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Minutes of a Meeting of the ARTS COMMISSION

Held Wednesday, May 25, 2022, in Room 488, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC

EP = Electronic Participation

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

Staff: N. Chan, CFO; Chris Gilpin, Manager, Arts Development Service; N. More, Senior Administrative Secretary (recorder)

Also Present (EP): R. Ditor, Arts Advisory Council Funding Chair; C. Caravaca, W. Greaves, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-committee

Absent: S. Epp, W. Gardner, D. Lajeunesse

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

1 Territorial Acknowledgement

2 Approval of Agenda

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

CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That the minutes of the April 27, 2022, Arts Commission meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

4 Chair's Remarks

Chair Loveday thanked staff, and members of the Arts Advisory Council and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Subcommittee for their thorough and thoughtful work in the recommendations before the Commission this day.

5 Presentations/Delegations

5.1 Doug Jarvis, ProArt Alliance, re: Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards Funding Request

D. Jarvis thanked the CRD for its support of and commitment to the arts in the region. He gave more details on the additional request for the CRD to contribute to the operating costs of the 2022 Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards.

6 Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council Update

6.1.1 Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report

6.1.2 Arts Advisory Council Minutes for Information, May 10, 2022

6.1.3 Arts Advisory Council Activities by Council Summary, May 10, 2022

C. Gilpin provided clarification on how grant recipients are required to provide final reports, and the meaning of the term "ground-truthing".

6.2 Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards Funding Request from ProArt Alliance

C. Gilpin provided highlights of the report. The Commission discussed whether the sponsorship and support could become a standard budget item. Staff clarified the flexibility of receiving the request yearly.

The Commission requested that the Commission receive updated budget information after each grant outlay.

MOVED by Member Green, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
That \$6,000 be provided from the Arts and Culture Support Service operating budget, using the operating reserve if necessary, to ProArt Alliance of Greater Victoria to support the 2022 Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards to convene and celebrate the CRD arts community with \$5,000 dedicated to funding the CRD Arts Commission Regional Impact Award and \$1,000 dedicated to supporting the production of the event.

CARRIED

6.3 2022 Equity and Incubator Grant Recommendations

C. Gilpin provided highlights from the report.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
The Arts Advisory Council recommends to the Arts Commission:
That the 2022 Equity Grant recommendations be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.4 2022 IDEA Grant Recommendations

C. Gilpin provided highlights of the report and responded to questions from the Commission:

- The adjudication committee does consider whether the applicant can scale down so there is usefulness for the smaller funding when not granting the full request.
- Staff do provide feedback to those who are not successful in receiving a grant.

The Commission requested that the letter to grant recipients include news of how many grant applications were received, for context when not receiving the fully-requested amount.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Hundleby,
The Arts Advisory Council recommends to the Arts Commission:
That the 2022 IDEA Grant recommendations be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.5 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Implementation, Phase 2 and Phase 3

C. Gilpin provided highlights of the report and invited comments from C. Caravaca, who mentioned working from a jurisdictional scan and being able to study techniques that have been tried elsewhere.

C. Gilpin provided clarification on acknowledgement of the Deaf and hearing impaired community having its own culture and language distinct from the disabled community.

The Commission expressed appreciation for the thoughtful and thorough work and report and Chair Loveday recognized the EDI members in attendance.

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Lemon,
The Arts Advisory Council recommends to the Arts Commission:

1. That the Phase 2 modifications of the EDI Implementation Framework for Operating Grants be implemented for the 2022 application intake.
2. That the Phase 3 modifications of the EDI Implementation Framework for process, budget and outreach be implemented throughout 2022 and 2023, as applicable to each initiative.
3. That up to \$39,000 from the Operating Reserve Fund of the CRD Arts and Culture Support Service be made available annually for expenses related to implementing Phase 3 initiatives.

CARRIED

6.6 Outreach Update

Chair Loveday introduced the written report and C. Gilpin emphasized the increased and positive media attraction of CRD Arts Service news. The Commission expressed appreciation for the report format.

6.7 2023 Service Plan and Budget Timeline Implications

C. Gilpin provided highlights of the report and N. Chan provided further clarification. The Commission asked about the 3% cost of inflation limit, and sufficiency of funds in the grant streams.

MOVED by Member Plant, **SECONDED** by Member Roessingh,
That staff be directed to follow the timeline as set out in the Financial Plan Preparation Guidelines that have been approved by the CRD Board and to prepare a service plan and budget for review by the Arts Commission in September 2022 to be considered as part of the recommended changes for the final budget package.

CARRIED

7 New Business: There was no new business.

8 Adjournment

MOVED by Member Hundleby, **SECONDED** by Member Green,
That the meeting be adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER