



Meeting of the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission

Thursday, June 26, 2019, 5:30 pm

**Oak Room – Delbrook Community Recreation Centre
851 West Queens Road, North Vancouver**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioner David Porter
Commissioner Holly Back
Commissioner Megan Curren
Commissioner Cyndi Gerlach
Commissioner Angela Girard
Commissioner Brian Lynch
Commissioner Lisa Muri
Commissioner Franci Stratton

Staff: Heather Turner, Director of Recreation & Culture
Jennifer Wilson, Manager, Recreation & Culture Services
John Rice, Cultural Services Officer
Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Commissioner Colleen Gray-Hewett
Commissioner Cheryl Leia
Commissioner Bernice Timmer

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. He welcomed Christina Medland, Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee Chair.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Stratton

THAT the meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

III. Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Director Turner indicated to Chair Porter that a correction to the minutes is needed to correct the seconder of the motion regarding the deferment of the Polygon Gallery Funding Request agenda item.

Moved by Commissioner Lynch; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2019 be adopted as amended.

Carried

IV. Items for Discussion/Decision

a) 2019 Arts & Culture Grants - Polygon Gallery Funding Request

Director Turner introduced the report and spoke to the current motion before the Commission. She indicated that the report presented to the Commission answers questions and concerns raised by the Commissioners at the last meeting. She added that Reid Shier (Director, Polygon Gallery) and Molly O'Callaghan (Financial Controller, Polygon Gallery) were present to answer questions, as well as C. Medland (Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee Chair).

Chair Porter indicated that he was pleased with the additional information provided in the report and trusts in the process of the Arts & Culture Grants Review Committee.

R. Shier answered questions from Commissioners relating to organizational sustainability, business planning, a potential food and beverage operation, venue rentals, sources of financing and sponsorship, volunteer and staffing needs, and contingency planning. John Rice, Cultural Services Officer, offered clarification on the additional information provided to the Committee from Polygon Gallery, as well as the review process.

Chair Porter suggested an amendment to the current motion reducing the funding amount from \$125,000 to \$85,000 which was not supported.

Moved by Commissioner Girard; **seconded** by Commissioner Stratton

THAT the Commission approve additional Operating Assistance funding to the BC Photography and Media Arts Society (the Polygon Gallery) in the amount of \$125,000 for a total 2019 grant of \$300,000, subject to approval of an increase to the Arts & Culture Grants budget;

AND THAT the Commission recommend an increase to the Arts & Culture Grants Program 2019 budget by \$125,000 to accommodate this grant award to Polygon Gallery.

Defeated

Following a request by Councillor Girard, Director Turner indicated that the staff report will be shared with both Councils.

V. Other Business

None

VI. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Muri; **seconded** by Commissioner Back

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Carried

Approved:



David Porter, Chair

Recorded by:



Veronica Labrosse, Executive Assistant

September 19, 2019

Date