

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE GRANTS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER FORT GEORGE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024, IN THE BOARDROOM GALLERY, 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC.

Members Present: L. Beckett, Chair
C. Ramsay
K. Carlson
S. Stearns (via teleconference) (out at 11:35 a.m.)
T. Calogheros (in at 10:10 a.m.)
M. Brumovsky (via teleconference)

Absent: B. Uhl

Staff Present: R. McCloskey, Manager of External Relations

Minutes Recorded and Produced by: D. Hegel, Confidential Assistant (Corporate Services)

CALL TO ORDER The Chairperson called the meeting to order – 10:05 a.m.

The Regional District acknowledged the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS) Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Carlson

THAT the agenda for the May 3, 2024 meeting of the Select Committee on Arts, Culture, Heritage Grants be amended by moving the application from the Dunster Fine Arts School Society after the Valemount Learning Society grant application and that the agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Moved by Brumovsky
Seconded by Carlson

THAT the Minutes of the Select Committee on Arts, Culture, Heritage Grants Committee meeting held on January 15, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

POLICY CHANGES A report was presented regarding policy changes to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Grants Policy.

Moved by Brumovsky
Seconded by Carlson

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

T. Calogheros entered the Boardroom Gallery at 10:10 a.m.

REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS A report was presented regarding Review of Grant Applications.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Stearns

THAT the report, scoring package and applications from Downtown Prince George, Dunster Fine Arts School Society, Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society, Mackenzie Community Arts Council, Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trails

Association, Prince George Folkfest Society, Prince George Symphony Orchestra, Robson Valley Music Society, Two Rivers Gallery, Walemount Learning Society, and Wishbone Theatre Production be received.

CARRIED

Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association

R. McCloskey provided an overview of the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association grant application for Winterfest noting we have supported this organization in 2020 and 2023.

Discussion ensued regarding the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association grant application including:

- great collaboration and event;
- the amount funded in 2023;
- concerns regarding repeat applications;
- adjusting amount of grant requested;
- event supports local artists;
- event demonstrate what they did last year;
- they don't explain how they are going to work with the indigenous.

R. McCloskey provided an overview of the endowment fund and interest revenue and responded to queries regarding interest earned each year and how the endowment fund is invested.

Moved by Brumovsky
Seconded by Carlson

THAT the committee recommend to the Board that the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association grant application of \$5,000 be approved.

CARRIED

Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society

R. McCloskey provided an overview of the Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society grant application for construction of a storage shed at Huble Homestead noting that this is their first grant application.

Discussion ensued regarding the Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society grant application including:

- concerns that they have already received an Area G grant application and whether this is considered double dipping;
- would the two grants put them over the 20% eligible expenses; and
- who owns the building;

Moved by Calogheros
Seconded by Carlson

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society grant application of \$10,000 be approved.

CARRIED

Mackenzie Community Arts Council

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of the Mackenzie Community Arts Council grant application for renovations to their new facility noting that they received a grant in 2023.

In response to a query regarding who owns the building, M. Brumovsky advised that Sikh Temple no longer owns the building.

Discussion ensued regarding the Mackenzie Community Arts Council grant application including the importance of the project to the community and the \$2000 in the budget for contingency.

Moved by Calogheros
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Mackenzie Community Arts Council grant application of \$9,990 be approved.

CARRIED

Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of the Mackenzie Outdoor route and Trails Association grant application for the Morfee Lake Scramble award ceremony and dance noting that they received a grant in 2023 for the same event.

Moved by Calogheros
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trails Association grant application of \$2,830 be approved.

CARRIED

Prince George Folkfest Society

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of the Prince George Folkfest Society grant application for a musical event called to host Dak'et Shun Inli noting that they received a grant in 2023 for the same event.

Discussion ensued regarding the Prince George Folkfest Society grant application including that it was very thought out and scored high.

Moved by Stearns
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that Prince George Folkfest Society grant application of \$10,000 be approved.

CARRIED

Prince George Symphony Orchestra

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of the Prince George Symphony Orchestra grant application for Nanaboozhoo and the Ants noting that they received grants in the past.

Discussion ensued regarding the Prince George Symphony Orchestra grant application including that they are doing more outreach and that they didn't provide in their application a letter of support from Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Stearns

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that Prince George Symphony Orchestra grant application of \$9,250 be approved.

CARRIED

Robson Valley Music Society

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of Robson Valley Music Society grant application for the 17th Annual Robson Valley Music Festival noting that this is the first time applying for this grant.

Discussion ensued regarding the Robson Valley Music Society grant application including the music festival has a variety of artists lined and it has been well attended in the past.

Moved by Carlson
Seconded by Calogheros

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Robson Valley Music Society grant application of \$10,000 be approved.

CARRIED

Two Rivers Music Society

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of the Two Rivers Gallery grant application for Community Art Days noting that they have received this grant in 2020.

Discussion ensued regarding Two Rivers Gallery grant application including that it could have used more information in the application, but it was nice they pivoted the program to include all age groups and that it is training and knowledge based.

Moved by Stearns
Seconded by Brumovsky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Two Rivers Gallery grant application of \$7,000 be approved.

CARRIED

Valemount Learning Society

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of the Valemount Learning Society grant application for the Columbia River Treaty Uncover Tour noting this is their first grant application.

Discussion ensued regarding Valemount Learning Society grant application including:

- low scoring application;
- grant was undefined, missing information including, the budget and when the project will be completed;
- the idea for the project sounds good but there is no clear plan;
- ask for more information before denying application;
- reaching out to Heritage BC for legacy funds;
- relationship between the Regional District and Simpcw First Nation;
- territory boundaries between the Simpcw First Nation and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation;
- political relationship between the Simpcw First Nation and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation;
- what other communities are involved;
- having administration reach back out to applicant to get more information; and
- demonstrated support from First Nations;

Moved by Calogheros
Seconded by Carlson

THAT the committee postpone their decision to recommend approval of the Valemount Learning Society grant application of 10,000 for further information.

CARRIED

S. Sterns left the meeting due to a perceived conflict of interest as she is on the Board of the Dunster Fine Arts Society and submitted the Wishbone Theatre's grant application – 11:35 p.m.

Dunster Fine Arts School Society

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of the Dunster Fine Arts School Society grant application for a five day film camp for youth noting that this is the first time applying for this grant.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Calogheros

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Dunster Fine Arts School Society grant application of \$10,000 be approved.

CARRIED

Wishbone Theatre Production

The Manager of External Relations provided an overview of Wishbone Theatre's grant application for a production of Limelight – A Visit to Vaudeville noting that they applied for this grant in the past.

Discussion ensued regarding Wishbone Theatre's grant application including that this was a great grant application and it scored high.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Carlson

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Wishbone Theatre's grant application of \$10,000 be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

NEXT MEETING

The Manager of External Relations will coordinate the next meeting to go over the application that was postponed for further information.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Carlson

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services