

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

TO: *MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION FROM BURNABY ARTS
COUNCIL OPERATING GRANT**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT an operating contribution of \$25,000 to the Burnaby Arts Council for the 2025 fiscal year, as outlined in the report titled “Additional Budget Information from Burnaby Arts Council Operating Grant” dated June 2, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council, be approved.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on June 2, 2025, received and adopted the attached report seeking Council approval for the Burnaby Arts Council Operating Grant.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of
Council,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (ECC)
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
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PURPOSE: To seek approval for the Burnaby Arts Council Operating Grant.

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1.0 POLICY SECTION

City support for the Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) is aligned with the following Council-adopted policies, plans, and strategies: The Burnaby Economic Development Strategy (2007), the Social Sustainability Strategy (2011), the Benefits Based Approach (2023) and the Corporate Strategic Plan (2017).

2.0 BACKGROUND

Since 2000, the City has supported BAC with annual operating funding of \$25,000 and access to a facility that is owned and maintained by the City. The City’s contribution provides stability and service continuity while leveraging additional partnerships and funding to support BAC services and programs.

BAC faced significant financial and organizational difficulty in 2024, eventually leading to the departure of key staff and a temporary pause in public-facing programs. On November 4, 2024, Council directed staff to contract consulting support to support the organization to structure a new, sustainable operating model. This initiative is funded in the 2025 Budget with a \$75,000 one-time allocation and the selection process is underway. The final report is anticipated this fall.

In the meantime, the BAC has engaged in its membership and begun the development of a new Strategic Plan that will guide its next steps. The Board consists of a mix of long-term and new members who are committed to overseeing this next chapter of organizational renewal. To retain operating funding from other levels of government and continue to fulfill its mandate, the BAC has reinstated some programs in 2025.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

On May 5, 2025, Executive Committee moved “that the report titled “Burnaby Arts Council Annual Operating Grant”, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting of May 5, 2025, be referred to staff to provide additional information on how the funding will be allocated by Burnaby Arts Council, and report back to Executive Committee of Council at a future meeting.”

The Burnaby Arts Council (BAC) has submitted a letter to Executive Committee with highlights of their 2025 program (Attachment 1) and the organization’s 2025 Budget (Attachment 2). The budget reflects the organization’s current scaled down approach to operations, with minimal staffing dollars and a program that balances BAC’s fulfillment of its obligations to other funders while maintaining capacity for organizational renewal.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

All organizations receiving City funding must acknowledge support in all promotional materials and communications including brochures, posters, advertisements, websites, news releases, signs, etc. with the City’s logo.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The operating grant is allocated from the Parks, Recreation and Culture – Culture Division’s approved 2025 operating budget and there is no impact on other community grants.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morrison-Clark, General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Request for 2025 Operating Contribution

Attachment 2 – Burnaby Arts Council Budget 2025- Provisional

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

This report was prepared by Yvonne Chui, Manager Arts Services, and reviewed by Emmaline Hill, Director Culture.