timing of subsequent Arts Champions Summits be determined by the Arts Commission after receiving the report from the 2023 Summit.
3. That staff be directed to continue to develop opportunities to convene and celebrate the arts through partnerships and through other channels.

CARRIED

6.5 Grant Applicant Support

V. Jeevanandam provided highlights of the report. The Commission commented on the supportive environment provided by staff to applicants and potential applicants. The Commission discussed the benefit of adding this topic to regular or annual reporting.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Green,

That staff be directed to continue to implement robust grant application support and outreach activities, continuously refining and improving materials and presentations in response to community feedback.

CARRIED

7 Adjournment

MOVED by Member Hundleby, **SECONDED** by Member Green,
That the meeting be adjourned at 5:19: p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER