

COMMISSION REPORT

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 2017 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 2016 October 19 representatives of the Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) appeared as a 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 135 individual members and 25 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 Summer Theatre program, gaming funds and a Festivals Burnaby Grant in support of the Deer Lake Craft Festival. Other revenue is earned through individual contributions, memberships, donations and programs.

In its 46th year, the BAC is comprised of a passionate group of individuals who are committed to the development, promotion and advocacy of the arts in the community.

It is recommended that approval be granted for a \$25,000 operating grant to the Burnaby Arts Council for 2017 as part of the 2017 Provisional Budget.

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Dave Ellenwood
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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