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February 21, 2019

**Attention: Mayor & City Council**

**Re: Burnaby Arts Council Delegation to Burnaby City Council**

Mayor & Council,

The BAC has a long history of creating a presence for the Arts in the City of Burnaby. The BAC is a BC registered Non-profit Society and a listed CRA Charity Organization. We maintain a professional constitution, with by-laws, and conduct annual financial reviews. The organization started in the early 1960s when local art groups organized and advocated for a permanent home for the fledgling Burnaby Art Gallery. Since those early years, the BAC has seen many changes in the cultural life of the city of Burnaby and has itself evolved to become a dynamic community orientated cultural organization with many successful arts programs and projects to its credit. The objective of the organization are to inspire a life-long curiosity and appreciation of the ARTS. Creating vibrant connections through the Arts!

The Burnaby Arts Council is committed to serving the people of Burnaby by creating a vibrant and diverse presence of the Arts in the City and to actively advocating for the importance of the Arts!

**2018 Gallery Stats**

- 5,000 visitors stopped by the Deer Lake Art Gallery
  - ✓ 1,000 visitors during the Luminescence III exhibition
  - ✓ 500 people enjoyed our new Live at the Gallery music series with standing room only at Bill Coon performance!
  - ✓ 300 people attended artist's talks & workshops!
  - ✓ 800 visitors experienced the Susan Point Exhibition
  - ✓ 90 visual artists were showcased at the Gallery (in exhibition & Summer Arts Festival)

**2018 Events & Activities Stats**

- 4,000 people attended the Deer Lake Craft Festival
- 2,000 children enjoy Burnaby Summer Theatre performances
- 1,000 people experienced the Summer Arts Festival
- 30 entertainers/musicians employed to perform at Summer/Winter festivals.
- 20 emerging and professional musicians played at our new Live @ the Gallery concert series
- 5 SFU students hired for the summer
- Sold out Indigenous artist talks, storytelling and conversations
- 250 people from across BC participated in the 2018 Arts BC Conference. The BAC partnered with the Provincial organization Arts BC to host the 2018 Arts BC Conference at the Nikkei Centre

Copied to: City Manager, Dir. Corporate Services, Dir. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
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### 2019 Growth & Revitalization

We continue to review our programming to identify areas to expand and improve.

- Increase indigenous Engagement to a monthly event. Seek out additional contacts in the Indigenous Community to ensure this goal.
- Schedule and plan monthly Live at the Gallery events.
- Expand and grow the Summer Arts Festival to a month long community event.
- Engage an additional 40 musicians for Live at the Gallery, exhibition openings and the expanded month long Summer Arts Festival.

### 2019-2021 Strategic Planning

The New Strategic Plan we are drafting is our commitment to begin a renewal process that will take time to grow and evolve. Working in collaboration with artists, cultural organizations, stakeholders and the community.

### 2020

50 YEARS OF ART! Since 1970 we have been celebrating and promoting a vibrant arts community. Planning ahead, in 2020 the BAC turns 50, it will be an amazing year filled with Music, Arts Exhibitions, Music, Festival & Gala. We would like to open the conversation about how we can partner with the City to make the Burnaby Arts Council anniversary an exciting community experience. It is time to plan and celebrate!

The Burnaby Arts Council look forward to working with the City of Burnaby! We are excited to explore ideas and visions of creating a vibrant arts community together. Bridging cultures and building a strong community through the Arts!

We would like to take this opportunity to express once again our appreciation of City of Burnaby's continued support.

Sincerely,

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The Arts Council of Burnaby, we acknowledging that the land on which we gather is within the shared traditional territories of the **Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish)**, **Tsleil-Waututh**, and **xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam)** First Nations.