

## COMMISSION REPORT

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE  
COMMISSION

**Date:** 2019 Nov 25

**FROM:** DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: BURNABY ARTS COUNCIL OPERATING CONTRIBUTION**

**PURPOSE:** To secure Commission approval for Burnaby Arts Council funding.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** an operating contribution of \$25,000 be awarded to the Burnaby Arts Council for the 2020 fiscal year.
2. **THAT** the Burnaby Arts Council be permitted to operate and profit from the proceeds of a properly licensed 50/50 draw or raffle at the 2020 Burnaby Blues and Roots Festival.
3. **THAT** the Burnaby Arts Council be commended for their work and commitment to the arts in Burnaby.
4. **THAT** the Burnaby Arts Council be so informed.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission meeting of 2019 November 12, a report was received from the Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) sharing their achievements for the past year.

In its 49th year, the return on the investments made by the City of Burnaby to the BAC have been significant.

## **2.0 POLICY SECTION**

### **Goal**

- A Connected Community
  - Social connection –  
Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
  - Partnership –  
Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities and governments
- An Inclusive Community
  - Create a sense of community –  
Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
  - Community involvement –  
Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community.

## **3.0 BACKGROUND**

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 140 individual members and 20 member groups, the BAC operates their offices and the Deer Lake Gallery in Deer Lake Park. The BAC facilitates monthly community arts exhibitions, special events and programs in support of its mandate.

The BAC is requesting a contribution for operating assistance, which Commission has supported annually at the \$25,000 level 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. The BAC has asked for consideration of running a 50/50 draw or raffle at the 2020 Burnaby Blues and Roots Festival as was successfully done in 2019.

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 Festivals Burnaby Grant in support for the Deer Lake Craft Festival (\$4,000). Other revenue is earned though individual contributions, memberships, donations and programs.

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#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

Commission approval is requested at this time for a 2020 contribution of \$25,000 and for the 50/50 draw. It is recommended that the Burnaby Arts Council be so informed.

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Dave Ellenwood  
DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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