

Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

4:00 PM

Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

Members: J. Bateman (EP), M. Brame (EP), P. Brent (Acting Chair), S. Epp (EP), G. Lemon (EP),
K. Roessingh (EP)

Staff: C. Gilpin, A. Gibbs, E. Sterling (Recorder)

AAC Guests: R. Gale (EP), J. Verano (EP)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: M. Alto (Chair), C. Plant, C. Smart

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Acting Chair Brent welcomed participants and provided a territorial acknowledgement, recognizing with respect the stewardship of First Nations throughout the region.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Member Roessingh, SECONDED by Member Brame,
That the agenda for the June 25, 2025 Arts Commission meeting be approved.**
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

A correction was made to the minutes under 6.5 where the Commission members were referred to by first name instead of last name.

**MOVED by Member Brame, SECONDED by Member Roessingh,
That the minutes of the Arts Commission meeting of May 21, 2025 be adopted
as corrected.**
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Acting Chair Brent did not have any additional remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations - none

6. Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council (AAC) Chair's Report (verbal)

AAC Acting Chair R. Gale shared that, at their June 10th meeting, the AAC reviewed the recommendations from the April Project Grant adjudication, which will be presented later at this meeting. The AAC also received a discussion paper on the eligibility of Arts Training organizations, following direction given at the last Arts Commission meeting. The AAC appreciated the quality of the discussion paper and had a robust discussion, giving staff initial feedback. They look forward to the opportunity to continue the dialogue in the fall.

6.1.2 Arts Advisory Council Minutes: June 10, 2025 Meeting – received for information

6.1.3 Arts Advisory Council Activities by Council Summary - received for information

6.2 Manager's Report (verbal)

C. Gilpin addressed several items:

- The Arts Champion Summit will take place on November 4th at the Baumann Centre with the theme: Creative Capacity – Growing Forward Together.
- On June 11th, the CRD Board approved the distribution of the *2024 Impact Report*, and it has resulted in two very positive news articles.
- Reporting on the ongoing advocacy to BC Arts Council, C. Gilpin reminded members that Chair Alto had met with the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, Hon. Spencer Chandra Herbert on April 1st. Today, staff had a meeting with the Chair, Vice Chair and Victoria representative from the BC Arts Council. Overall, it is encouraging as we make slow-moving progress on this issue.
- A reminder that we take a summer break from meetings, and the next meeting is one week earlier in the month on September 17th.
- The Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee is meeting again on July 2nd to receive the consultants (Nordicity)'s report.

C. Gilpin clarified that all arts organizations who have received an Operating or Project Grant in the last five years are invited to the Arts Champion Summit – limited to 1 or 2 people per organization – and usually the turnout is between 80 and 100 people.

6.2.1 Outreach Report (attached)

6.3 April 2025 Project Grant Recommendations

This was the last project-based grant intake of 2025. There were a diverse range of high-quality applications and 19 out of 32 are proposed to be funded. AAC Funding Chair J. Verano shared that the adjudication team worked hard to support a wide range of arts activities with a good geographic reach across the region. Two new applicant organizations are being funded, and the two highest scores were for poetry non-profits that support youth and equity-seeking groups.

**MOVED by Member Brame, SECONDED by Member Lemon,
That the April 2025 Project Grants Recommendations be approved as presented.**

CARRIED

6.4 Greater Victoria Regional Awards Funding Request

C. Gilpin reminded members that this comes up every year – the Arts Commission’s long-standing support sponsors an award and contributes to the event itself.

**MOVED by Member Lemon, SECONDED by Member Roessingh,
That \$6,000 be provided to ProArt Alliance of Greater Victoria to support the 2025
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**

7. New Business**8. Correspondence**

The Arts Commission received letters from Sooke Region Museum (Sooke Region Historical Society) and Pender Island Pride Society, thanking them for their IDEA grant awards. A third letter was received from the First Peoples’ Cultural Foundation, in gratitude for the donation made in honour of Sue Donaldson.

**MOVED by Member Roessingh, SECONDED by Member Brame,
That the Arts Commission receive this correspondence. CARRIED**

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Member Brame, SECONDED by Member Bateman,
That the June 25, 2025 Arts Commission meeting be adjourned at 4:20 pm.
CARRIED**

Chair

Recorder