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**Minutes of a Meeting of the ARTS COMMISSION
Held February 22, 2023, in Room 488, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

EP = Electronic Participation

Members Present: M. Alto (Chair); P. Brent, D. Cavens, C. Smart
EP: D. Lajeunesse, C. Plant, K. Roessingh
Regrets: S. Epp, G. Lemon

Staff: Chris Gilpin, Manager, Arts Development Service; V. Jeevanandam, Community Outreach Coordinator; H. Heywood, Administrative Assistant (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

1 Territorial Acknowledgement

2 Approval of Agenda

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

3 Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Member Roessingh, **SECONDED** by Member Brent,
That the minutes of the January 25, 2023, Arts Commission meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4 Chair's Remarks

Chair Alto commented on Item 6.4, to be discussed later in the agenda.

The Chair, along with C. Gilpin, made a presentation to Metchosin Council regarding the Arts & Culture Service after which the Council voted to remain as a participant in the Service.

5 Presentations/Delegations – None

6. Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council Update

- 6.1.1 Arts Advisory Council Chair's Report - the report was received for information
- 6.1.2 Arts Advisory Council Minutes – no February meeting

6.2 Manager's Report

C. Gilpin advised members that grant notification letters have been sent to 2023 Operating grant recipients. In addition to Pacific Opera's letter (attached) there were many email messages of thanks, particularly from Victoria Ska & Reggae Society, a new organization approved for funding this year.

All 28 applications received at the January 19th project grant deadline were eligible. Staff have been reviewing applications for completeness prior to the adjudication on February 27th. Funding recommendations will be brought forward to the Commission in March.

IDEA, Equity, Incubator and April Project grant programs are now open for applications. Online information sessions will be provided for perspective applicants prior to the application deadlines for these programs.

Outreach Report

C. Gilpin noted that project-based programs and information sessions have been well advertised through social media channels and in print, and through the Arts & Culture email list which now has over 800 subscribers.

The Impact Report was renamed from Progress Report after an organization-wide review of reporting standards. The name change to Impact Report better aligns with the original intention of the report which is to raise awareness of the impact of CRD arts funding in the region.

The Arts Champions Summit will take place Wednesday, May 17th, 9:30am - 12:30pm, at Pacific Opera's Baumann Centre.

Of note, the vote by Metchosin Council to remain in the Arts Service was unanimous and each Councillor took time to emphasize their belief in the importance of a regional lens for arts and culture in the CRD.

At the direction of the Chair, staff has been in discussion with City of Langford staff to arrange a date for an Arts & Culture Service presentation to Langford Mayor and Council.

6.3 Process to Generate Arts Service Strategic Plan 2024-27 (staff report)

C. Gilpin provided an overview of the staff report and the timeline for the proposed development of a new strategic plan for Arts & Culture. Discussion included facilitation of the process, community engagement, and scope of work.

MOVED by Member Brent, **SECONDED** by Member Cavens,

That the process to generate a new Strategic Plan for the Arts and Culture Support Service for 2024-27 is approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.4 Visioning Session – Commission Ideas for next 4 Years (discussion)

Commission members had an opportunity to share and discuss ideas and aspirations for the Arts Commission's work over the next four years. It was agreed the discussion will continue at future meetings.

4:53 pm Member Lajeunesse left the meeting.

7. **New Business** – none

8. **Correspondence**

8.1 The correspondence from Pacific Opera Victoria was received for information.

Adjournment

MOVED by Member Brent, **SECONDED** by Member Cavens,

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER