

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
COMMISSION

DATE: 2021 Jan 04

FROM: DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

FILE: 2410-20

SUBJECT: BURNABY ARTS COUNCIL OPERATING CONTRIBUTION

PURPOSE: To secure Commission approval for Burnaby Arts Council Funding

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** an operating contribution of \$25,000 be awarded to the Burnaby Arts Council for the 2021 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

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission meeting of 2020 December 01 correspondence was received from the Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) sharing their achievement for the past year.

Although 2020 was a challenging year for all, the BAC continues to make meaningful contributions to the arts locally and has adapted their ways of supporting member groups, artists and art enthusiasts.

The Commission contribution to the organization provides for stability and continuity and elicits additional partnerships in aid of services and programs.

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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 BAC'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 individuals 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. The BAC also receives access to a City building at 6584 Deer Lake Avenue under a license agreement. They use the facility as their office base and community gallery and receive City support for custodial, gardening, maintenance, capital items and utilities.

The Burnaby Arts Council has traditionally received support from the Province through the BC Arts Council (BCAC). In the past the BAC had also accessed the Festivals Burnaby Grant Program for the Deer Lake Craft Festival. This event did not occur in 2020. Other revenue sources include memberships, individual contributions, donations and program fees/ admissions.

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4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Commission approve the request for a 2021 contribution of \$25,000 to the Burnaby Arts Council. It is further recommended the BAC be so informed.

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Dave Ellenwood
DIRECTOR - PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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Copied to: Director Corporate Services
Director of Finance
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