

Memorandum

Date: April 28, 2026
Submitted by: Community Services Department – Cultural Services Division
Subject: Delegation Response – Inlet Music Series Team

At the April 14, 2026, Regular Council meeting, Council received a delegation from the Inlet Music Series. Their presentation included a report on the current year and during the presentation, organizers thanked the City for their past support and asked for funding for the next two seasons. The delegation requested that the City provide support of \$3,200 for each of two years towards theatre rental fees and continued promotion through the City's newsletters, calendar, Newport Digital Sign and poster display in the Galleria.

Council passed the following resolution:

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THAT the delegation request be placed on a subsequent Council agenda for consideration.

The Inlet Music series has been producing concerts at the Inlet Theatre for four years. They offer seven to eight high calibre concerts each season including a mix of local and touring acts and have seen BC Hall of Fame artists as well as JUNO Award and a few Grammy Award winners perform.

The organization has submitted the budget for their current series (**Attachment 1**). Costs to mount these concerts include promotion, ticketing and artist fees. This organization is volunteer run. Ticket sales and sponsorship, including City support with theatre costs, allows them to break even. The next season for the Inlet Music Series begins in the Fall of 2026.

Funding Options:

Where Council wishes to support the organizers full request of \$3,200 or alternatively, request that the organization apply for an Inlet Theatre \$500 fee waiver (**Attachment 2**) leaving \$2,700 to be considered, staff recommend funding through the Arts Reserve. Where the organizers are successful in forming a non-profit, as they noted is their plan, they would also be eligible to apply for an Arts, Culture and Heritage grant as well as other provincial grants.

Council direction is requested.

Attachment(s)

1. Delegation request received at the April 14, 2026, Regular Council meeting – Inlet Music Series Team.
2. Corporate Policy – 05-1850-05 – Fee Waivers.

Report Approval Details

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Final Approval Date:	Apr 20, 2026

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Julie Pavey-Tomlinson, General Manager of Community Services - Apr 16, 2026

Paul Rockwood, General Manager of Finance and Technology - Apr 20, 2026

Anna Mathewson, City Manager - Apr 20, 2026