
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: BURNABY ARTS COUNCIL OPERATING GRANT REQUEST

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** an operating grant of \$25,000 be awarded to the Burnaby Arts Council for the 2016 fiscal year.
2. **THAT** the Burnaby Arts Council be commended for their work and commitment to the arts in Burnaby.
3. **THAT** the Burnaby Arts Council be so informed.

REPORT

At the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission meeting of 2015 November 18 representatives of the Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) will appear in delegation to share their achievements for the past year.

The Burnaby Arts Council's mandate is to promote, support and expand the arts in the City of Burnaby. With a volunteer working board, one part-time administrator and a membership of 112 individual members and 23 member groups, the BAC operates the Deer Lake Gallery and facilitates month community arts exhibitions, special events and programs in support of its mandate. The BAC also provides advocacy and distributes grants to qualified member groups providing token but necessary funds on an annual basis.

The BAC is requesting a \$25,000 grant for operating assistance which Commission has supported annually since 2000. In addition to the grant, the BAC also receives access to a City building at 6584 Deer Lake Avenue to use as their base and community art gallery along with custodial, gardening, maintenance, capital upgrades and utility support.

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Outside the annual support of the City of Burnaby, the BAC has traditionally received operating support from the province through the BC Arts Council (BCAC), a Federal Canada Summer Works Grant for the Sumer Theatre program, gaming funds and Festivals Burnaby Grant support for the Deer Lake Craft Festival. Other revenue is earned though individual contributions, memberships, donations and programs.

In its 44th year, the BAC is made up of a passionate group of individuals who are committed to the development, promotion and advocacy of the arts in the community and as such are a vital and thriving contributor to the Burnaby cultural sector and in so doing serve their membership.

It is recommended that approval be granted for a \$25,000 operating grant to the Burnaby Arts Council for 2016 as part of the 2016 Provisional Budget.



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